

United Methodist Messenger

OCTOBER 2010

GROTON/CONDE PARISHES

Leaves, Lefse, and God's Love

Dear Friends,

The months are quickly passing; leaves will soon begin a gravitational journey. Autumn is in full swing. Soon the trees will be displaying colors that remind us of the beauty found in the diversity of God's creation. The morning air has a chill that invigorates the soul and the evenings are warm and mild. October is here!

September was a busy month. We had Rally Sunday, kickoff night for UMYF, committee meetings, A UMW presentation on the sin and disgrace of Human Trafficking. In addition to that I attended provisional training in Mitchell. We had PPRC training, collections for The Bishop's Ingathering and 3 days of intense kitchen work as UMW produced enough lefse to feed a small army. We had a great time working in the kitchen, however, we were short on the number of left handed frying sticks! Despite being encumbered by this unfortunate detail, I have it on good authority that even though I struggled in the area of folding lefse, my frying skills are unequalled! We have a lot going on and it is good.

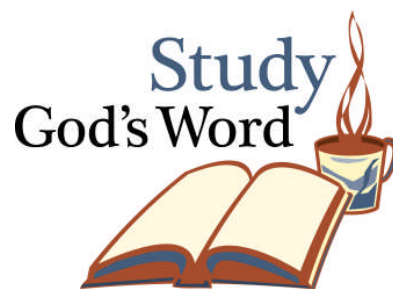
Around the corner, we have Charge Conference on Nov. 15th in Groton at 7:00pm. This gives us around 5 weeks to solidify committees for 2011 and to write and submit our reports. While I was in seminary I learned to view Charge Conference as a celebration of

all the work the church had done throughout the year. It serves as a mechanism which allows us to share in ministry with our District Superintendent. As this is my first Charge Conference with you, allow me to say, that I am excited to share with the D.S. all the work and grace God has performed while we have been building the Kingdom. I hope that you all feel the same way. We have been blessed with the tasks and joys of being in ministry together.

Grace and peace,



3rd Graders received their Bibles Sept 12th in Groton



Women's Bible Study every Tuesday Morning at 10 AM and
Men's Bible Study every Wednesday Morning at 7 AM in Groton

Everyone is Welcome!



Church Calendar Online

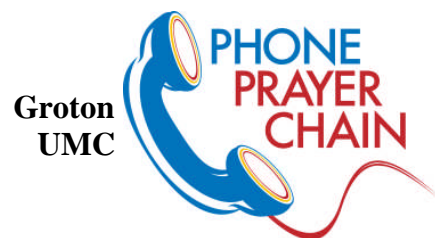
Church Calendar

Pastor Matt suggested we have a church calendar in the newsletter. I thought on this and have put a calendar into the church website which we can update as often as necessary and print for those who receive this newsletter in that manner. This calendar has options at the top to choose just the Groton, Conde, or Scout items. So before I print the newsletter it is helpful if all meetings are on the calendar for the next month. And please let me know of any mistakes... If you put your cursor on the event on the calendar, more information will pop up. Any suggestions please let me know. Thanks Kay

Nooma DVD Study

Groton will begin on October 7th at 7 pm, Thursday, and meet each week.

Conde will be meeting on the 1st Tuesday and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. All are Welcome.



- 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.

www.grotonsdchurches.com/calendarumc



The Groton United Methodist Women Fall Bazaar will held Wednesday, October 6, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. It will feature a bake sale, lefse sale, country store, and craft sale. Supper will be served during the whole time with a choice of soup, sandwiches, homemade pie or bars.

Connie Nilsson and Meri Erickson are general chairpersons. Chairs of other committees are Jolene Townsend, lefse; Gloria Pharis and Betty Strom, kitchen; Diann Morehouse, dining room; Melissa Gilbert, bake sale, country store and crafts; Clare Brotherton, cashier; and Kay Brandt and Twila Ruden, advertising. Everyone is welcome.

