

United Methodist Messenger

September 2009

Groton/Conde Parishes

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No Touch

Harvest Season has arrived on the Northern Plains. Dust is being kicked by combines and trucks alike. People with allergies are heading to the pharmacist. And no one can get anywhere fast with all the farm vehicles moving from field to field.

I was part of the harvest this past couple of weeks. I was given the honor of pulling a grain cart for one of the farmers in the area. For those not familiar with the terminology, "grain carts" are loaded with the grain from the combine so the combine can keep working while the grain cart dumps the grain into the truck bringing the grain to the Elevator. I had fun doing a job which is totally different than my own and working with a great (and very patient) crew.

One of the "rules" of harvesting, and one which tries the patience of the experienced farmers, is the "no touch rule." The rule basically says, "Thou shalt not touch any part of the vehicle in your control with any part of any other vehicle working the harvest." It might sound simple and obvious, but it can be a tough rule to keep when trying to fill a grain truck to its maximum capacity or you lose concentration going in your 10th hour of driving next to the combine.

Rules like this one are tough to keep in relationships as well. For example,



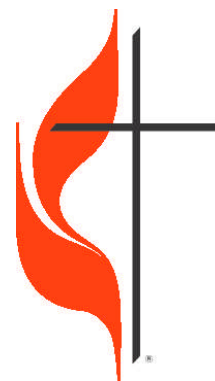
the "No Touch Rule" is good for church meetings in trying not to touch a "raw nerve" or "personal issue." The rule might be good when talking with someone about a part of family history or a personal experience. The "No Touch Rule" might be good in these situations.

But we must always realize we are humans who say and do things which can always hit a nerve or "set someone off." Our Men's Bible Study just finished a study of I Corinthians 11 covering some of the "pet peeves" of the Christians in Corinth. The Apostle Paul's advice on the "No Touch Rule" was to remember the core of the faith being Jesus Christ. We can easily get caught up in the "small stuff" of life and worrying if we offend someone by even the smallest of remarks, but this will only divide and hurt the church as it did in Corinth.

The farmer I worked for this past week said, "It is only when the little touch becomes a big touch that we have real problems."

That's good advice. See you in church!

Pastor Rob



"God gives us
the ingredients
for our daily
bread, but he
expects us to do
the baking."
—William Arthur
Ward

Confirmation
for 8th
Grader's only
will start in
January.

Our Church Celebrations

Groton

Sept 1 TJ Johnson
 Sept 2 Kylie Hawkins
 Sept 6 Perryn Dobbins
 Sept 7 Alana Wolken
 Doug & Crystal Sippel
 Sue Rock
 Sept 8 Laurel & Monte McNickle
 Sept 9 Clint & Audrey Jacobson
 Sept 11 Audrey Jacobson
 Sept 12 Alexa Nilosson
 Cliff Pray
 Sept 13 Richard Krueger
 Sept 14 Bob Wehde
 Gerald & Ann Rix

Sept 15 Mason Madsen
 Sept 16 Camille Sippel
 Sept 17 Alan & Vicki Strom
 Jackson Strom
 Kyler Ell
 Sept 18 Vern & Jean Walter
 Sept 19 Diann Morehouse
 Sept 20 Marjory Townsend
 Russell & Marjory Townsend
 Sept 22 Eunice Sperry
 Madison McNickle
 Sept 23 Carolyn Snyder
 Sept 24 Jesse Overacker
 Sept 25 Joey Padfield

Sept 26 Alan Strom
 Sept 29 Adam Atherton
 Bob Johnson

Conde

Sept 5 Chuck Trapp
 Sept 7 Bev Bonn
 Jerry & Bev Bonn
 Richard Worlie
 Sept 8 Eva Lyren
 Marjorie Wright
 Sept 13 Shane Bruckner
 Sept 27 Alex Lyren
 Sept 28 Rex & Larae Taylor
 Sept 29 Bud & Julie Bruckner



New Look in the Groton UMC Library



Greeting Cards Available by Groton UMW

Greeting Cards have arrived! These cards are for sale by the UMW. Please pay Clare Brotherton or money may be placed in the lock box in the bookshelf where the cards are. You may purchase these cards at any time and there are also individual cards for sale in the box above the bookshelf for 50 cents each.



Sympathies to the family of Darlene Meyer who passed away August 15th.

