

## Transitions



We are beginning the process of transitioning the pastoral role. Welcoming a new pastor into your midst to begin a different journey with the same destination, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the kingdom of God among us.

We in the Groton, Conde and Aberdeen areas, along with many other towns who were flooded in May of 2007, know a bit about the invasion of flood waters. It was a disconcerting thing to all able-bodied persons, but there were those who were not fully able to deal with the mess that a flood truly brings. Somehow, with the help of many we have been able to transition into a changed life that continues to move forward in a new direction and we don't mourn the old things unless pain comes to remind us. We move on and hold those things to our hearts.

My time among you all has been one of deeply being accepted, loved and ministered to by many of you. You have filled my life with your goodness, your caring as I have been away from family of my own to be in the parish. You have been the constant reminders of the hardships

that have gone on before you in many other ways. You are strong resilient people who have taught me well. I have learned many lessons and will take the knowledge of those to my new appointment.

Simply surviving a flood is no picnic just as Noah's family learned. They still had a filthy ship and a messy earth to deal with when the flood waters receded. After a flood, we can attest to the reality of the aftermath. Those times of survival bring us all to the fact that better days are ahead filled with continued growth and improved circumstances for all who wish to participate.

We have shared in the lives of new little ones to come into the world and we rejoice. We have lost, through death, many family and dear friends whose mere mention of their names brings tears to our eyes. This pastor has buried twenty nine folks over a three year period. All precious to their own and God. We will remember their lives.

We may all lament the times when we shared laughter, joy and love in many ways. We have had tears wash down our faces and ached with deep loss, but our world continues to move on. Between these opposite gifts of life and death is the substance of everyday living that we share. The pain of illness, family stresses, broken relationships that are grieved over and many other joys to share. The



accomplishments of those who compete, and serve and continue to strive for excellence.

Your new pastor, Rev. Rob Moorlach comes with many gifts and graces so different that my own. You will be amazed to find that in a months time, you will not remember my name, but be so pleased that Pastor Rob has come to be here in ministry with you all. He will delight you and be in such a capable place to offer you the same light of Christ among us all.

May your days be filled with the light of God surrounding you, the love of God enfolding you, the power of God protecting you, the presence of God watching over you. Wherever I am, God is.

In love and in Christ,  
Pastor Jan Price



SYMPATHIES TO THE  
 FAMILY OF  
 RUBY FULLER WHO  
 PASSED AWAY  
 MAY 23RD



Put these words of mine in  
 your heart and soul ....  
 Teach them to your children ....

Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NRSV

Emerlee Jones baptized on May 4th, daughter of Jim & Mendy Jones.



Watch for an announce-  
 ment when we will be  
 welcoming Pastor Rob  
 Moorlach in July!



**A father's influence**

Studies show that if the mother of a family attends worship, there's a 16 percent chance that the rest of the family will also attend.

Yet when a father attends worship, there's a 93 percent chance that other family members will be present, too.

Just think, Dad, of the clout you have. Hope to see you in church this weekend!

**Groton UMC**



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|--------------------|----------|
| Marlys Rodman      | 397-4570 |
| Jean Lowary        | 731-5256 |
| Audrey Thurston    | 397-8493 |
| Gert Ruden         | 397-8211 |
| Pat Dahlquist      | 397-2616 |
| Florann Norris     | 397-2638 |
| Mary Swisher       | 397-8337 |
| Gloria Pharis      | 397-2375 |
| Mary Jane Schott   | 397-8588 |
| Doris Zoellner     | 397-2417 |
| Marjorie Townsend  | 298-5221 |
| Darlys Kampa       | 395-6996 |
| Marvel/Bob Johnson | 397-2425 |
| Mary Ann Whede     | 397-8330 |

\*Currently 72 on email prayer chain.



## Our Church Celebrations

### Groton Birthday's

Jun 1 Anita Lowary  
 Jun 3 Don Nissen  
 Jun 4 Jay Johnson  
       Todd Williamson  
 Jun 5 Jennifer Miller  
 Jun 6 Bailee Zoellner  
 Jun 8 Lacy Voss  
 Jun 9 Halle Williamson  
 Jun 10 Sandy Oliver  
 Jun 12 John Seelye  
 Jun 13 Roger Rix  
 Jun 14 Danielle Schinkel  
       Roger Overacker  
 Jun 16 Gavin Voss  
       Harry Pharis, Jr.  
 Jun 17 Jesse Morehouse  
       Kristopher Oleson  
 Jun 18 Nick Strom  
 Jun 19 Pat Dahlquist

Jun 20 Robert Snyder  
 Jun 22 Angela Brandt  
 Jun 23 Kaycie Hawkins  
       Shaylee Peterson  
       Twila Ruden  
 Jun 24 Jeremy Weber  
 Jun 25 Tanae Lipp  
 Jun 27 Elaine Wolken  
 Jun 29 Derick Furman  
       Carly Gilbert