United Methodist Women Fall Bazaar

Groton UMC



Wednesday, October 6th
4:00 to 7:00 PM

Serving Homemade Soup & Sandwiches
with Homemade Pie



Groton UMW - September

Correspondence was read from the Groton Elementary thanking the UMW for the generous gift money which was used to purchase books for students. It was added that this was a great promotional mission toward children's literacy and that students were excited about reading their new books.

Marlys Rodman thanked everyone for their donations toward the school kits. There were 34 school kits that were prepared for the Ingathering Sept. 25. A big thank-you was given to Rose Tewksbury for sewing the school bags. Clare Brotherton made a motion to send a monetary donation to the Ingathering and was seconded by Sharon Wheeting. Marlys also stated that items that were not used for the kits will be donated to the Learning Tree at later date. Twenty-nine health were also collected earlier in the year and helped fill need in Haiti.

Sharon Wheeting reported there were two books read at Level 1 and 1 book at Level 2.

The fall bazaar is coming up Oct. 6th and members can still sign up to help. Lefse making dates are coming up on Sept. 22-24. Gloria read a letter from the Dak. Conference UMW president, which explained some changes that are coming January 1st. We will be part of the Eastern Sunrise District; the districts have been reduced from 7 to 5.

Service Awards will be given October 10th. The "World Thank Offering" is on the next program with Carolyn Snyder as leader. **Please bring World Thank Offering Boxes to the Oct. 20th meeting.** Hostesses for the October 20th meeting are Audrey Thurston and Clare Brotherton.

A delicious lunch was served by Carolyn Snyder and Marlys Rodman following the meeting. After the lunch, members helped decorate the Christmas gift treat boxes with Social Action Chair Jolene Townsend. Secretary, JoAnn Krueger

Conde Ad Council - Sept

Chair Patty Knoll called the meeting to order by asking all to join in the reading of the Purpose of the church.

The question was asked as to the expectations of the Pastor/Parish committee, and how information was to flow to that committee and come back as information to the congregation. Trees adjacent to the church were discussed and if any should be removed.

The message from the Red Cross as to the availability of the church for Disaster Protection was discussed, It was felt our church did not have enough people to staff should the need arise.

Box for collections for Good Samaritan Home has been placed in the narthex for con-

tributions by any.

Kits for InGathering were discussed and will be assembled to be taken to Mitchell for the day.

List of needs and wants was discussed, including the upkeep of the copier. Also inquiry was to be made as to securing the Internet package for the church office.

New evaluation forms for pastor and church were presented as they will be used at Charge Conference on November 15th at 7:00 PM at the Groton Church.

Dates were set for Bible Study, UMW and Board Meeting for the month of October.

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

“The Conde United Methodist Church is seeking to satisfy the spiritual and physical needs of all.”

Dakotas Conf Annual UMW

Meeting is October 8-9 at McCabe

UMC in Bismark, ND

Good Samaritan Center in Redfield Collection at Conde UMC

Bring canned and paper goods and other items that will not deteriorate with time.

Basket is in the narthex at the church.

