

# United Methodist Messenger

MAY 2010

GROTON/CONDE PARISHES



May 3-9



## Pastor's Moment

May 9th is celebrated in most UM Churches as The Festival of the Christian Home. It will indeed be such a celebration in the Groton/Conde churches.

The "Christian Home" has changed dramatically since most of us were children living with our parents. I wonder if we took a poll, how many families are eating 5-7 evening meals together? Breakfast? I began SUNDAY-ONLY -family-breakfast preparations when our kids were in junior high. "Do it yourself" was the motto for breakfast but we still tried to have one meal a day as a family. Perhaps eating together has been replaced with some other

daily quality family time. I pray it is so.

We always said grace and continue to do so. Do you? Are children taught to thank God for the food they eat? I pray it is so. It boggles the mind to listen to parents and kids try to juggle their daily routines and schedules. Is there an hour of "do nothing" time every day? I pray it is so. EVERYONE needs at least an hour of "do nothing" time each day.

As we celebrate kid's choirs, graduations, confirmations, Mother's Day and other events in May, let us also find time to celebrate the Christian Home. Celebrate by finding time, making time and taking time to eat, pray and do nothing together as a family.

Peace, Pastor Sheila

## ATTENTION May 23 is PENTECOST SUNDAY

You are invited to wear something RED to church. "Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each one of them. "Acts 2 They were filled with the Holy Spirit. OUR UMC emblem is the Cross and the Flame. The Flame is the Holy Spirit. Let us light our sanctuaries with the FIRE of the Spirit.

May 23 is also Heritage Sunday. Not only will we hear about our heritage as spirit filled Christians, we will also hear about our heritage as United Methodists.

Peace, Pastor Sheila





**Delaney  
Craig  
Atherton**

was baptized and honored at a blessings shower on April 18th. Son of Josh and Merrie Atherton.



**Sympathies to the families of**

Wava Thomas  
Who passed away April 2nd

Arthur Lange  
Who passed away April 13th

Lyle Ellingson  
Who passed away April 13th

**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.

**Groton May Breakfast**

The Groton United Methodist May Breakfast is being planned for Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, with serving times of 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Reverend Sheila Richards will present the program. Gloria Pharis is general chairman. Other chairpersons are Jolene Townsend, program; Marj Overacker and JoAnn Krueger, decorations; Rose Tewksbury, Pat Dahlquist, and Twila Ruden, kitchen; Clare Botherton and DeLoris Knoll, reservations; Sharon Wheeting and Jolene Townsend, dining room; Doris Zoellner, Diann Morehouse, and Joy Walter, coffee; and Twila Ruden and Kay Brandt, advertising. Volunteers are needed for the cleanup. The cost of the luncheon is \$8.00. For reservations call Clare, 397-8177, or DeLoris, 397-2681. Anyone who would like to help in any way, please talk to any committee member.

# Our Church Celebrations



## Groton

- May 1 Don Bartz
- May 2 Dale & Michelle Kramer  
Eugene Luce  
Hannah Luecke
- May 3 Kim Weber
- May 4 Desiree Morehouse  
Evan Erickson  
Tom Strom
- May 5 Gary Thurston  
Marlee Jones  
Tony & Brenda Madsen
- May 6 Clint Jacobson  
Richard Ruden
- May 7 Gabbie Kramer
- May 8 Austin Jones  
Dale Kramer  
John Lowary  
Rob Wanous
- May 10 John & Anita Lowary
- May 11 Audrey Padfield
- May 12 Jack & Maggie Oliver