### Groton Anniversaries

Jun 4 Gary & Caralee Heitmann  
 Jun 11 Jim & Mendy Jones  
 Jun 14 Doug & Pam Bahr  
 Jun 15 Gene & Ruby Luce  
       Jesse & Jaymie Overacker  
 Jun 21 Ben & Kristi Peterson  
       Gary & Linda Thurston  
 Jun 24 Charles & Betty Strom  
       Steve & Robin O'Neil

Jun 29 John & Meri Erickson

### Conde Birthday's

Jun 4 Lois Trapp  
       Pat Siefken  
 Jun 6 Keith Hanlon  
 Jun 12 Jerry Bonn  
 Jun 13 Guy Hanlon  
       Donna Hannon  
 Jun 14 Betty Taylor  
 Jun 15 Janice Herman  
 Jun 20 Cary Bruckner  
 Jun 22 Julie Bruckner  
 Jun 26 Grant Hanson  
 Jun 27 Lance Haskell  
 Jun 30 Betty Barrie

### Conde Anniversaries

Jun 5 Norman & Cindy Smith  
 Jun 13 Dwight & Katy Lyren  
 Jun 30 Marion & Betty Jensen



## Thank You

For the “granny shower” on Mothers’ Day, it was quite the surprise! My family and I opened gifts in Huron and were delighted with your ingenuity and generosity. It truly was a moment of complete surprise and delight as are all of YOU! What a precious idea and a quiet way to show your love. It was deeply appreciated along with your thoughtfulness. Thank you once again for the wonderful experience. In Christ’s Great Love, Pastor Jan



The first celebration of Father’s Day is thought to have been in July 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton suggested the special observance to her pastor after a deadly explosion in a nearby town killed 361 men.

Soon after, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, wanted to show her gratitude to her father, who’d cared for the family after his wife died. Dodd asked her pastor to choose a June Sunday to honor all fathers, and he selected June 19, 1910.

In 1924, President Coolidge suggested that Father’s Day become a national holiday. In 1966, President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father’s Day. Six years later, President Nixon instituted Father’s Day as a national observance.

*Schools of Christian Mission*

Northern Site is at Jamestown College in Jamestown, ND and the Southern Site is at DWU in Mitchell, SD. July 17-20 to study I Believe in Jesus - Giving Our Hearts Away, Native American Survival, and Israel/Palestine.

*Conde UMW Meeting for June*

JUNE 18 AT 2 PM  
 PROGRAM FOCUS  
 IMMIGRATION  
 "OFFERING HOSPITALITY TO THE SOJOURNERS"  
 LEADER—PATTY KNOLL  
 HOSTESS—JOAN FAHRENWALD

*Conde UMW May Meeting*

Conde United Methodist Women met at 2:00 PM at the church on May 14, 2008. Betty Taylor presented the lesson "The Icing on the Cake" with all members present assisting in the program. The cake is basic mission giving while the icing is denoting Advance Specials. The work of the Women's Division was also presented and how they are also supportive of all the Board of Global Ministries.

Cards were sent to Pat Siefken and Arlene Peterson. It was reported there were 116 in attendance for Friendship Night.

A new coffee urn had been purchased to replace older urns. The payment for this will be taken from the UMW Memorial Fund.

A very interesting and informative Focus Day was reported by Donna

Hearnen and Betty Taylor who had attended in Aberdeen.

Motion was made to donate the Mission Money collected to expenses of the Sioux Falls Banquet which we are to help with on June 2.

Expenses for Bible School lunch will be paid by our unit. Some of our members will be furnishing over sized sugar cookies for the Bible School.

Camperships were given to Shanna Geist and Skylar Bonn.

Our church will be open for the use of those attending the All School Reunion the last of June from 4:00 - 7:00. Jane Worlie will be in charge of serving a light lunch for those wishing to visit and relax.

Betty Jensen was hostess for the afternoon.

**Dad's incredible**

Author Jim Wallis tells how his young son ends telephone conversations with him. "Daddy," the boy says, "I love you, I like you and you're incredible."

What makes an "incredible" father? It isn't as difficult as it might seem. Children, of course, aren't awed by the size of your paycheck, office or retirement account. Instead, it's the simple, everyday gestures that make you a No. 1 dad.

In *Stories for the Family's Heart*, Steve Stephens offers some sure-fire ways to be incredible in your kids' eyes: Play tic-tac-toe and hide-and-seek, Be consistent, Buy ice cream cones, Don't discipline in anger, Count stars together, Pray with (and for) your children, Hug and say "I love you" often.



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 SPIRITUAL AND  
 PHYSICAL NEEDS  
 OF ALL."

### Friendship Night

"A Hillbilly Guide to Church Life" depicted the hillbilly view of home and church through homespun theology. Several skits were a part of everyday living and the attempt to adapt church life to their life, also. Families, friends and everyday incidents were a part of the evening's lessons that are experienced by everyone.