Conde UMW Meeting

October 20th at 2 pm

Program on Immigration

Leader Donna Hearnen

Hostess Joan Fahrenwald

Small Group

October 6

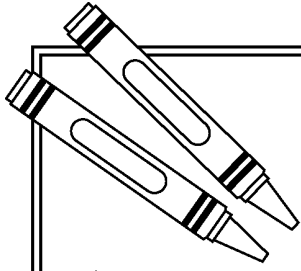
Hostess Betty Taylor

Conde Church Cleaning

October 9th at 9 am

November 13th at 9 am





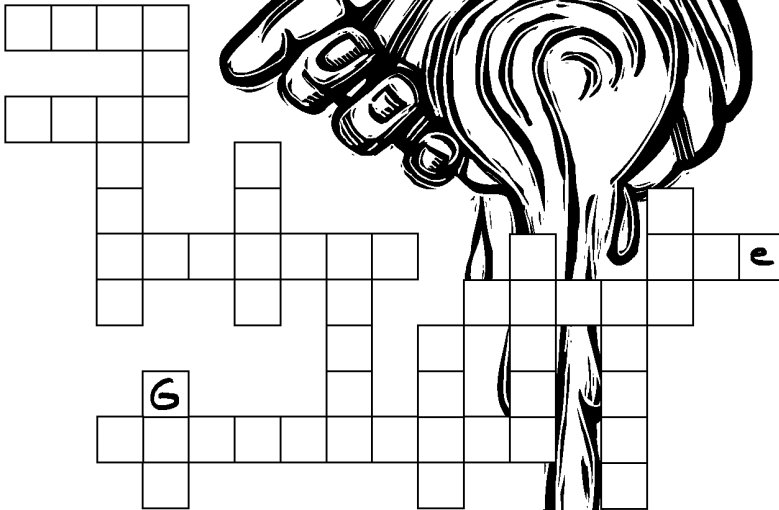
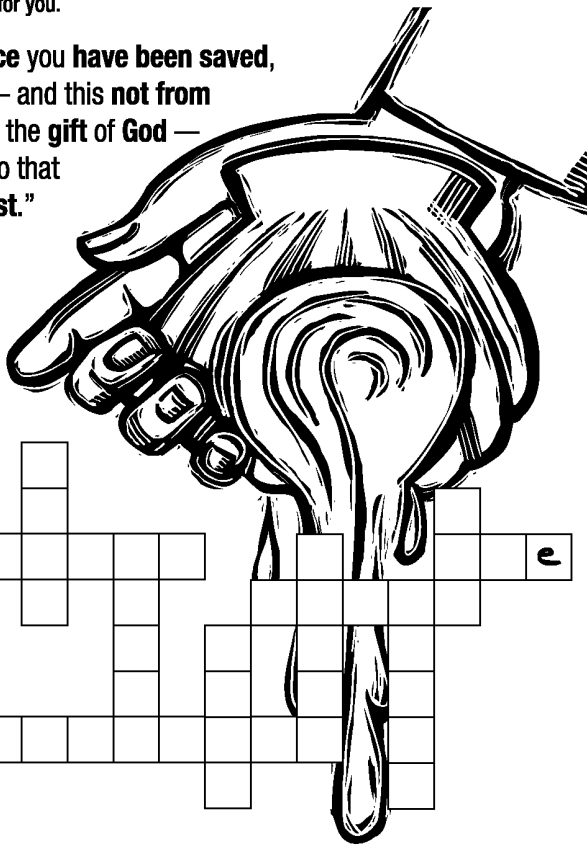
Just for **KIDS**

THE GIFT

God has given us a gift that we can't work for or buy. Discover what this gift is by reading Ephesians 2:8-9, NIV.

Fit the words in bold into the word puzzle below. We've provided two letters for you.

"For it is by **grace** you **have been saved**, **through faith** — and this **not from yourselves**, it is the **gift of God** — **not by works**, so that **no one can boast.**"



No Sunday School in Groton
October 31st

Children will sing in church on
October 17th

Confirmation

First meeting is Oct 6th. It is a regular youth night but parents and confirmands will meet at 6:30pm for an introductory meeting. After that confirmation will be on the same days the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 4-5:30pm.



Confirmation Schedule



Youth News:
UMYF 1st and 3rd
Wednesdays at 7,
Sunday School the
2nd and 4th Sun-
days.

World Communion Sunday

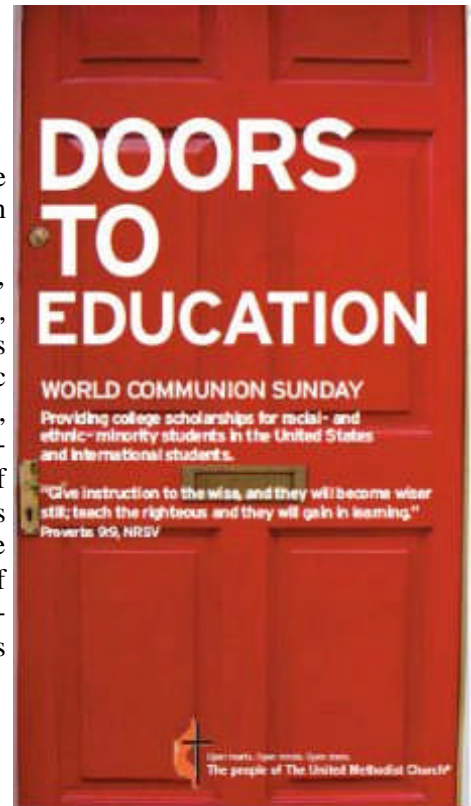
October 3, 2010: World Communion Sunday is a time to be in communion with Christians all over the world and to enable us to "press on toward the goal" of serving God in life-changing ministries.