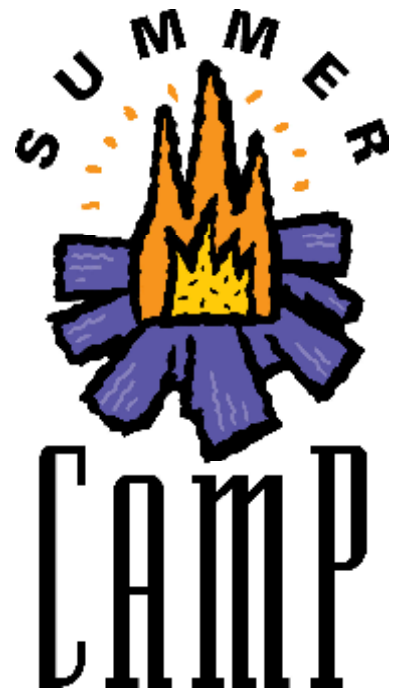
- May 13 Doris Strom
- May 14 Linda Johnson  
Pam Rix
- May 15 Charlotte Lange
- May 17 Cliff & Carna Pray
- May 18 Jean Walter
- May 19 John Erickson
- May 20 Tom & Kami Lipp
- May 21 Cody Hanson  
Alex Brandt
- May 22 Larry Schnaidt
- May 25 Jon Voss  
JR Johnson
- May 26 Drake Peterson
- May 27 Luverne & Carol Strom
- May 28 Ron & Teresa Lutz  
Wanda Zoellner
- May 29 Clare Brotherton  
DeLoris Knoll  
Gary & Anita Voss
- May 30 Hazel McKittrick  
Kami Lipp  
Maycie Knecht

## Conde

- May 3 Janette Imsland
- May 7 Eric & Ann Menzia
- May 7 Jane Worlie
- May 10 Marion Jensen
- May 11 Tim Geist
- May 12 Diane Taylor
- May 16 Dwight Lyren
- May 25 Greg Bonn  
Floyd & Carol Smith
- May 27 Malcolm Knoll  
Arvon & Diane Taylor
- May 28 Grant & Janice Hanson
- May 30 Curtis & Cindy Haskell

## Groton Campers

- Water Mania Jul 5 - Jul 10  
Jasmine Schinkel
- Joyful Noise Jul 12-18  
Danielle Schinkel
- DaySpring #4 Jul 22-Jul24  
Kaycie Hawkins  
Anthony Schinkel  
Claire Davidson  
Brooklyn Gilbert
- Wet Wild & The Word Jul 25-30  
Hannah Webb  
Macy Knecht  
Kari Hanson
- LTC Jul 25-31  
Alexa Nilsson
- Peak Experience Jul 25-30  
Dylan Vogel
- Jr High Sand Surf & Son Jul 31-Aug 5  
Mason Madsen  
Alec Oleson  
Reilly Ell  
Kylie Hawkins  
Camille Sippel
- Elem Sand Surf & Son Aug 5-10  
Turner Webb  
Kelby Hawkins



## Groton Cub Scouts

### Flag and Pinewood Derby Winners

Photos Below



## Conde Salad Luncheon

The Salad Luncheon with the musical group "Celebration" on April 25th was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who came to celebrate with the Conde Church and share lunch with us. We value your attendance and participation.

## CONDE MISSION PROJECTS

Sewing Kits Collected during April & May

- 3 yards of cotton or cotton-blend, solid color or print fabric (must be 3 yards of uncut fabric)
- 1 pair of sewing scissors
- 1 package of needles
- 1 spool of thread
- 5-8 matching buttons

Donation of Money to purchase supplies also accepted. Thank you

### Conde MISSION STATEMENT

"The Conde United Methodist Church is seeking to satisfy the spiritual and

### Conde UMW

May 19 at 2 pm  
"A Day for Us"

Leader Pat Siefken

# Groton UMW - April

The regular meeting of the Groton United Methodist Women was called to order by President Gloria Pharis on April 21 with 13 members present. The Purpose was read.

The program was given by Shepherdess Kay Harr. She gave an update of several scheduled district and conference meetings: May 21- 3rd Annual District mission encounter at Lake Poinsett Methodist Camp to prepare for the 2010 camping season.

July 8-11- School of Christian Mission at Mitchell.

The minutes of the March 17th were approved. The financial report for the period ending April 21 was also given.

Correspondence was two thank you notes for the donation of funds for books for kindergarten and first grade children.

Education and Interpretation- Marlys Rodman reported that grocery receipts for the school will be received until May 18th, with collection resuming in September. She also reminded members that collection of pop tabs and box top labels is ongoing.