Groton Annual Church Picnic Prayer

Loving God - We acknowledge your presence here among us as we gather in Your name. We ask your blessing on each one here. We thank you for those who have chosen to serve you through the commitment of ministry. We ask that you bless Pastor Rob as he continues to serve this church and community. We pray that the members and constituents of this United Methodist Church commit ourselves to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. May we strive to serve together to bring about your kingdom here on earth. Give to Pastor Rob and to us patience, courage, and wisdom so to care for one another and to challenge one another that together we may follow Jesus

Christ, living together in love, and offering ourselves in service to you.

Bless the children who have gathered here this week in Christian study and fellowship. Bless the leaders and helpers who have trusted in God's promises and through their actions, have shown the children a way to share in the love and peace that only you can offer.

Bless the meal that we are about to share and bless those whose hands have prepared it. All of these things we ask in your name and in the name of your son, Jesus. Amen.

Carna Atherton Pray



Conde Ad Council Met August 26th

CONDE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL met Wednesday, August 26 at the church, with chair Patty Knoll asking Pastor Rob to lead in prayer, followed by the reading of the Mission Statement. Pat Siefken, secretary, read the minutes of the minutes of the previous meeting which stood approved as read.

Clare Brotherton, Membership Chair from Groton UMC, was introduced to present their church possibilities to make a time change with Conde. After various schedules were presented and thoroughly discussed, it was agreed that Groton Church would change their schedule to 11:00 AM church beginning September 13 to accommodate those attending the Sunday School hour. Upon leaving, Clare thanked the Council for their consideration.

Conde Council members then discussed the time for Conde Church for the coming year. It was moved and

seconded that we will begin Worship at 9:00 AM beginning Sunday, September 13. There is time for Fellowship and/or Brunch following the service, if desire

Council resumed with discussion on church cleaning which will probably be done following the general meeting of the United Methodist Women, with the possibility of changes in the schedule. There will be new vacuum cleaners purchased plus other items of upkeep mentioned. New rugs need to be purchased or rented for the kitchen and the narthex.

Mission chair, Donna Hearnen, reported that bags are to be sewn for the packing of school kits for September 19th Ingathering in Mitchell. Committees are to meet in preparation for the Charge Conference on November 1st.

The Council adjourned with prayer to meet again on September 23 at 8:00 PM.

Conde UMW Met in August

Conde United Methodist Women met at 10:00 AM on August 19, opening with a brunch served by Patty Knoll and Betty Taylor.

Betty Jensen presented the Focus lesson concerning the presentation of our gifts "Who Am I At The Table" assisted by all the members present. In the ratio of wealth in our world, are we giving our all or just using the crumbs under the table to feed most of the world.

Pat Siefken opened the meeting in the absence of our president. A report was given on the visit to Roette Living Center in Clark where we visited with our member, Marjorie Wright. A memorial will be sent for Darlene Meyer; cards were sent to many who are in nursing homes or who are in our thoughts.

There will be a library at the school which we should keep in mind. We will be free to borrow books or to give some that might be interesting to others. A collection of undies and warm clothing will be taken to the District Meeting in Madison, and also to the Annual Meeting in Aberdeen in October.

The Committee on Nominations will report at the Sep-

tember meeting as reports are to be sent in before Annual Meeting.

Patty Knoll read from the Conference Worship Book to close the meeting.

The next meeting will be September 16 at 2:00 PM with Joan Fahrenwald and Pat Siefken focusing on "Autumn Thoughts". Hostess will be Wilma Butler.

The Study Group will meet at the church September 2 in the evening with Pat Siefken as hostess.

Conde Upcoming Dates

SEPT 14 - Conference Prayer Vigil 9:30 - 10:15. Our special prayers will remember the Trail of Tears.

SEPT 16 AT 2:00 PM UMW meet in their general meeting. Leaders of "Autumn Thoughts" are Joan Fahrenwald and Pat Siefken. Hostess is Wilma Butler. All are encouraged to come. There will be a report of the Committee on Nominations.

SEPT 12 - UMW Annual District Meeting in Madison. If you would like to attend, please contact Donna Hearnen, President, as soon as possible. We will be taking undies that have been collected - either new or slightly used - in addition to warm clothing to be sent to the reservations in our Conference.

Conde Collection

WANTED: Undies and outerwear for children living on the reservations of the Dakotas. These may be new, any size, warm, and slightly used if clean, with all buttons, etc.

Bring them to the church at Conde or give to any member of our United Methodist Women. These will be taken to District Meeting, September 19; or Annual Meeting, October 2 and 3rd. Take advantage of Back to School Sales to do your shopping. Thank you for your help.

Conde Habitat for Humanity Birthday Donation is voluntary during the month of your Birthday. House is available at the church for Donations.