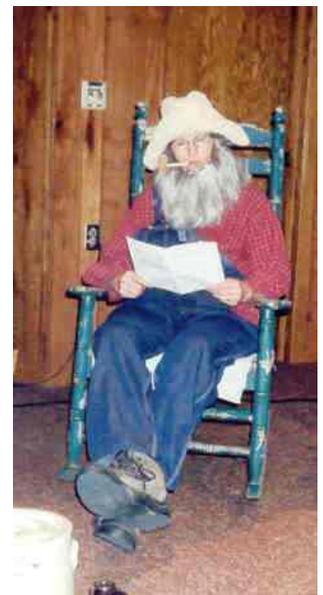
Appearing in the skits were Vicki Stark, Betty Taylor, Jan Price, Cheri Kurtz, Betty Jensen, Pat Siefken, Cindy Smith, Andee Geist, Shanna Geist, Betty Geist, Wilma Butler, Donna Hearnen, Patty Knoll, Jane Worlie, Donna and

Horace Walter. Lois Trapp was narrator for the evening.

Friendship Night is the one special evening in the life of the Conde United Methodist Women to invite others to share in their good times and a salad luncheon. We thank all who attended and were a part of this special evening -- we enjoyed your presence.

This drama was produced through the cooperation of the Contemporary Drama Service.

This was April 30th at 6:30 PM at the church.





### Groton UMW Meeting for June

June 18 at 7:30 PM

No Program

Meeting Only - Bazaar Plans

Hostesses are Clare Brotherton & Audrey Thurston

Nominations Committee Meets at 6:30 to prepare slate of officers.

Reading Program due August 1st to Linda Thurston





**VBS EXCITEMENT!**  
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO  
MADE THIS YEAR'S VBS A  
SUCCESS!





T.Y. in a BIG way to the UMYF and Lori Seeley;

Thank you so much for the great time we had bowling and having a pizza party in May. It was a fun time to be together one last time this school year.

I really appreciate the unique gift of the Christ statue with the animals around the base. It will be a remembrance of all of you and the Christ in all of us to share with each other.

Thank you Lori for your help and assistance to the many details and time it takes to have UMYF as a witness in Christ's name. It was great to work with all of you and share in the blessing of seeing you grow and learn.

May God continue to bless your endeavors with your new pastor.

Love in Christ, Pastor Jan

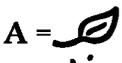
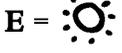


## God made the seasons

Warmer weather means summer has arrived! God's beautiful creation is always changing, and we can praise God for every season.



Use this code to finish Genesis 8:22, NIV.

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*Genesis 8:22, NIV*

Answer: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."



### Congratulations Seniors!

Jordan Voss, Amanda Swenson, Ali Pasteur, Trista Telkamp, and Murdock McNickle. Not pictured are Desiree Morehouse and Tim Kaiser.



<b>Groton Stewardship Report May 2008</b>	
Average Wkly Giving	\$1,419
Needed Weekly to Meet Church Needs	\$1,733
Average Weekly Attendance	74
Total Building Fund Offerings	\$190



**Morning prayer**  
 May I bask in the light  
 Of your presence, O  
 God,  
 As I savor the warmth  
 Of your care.  
 Fill my heart with your  
 wisdom and love  
 Through this day,  
 For it's YOUR will I  
 seek!  
 That's my prayer!

—Peggy Ferrell

**GROTON MISSION STATEMENT**  
 "ENRICHING SPIRITUAL LIVES  
 THROUGH CHRIST."

**Groton July Family Committee**

- Karla & Russell Davidson,**
- Michaela Oleson, Kristopher Oleson**
- Alan & Vicki Strom**
- Bob & Mary Ann Wehde**
- Kelli & Lars Hanson, Cody, Dylan
- Josh & Meri Atherton
- Francine & Mark Sippel
- Jeanne Wanous
- Pernell & Noella Graf
- Kevin Pharis
- Clarence & Ida Hannon
- Anita & Gary Voss
- John Padfield
- Lynette & Terry Furman, Sam
- Derick & Christine Furman

**Honorary Members**

- Audrey Padfield
- Bob & Marvel Johnson
- Audrey Thurston
- Clare Brotherton
- Herron Smith

**July Extra Responsibilities**

- Mow lawn each week
- Clean Sunday School Superintendent's Office & Restrooms
- July 6th, white altar cloths and hang Communion Banners for this day only
- July 13th, green altar cloths and banners for the month



June 2008						
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## *Our Church Happenings*

- Jun 2 Conde serving the Banquet in Sioux Falls
- Jun 3 Blood Drive at the Groton Community Center 11-5 pm 397-8498
- Jun 4-7 Dakotas Annual Conference in Fargo, ND
- Jun 11 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- Jun 14 Putney Prairie Ladies Centennial Tea from 2-4pm at Groton UMC, free-will offering
- Jun 18 Conde UMW 2 PM
- Jun 18 Groton UMW 7:30 PM - Nominations meet at 6:30
- Jun 22 Farewell Potluck for Pastor Jan after church in Groton
- Jun 28 Open House Bridal Shower from 2-4 pm, Sat, for Angela Brandt, bride-to-be of Perryn Dobbins on July 26th. Registered at Target



**Watch for an announcement when we will be welcoming Pastor Rob!**