Old Business- The box for collection of Undies for a Month of Sundays is in the church foyer.

The kitchen committee for the May Breakfast needs 9x13 pans with covers for making the dessert May 3 at 8:30 a.m.

New Business- The Goodwill Donation Trailer will be on the church parking lot April 23-30. A flyer outlining donation guidelines was distributed.

Dessert and coffee were served by Mary Swisher and Pat Dahlquist.

**Groton  
UMW**

May 19th - 2 pm  
Wednesday

“Social Justice”  
By Jolene Townsend

Hostesses  
Gloria Pharis  
Marj Townsend



## Seven things you'll never regret

1. Feeling reverence for your Maker.
2. Showing kindness to an aged person.
3. Destroying a letter – or not sending an e-mail – written in anger.
4. Offering an apology that saves a friendship.
5. Stopping gossip that could wreck a reputation.
6. Taking time to show loved ones consideration.
7. Accepting the judgment of God on any question.

“Mothers write on the hearts of their children what the world’s rough hand cannot erase.”  
—Author unknown



Cub Scouts Plant a tree in the park.

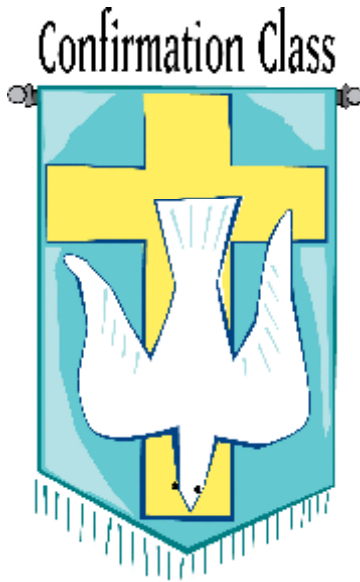


Boy Scouts Plant a tree in the Park.



### My Mother's Garden

A mother is a gardener,  
 Planting the seeds  
 Of faith, truth and love  
 That develop into the fairest flowers  
 Of character, virtue and happiness  
 In the lives of her children.  
 —J. Harold Gwynne



**Confirmation** will take place on May 9th which in the UMC is a "Festival of the Christian Home." Being confirmed are Reilly Ell, Kylie Hawkins, Mason Madsen, Alec Oleson, Camille Sippel. Olivia Lone and Tyler Witchey who have studied with the Groton youth will be confirmed May 9th in the Bristol UMC by Pastor John Hisel.



**Groton UMC Senior Graduates** this year will be Kristopher Oleson, Tanner Johnson, Sam Furman and Alexa Nilsson. The graduates will be honored on May 9th during church.

 Two crayons, one yellow and one blue, are positioned at the top left of the section. To their right is the text "Just for" in a simple font, followed by "KIDS" in a large, bold, bubbly font with a keyhole cutout in the letter 'I'.
 

**"I am with you always."**

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he encouraged his disciples in the work they had to do. We, too, are Jesus' disciples and should follow his same instructions.

Follow the words in the clouds to find Mark 16:15-16a, NIV.

Go into all the  
 away Bible the world  
 good the preach and  
 news word it  
 to all creation  
 the people friends animals Whoever  
 in baptized is and believes  
 power will be saved.

 A small, simple line drawing of a globe showing continents and oceans, located at the bottom right of the cloud puzzle area.

Answer: "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." (Mark 16:15-16a, NIV)

**Bible School**  
 Tentatively  
 2nd week of August

**Groton UMYF**  
 Every 1st and 3rd  
 Wednesday at 7 PM  
 See you there!  
 May 1 - Lock-In at Church



ARMED FORCES DAY

## More than a name

When the late CBS correspondent Ed Bradley visited the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., he found a letter propped against the black wall. It read:

“I wanted to come back and say hello. You know, I went ahead and married Dick, and we have a beautiful little girl. Her favorite color is purple, the color of this stationery. I went to Arlington to see your grave, and on it, it said you got a Purple Heart for dying. Well, this is your purple heart for having lived. I hope that our daughter finds as wonderful and as beautiful a first love as you were for me. Good-bye. Hello. Nancy.”