Conde MISSION STATEMENT
"The Conde United Methodist Church is seeking to satisfy the spiritual and physical needs of all."

Groton UMW Fall Bazaar October 7th

UMW Fall Bazaar 4-7 PM. Serving Homemade Soup & Sandwiches with Homemade Pie.

We are asking everyone to please bring 3 items for the farmer's market/bake sale. A monetary donation may also be contributed instead of 3 items. Items may be brought prior to 12 PM Wednesday Oct 7th. We are also having a Christmas Store. Please bring new or gently used Christmas items by Sept 27th. Questions contact Meri Erickson or Connie Nilsson.

Lefse will be made Sept 24th, 25th, and 26th. Starting at 8:30 AM but you are welcome to join us at anytime. A sign-up sheet will also be located in the fellowship hall. If you have any lefse equipment we may use, please drop them off at the church.

Groton UMW will Meet

On Sept 16, at 2 PM UMW will meet with a program on Social Justices - Food Security. Leading this will be the Social Action Committee. Hostesses will be Carolyn Snyder and Gloria Pharis.

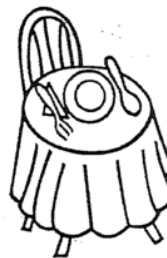
An executive meeting will take place at 1 PM where we will continue 2010 date book plans, newsletter updates, budget plans, finalize slate of officers, and work on the UMW Bazaar.

Bring your World Thank Offering Boxes next month.



Dakotas Conference
UMW Annual
Celebration

ROOM AT



THE TABLE

October 2-3, 2009
North Highland UM Church
620 15th Ave. NE
Aberdeen, SD

Camp Thank You's

Dear Church Members,

Thank you very much for sending me to Leadership Training Camp (LTC) at Lake Poinsett. It was so much fun! We do different activities such as folk dancing, campfires, Wacky Olympics, and a Talent Show. It is great to do these activities while making new friends and becoming closer to God. LTC is so much fun and I plan to go again next year and hope others will go to camp too! Thanks again!

God Bless,

Alexa Nilsson

Thank you for sending me to church camp. I had a "Great" time. I hope I can go next year. My favorite thing was singing and reading about Jesus.

Love, Kaycie

I thank you for helping me go to camp. I had a great time. I can't wait for next year!

Brooklyn Gilbert



Thank You

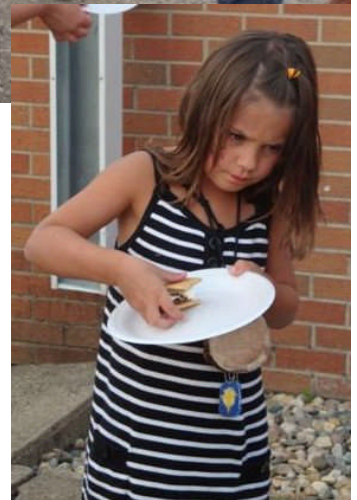
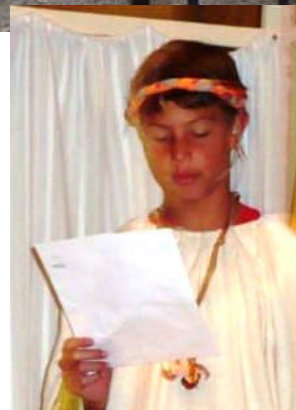
We would like to thank all who attended our Wedding Card Blessing Shower on Sunday. It was so nice to see all of you. We also thank you for the lovely cards and good wishes and the delicious cake. Also thank you to all who served. You made our day very special.

Bert & Janice

Congratulations Bert & Janice!

VBS Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated their time, items, and money to make VBS a success! We had between 20-26 children attend.





Rally Sunday Sept 13th will begin with Sunday School at 10 AM. The children will be going to the nursing home to share their VBS songs. We will then all attend the 11 AM church service and share the songs with the congregation. Bibles will be handed out to Treyton Diegel, Claire Davidson, Caroline Graff, and Chad Barton JR.

UMW Missions will be recognizing the Sunday School Teachers during the church service.

Following the church service we will



Be transformed

It's the beginning of a new school year, and you'll be growing and changing every day. Below is an important lesson that God wants you to remember.

Color in the letter boxes that have an asterisk (*).

Then write the letters that are left on the lines below to finish Romans 12:2.