When churches take the offering for this special Sunday, the proceeds provides ethnic scholarships for international and United States racial and ethnic minority graduate students and scholarships for racial and ethnic minority persons seeking second careers in church-related vocations.

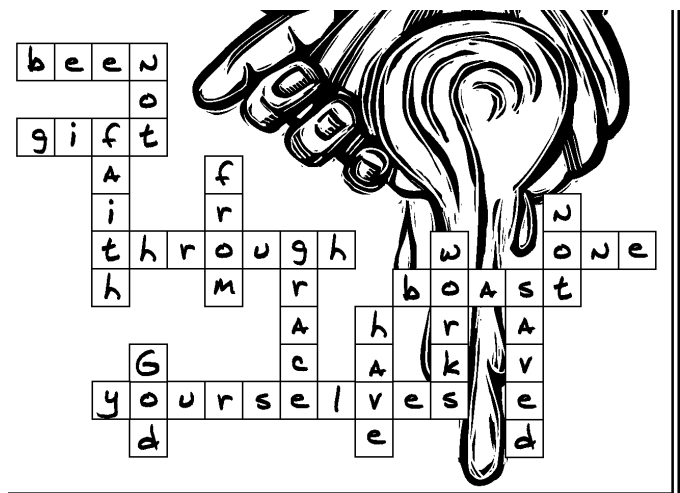
Fifty per cent of the special offering goes to the World Communion Scholarship Program of the General Board of Global Ministries. These scholarships enable persons from churches in nations other than the United States and from ethnic and racial minorities in

the United States to prepare for leadership in mission in church and society.

From Asia-Pacific, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe and the Middle East, as well as from racial and ethnic minorities in the United States, Crusade scholars are committed to the life and mission of the Church, as well as to its ministry to society and the world. Since the inception of the program in 1944, the Crusade Scholarship Program has funded nearly 4,000 students.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



Our Church Celebrations

Groton

- Oct 2 Winifred Fawcett
- Oct 4 Fed Wolken
Josh Atherton
- Oct 5 Brent Swenson
Jeanne Wanous
- Oct 7 Allen Walter
- Oct 8 Gloria Pharis
Lars & Kelli Hanson
- Oct 10 Dan & Marjae Schinkel
- Oct 12 Marc & Jane Johnson
- Oct 13 Carna Atherton-Pray
- Oct 14 Grady O'Neill
- Oct 15 Brad Morehouse
Jaymie Overacker
Russell Davidson
- Oct 21 Gary Heitmann

- Oct 24 Karla Davidson
- Oct 25 Lars Hanson
- Oct 26 Harry & Gloria Pharis
Imojeanne Oliver
- Oct 29 Connie Nilsson
- Oct 30 Holden Sippel
- Oct 31 CJ Barton
Dawson Dinger

Conde

- Oct 9 Joseph Smith
- Oct 21 Tony Lyren
- Oct 22 Janice Hanson
Sherry Hanson
Shane Haskell
- Oct 29 Marcene Bruckner
- Oct 31 Andee Geist



Wedding Shower

Wedding Shower
Open House
Groton UMC
for
Jessica Pasteur
&
Mason Dinger
October 9th
Saturday
10 am - noon



SHARE
GOD'S
WORD

Pass it on

- Pass on the word of encouragement in an honest compliment
- Pass on the look of encouragement in a generous smile
- Pass on the touch of encouragement in a hearty handshake
- Pass on the kindness of encouragement in a thoughtful deed
- And let the encouragement of Christ flow through you.