That’s a strong reminder that those we honor on Memorial Day are more than simply names. They were living people who loved and were loved ... and are still loved. —Adapted from *Homiletics*

## Thoughts on Memorial Day

“There never was a good war or a bad peace.” —Benjamin Franklin

“Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount.” —General Omar Bradley



## GOOD NEWS T-SHIRT

Jesus told his disciples — and us — to go into all the world and preach the good news. Wherever you go, this cool T-shirt will help spark conversations about your faith.

### What you need:

- Newspaper
- Cardboard
- Plain white, cotton T-shirt
- Permanent markers
- Goggles (optional)
- Eye dropper
- Rubbing alcohol
- Clothes hanger

### What you do:

1. Cover a table with newspaper. (Work outside or in a well-ventilated area.)
2. Place a piece of cardboard inside your T-shirt. (This keeps pen marks from going through to the other side.)
3. With permanent markers, draw a design of large circles, spirals, hearts, etc.
4. Wear goggles while dropping rubbing alcohol onto your designs with an eye dropper. As the alcohol permeates the permanent marker, the color will break up and spread in interesting ways.
5. Hang the shirt to dry.
6. When the shirt is dry, place cardboard inside it again. On the front, write “I have some good news to share with you.” You can also write a Bible verse.





# Groton Ad Council - April

Newsletter Items from the April 14, 2010 Groton Admin Council Meeting

Five members of the 2010 confirmation class attended the council meeting to learn how our church business is conducted. Each council member gave a brief explanation of their role on the council.

The trustees updated the council on the preparations being made in the parsonage for the arrival of our new minister. Updates include some painting and replacement of flooring in some rooms. The trustees also shared plans to install a handrail for the steps at the west side of the pulpit.

Plans for a farewell and welcome gathering to honor Pastor Sheila and Pastor Matt were discussed. The Pastor/Parish committee will organize the events.

The education department shared plans to honor our confirmation students and graduates on May 9. In addition, the children will sing on May 9 as it will be their last day of Sunday school. Vacation Bible school will probably not be held until July or early August.

The Missions Committee reported that they were happy to have delivered twelve hams before Easter to friends of the church.



June 2010						
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Groton Stewardship Report April 2010
Average Wkly Giving \$1,608
Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$1,929
Average Weekly Attendance 94
Total Building Fund Donations \$300
Funds still needed for the furnace.



# Groton June Family Committee

**Lance & Kristi Hawkins, Katelyn**

**Kami & Tom Lipp**

Carna & Cliff Pray, Kevin

Dale & Michelle Kramer

Marlys Rodman

Rose Tewksbury

Karla Pasteur, Ali

Yvonne Lange

Pam & Roger Rix

Gayleen & Jon Voss, Jordan, Lacey

Bob & Carolyn Snyder

**Honorary Members**

- Imojeanne Oliver
- Mary Swisher
- Doris Zoellner
- Charlotte Lange

**June Extra Responsibilities**

- Mow the Lawn Weekly
- Clean Chapel and Library
- June 6 - Change altar cloths to white for communion
- June 13 - change the altar cloths to green





## Our Church Happenings

May 1 Groton UMYF Lock-In 7:30 pm - 8:30 am

May 2 Conde Senior Recognition during church

May 3 Conde UMW Prayer Vigil 8-8:45 am - Clean Water Week

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May 6 National Day of Prayer

May 9 Conde Blanket Sunday (Honor or remember your mother by giving a blanket that is very helpful for shelter or comfort.)

May 9 Groton Sunday School Singing for Mother's Day

May 9 Groton Confirmation and Senior Recognition

May 12 Groton Ad Council 7 pm

May 19 Groton UMW 2 pm

May 19 Conde UMW 2 pm

May 23 Pentecost Sunday - you are invited to wear red

May 30 Conde World Hunger Sunday

May 26 Conde Ad Council 8 pm

### May 2010

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