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“Do not _____ any longer to the _____
of this _____, but be _____
by the _____ of your _____. Then you will be able
to _____ and _____ what _____’ will is — his good,
_____ and _____ will.” *Romans 12:2, NIV*

Answers: conform, pattern, world, transformed, renewing, mind, test, approve, God's, pleasing, perfect



**Groton
UMC**

Marlys Rodman	397-4570
Audrey Thurston	397-8493
Gert Ruden	397-8211
Pat Dahlquist	397-2616
Mary Swisher	397-8337
Gloria Pharis	397-2375
Doris Zoellner	397-2417
Marjorie Townsend	298-5221
Darlys Kampa	395-6996
DeLoris Knoll	397-2681
Marvel Johnson	397-2425
Mary Ann Whede	397-8330

*Currently 82 on email prayer chain.

If you are not on this list or the email list,
please notify the church office.

Like a Craft Fair!
Ingathering for World Hunger
 10:30 AM Auction of Handmade Quilts
 plus other creations in wood, glass, and fabric

Saturday, September 19, 2009
Christen Wellness Center
Dakota Wesleyan University
Mitchell, SD

8:30 AM: Music Celebration

9:00 AM Featured Speaker



A silent auction will
also be held through
out the day for many
beautiful items.

Coffee, pie and ice cream will be served throughout the day.
Rolls, coffee, and lunch will be available.

All are Welcome! Bring your friends!

Groton Ad Council Met in August

Vicki Strom reported that all new banners and the new hanging brackets have been paid for by church members. In addition, special occasion banners have been ordered and will be offered for purchase by members. We thank Vicki for her continued work to improve the Library and Chapel areas.

Melissa Gilbert reported that Sunday School registration is underway and there are plans for our children to adopt a special friend for a mission project this year. Melissa should be contacted with suggestions of possible names for the project. She also thanked all who helped make our Vacation Bible School a success this year.

Carna Atherton Pray shared plans for reaching a goal of providing 40 school bags as part of our church mission work.

Pastor Rob announced that the annual Charge Conference will be held Nov. 1 at 7:00 pm in Conde. In preparation he will hold meetings in Sept. with the Nominating, Finance and PPR committees. He also shared his appreciation for the Family Picnic which was attended by approximately 130 members and friends.

Groton Stewardship Report Aug 2009

Average Wkly Giving	\$1,558
Needed Wkly for Church Mission	\$2,141
Average Weekly Attendance	73
Total Building Fund Donations	\$80

Groton Mission Statement
"Enriching Spiritual lives through Christ."



Groton UMC October Family Committee

Kay & Ben Brandt

Pat Dahlquist

Joyce & Alan Walter

Darlys Kampa

Twila Ruden

Gloria & Harry Pharis

JoAnn & Richard Krueger

Michelle & Chuck Padfield

Ruby Luce

Pauline Luce

Crystal & Doug Sippel

Jean Walter

Audrey Miller, Martha

Jennifer Miller

Marge & Russell Townsend

Marie McClintic & Larry Schnaidt

Rodney Boehmer

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Honorary Members

- Eugene Luce
- Ruth Thompson
- Richard Voss
- Vernon Walter



October Extra Responsibilities

- Oct 4th is World Communion, change the altar cloths to white and hang Communion Banners for this Sunday only
- Oct 11th change the altar cloths to green and hang the monthly banners
- Care for the lawn as needed
- Clean storage room off the fellowship hall
- Potluck 2nd Sunday

TIME CHANGE

Worship Times are changing for Groton and Conde on September 13th Conde will worship at 9:00 AM and Groton at 11:00 AM. This will be our worship times until September 2010. Groton Sunday School at 10 AM.

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Our Church Happenings

- Sept 9 Groton Ad Council 7 PM
- Sept 12 UMW Glacial Lakes District Mtg in Madison
- Sept 13 Groton Rally Sunday (Sunday School Begins), Teacher Recognition, Children sing at nursing home and church, and Potluck
- Sept 14 Cub Scout Pack Meeting Groton 6:30 PM
- Sept 14 Conde Prayer Vigil
- Sept 16 Groton UMW 2 PM - Exec Mtg at 1 PM
- Sept 16 Conde UMW 2PM
- Sept 19 Ingathering in Mitchell
- Sept 23 Conde Ad Council 8 PM
- Sept 23 Adult Cub Scout Planning Mtg 7 PM at Groton
- Sept 24, 25, 26 Groton UMW making lefse 8:30 am - come anytime!
- Oct 2-3 Dakotas Conf Annual UMW Mtg at North Highland UMC
- Oct 7 Groton UMW Fall Bazaar
- Oct 7 Groton UMYF 7:00 PM at Pastor Rob's House
- Nov 1 Charge Conference 7 PM in Conde