Groton Ad Council - Sept

Our trustees committee is working on a number of miscellaneous projects, including refurbishing of the large lettering on the south outside wall of the church. The parsonage has also been given a fresh coat of paint.

The pastor parish committee met in Conde on August 17 with very good attendance. They were in agreement that Pastor Matt is meeting the committee's expectations and all were very pleased to have him serving as our pastor. The committee is in the process of reviewing a list of pastoral functions in order to be clear on those functions that the committee and the pastor believe to be the most important for the two congregations.

Chairman Richard Krueger presented a certificate to Alan Strom, finance chairman, from the conference indicating that our church had met our 2009 apportionments obligations.

Justin Morehouse shared plans to encourage parents attend the first UMYF meeting of the year. Justin shared his desire to find a way to get our older students and young adult members more involved in church activities.

Pastor Matt had the council view a DVD entitled "What If". It will help our council to enter into a discussion on how we can challenge church to be more open and hospitable.

**Groton
Mission
Statement**
"Enriching
Spiritual lives
through
Christ."

Groton Nov Family Committee

Jeanne Wanous

Carol & Luverne Strom

Melissa & Neil Gilbert

Josh & Merrie Atherton

Kelli & Lars Hanson, Dylan

Lynette & Terry Furman, Sam

Karla & Russell Davidson,

Michaela Oleson, Kristopher Oleson

Alan Strom

Francine & Mark Sippel

Pernell & Noella Graf

Kevin Pharis

Anita & Gary Voss

John Padfield

Derick Furman

Kim & Craig Weber

Jay & Linda Johnson

Carol & Pat Knecht

Kent Webb

Honorary Members

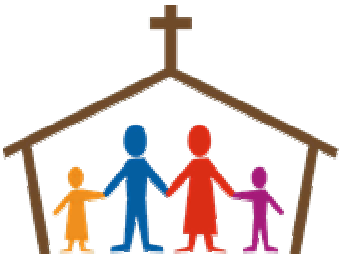
- Audrey Padfield
- Bob & Marvel Johnson
- Audrey Thurston
- Clare Brotherton

Extra Responsibilities

- Nov 7th change altar cloths to white for communion
- Nov 14 change altar cloths to green
- Nov 21 change altar cloths to white for Christ the King Sunday
- Nov 28 change altar cloths to purple
- Put up church indoor and outdoor decorations with Dec committee and all church members helping
- Clean pastor and secretary office
- No Potluck if Men have their dinner

November 2010						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Groton Stewardship Report September 2010
Average Wkly Giving \$2,227
Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$1,929
Average Weekly Attendance 104
Total Building Fund Donations \$42





OCTOBER

NEW

Church Calendar Inside!
with printed edition
online with electronic edition

Our Church Happenings

- Oct 3 World Communion Sunday
- Oct 5 Conde Nooma DVD Study 6:30 pm
- Oct 6 Conde Small Group
- Oct 6 Groton UMW Fall Bazaar 4-7 pm**
- Oct 6 Groton Confirmation with parents & confirmands 6:30 pm
- Oct 6 Groton UMYF at 7 pm
- Oct 7 Groton Nooma Weekly DVD Study Starts 7 pm
- Oct 9 Groton Wedding Shower, Pasteur/Dinger 10 am - noon
- Oct 9 Conde Church Cleaning 9 am
- Oct 10 Groton Potluck
- Oct 11 Groton Nominations Committee meeting 7 pm
- Oct 12 PPR Meeting at Groton
- Oct 13 Groton Finance Committee Mtg 6 pm
- Oct 13 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- Oct 17 Groton Sunday School Sings in church
- Oct 20 Conde UMW 2 pm
- Oct 20 Groton UMW 2 pm
- Oct 20 Groton Confirmation 4 pm
- Oct 20 Groton UMYF 7 pm
- Oct 24 Conde World Hunger Sunday
- Oct 27 Conde Nooma DVD Study 6:30 pm
- Oct 27 Conde Ad Council following the Nooma Study approx 8 pm
- Oct 31 No Sunday School in Groton