

United Methodist Messenger

MAY 2011

GROTON/CONDE PARISHES



God of the little things

Little things matter. When God gets involved in the minutia of life, unmistakably intervening in the smallest details of our day-to-day dilemmas, it means he cares enough to bother with what's bothering us. The God who created the vast universe works through life's circumstances to bring about his good purposes. That's big.

We know, too, that if God is involved in our everyday lives, he's also working on the more complicated situations — the big things. He might just be working behind the scenes.

When troubles come and God seems not to notice, think of times when he's intervened. Recount and revel in them. Rest assured in God's perfect plan for big and small. "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28, NRSV).



On perseverance

Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint on the clouds of doubt,
And you can never tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar.
So, stick to the fight when you're hardest hit
It's when things go wrong
that you mustn't quit.
—Author unknown

"If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."
John 14:14, NRSV





Don Walter for purchasing a new lawnmower

New Fridge in memory of Russell Townsend

Mark Johnson for the Snow Removal

Cub Scouts for picking up the church yard.

Alan Strom, Mark and Jane Johnson for the new shed and organizing of it in memory of Vicki Strom

Memorials received in memory of Mary Swisher

If you have any thank you's for this list, please email the church office.

Sympathies

To the family of Mary Swisher who passed away April 10

To the family of Gert Ruden who passed away April 25



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!



Wedding Blessings Shower

Jesse Morehouse & Julie Schulz
During Coffee Hour at the Groton UMC on May 22nd

June 4th Wedding will be in our church.



Wedding Shower

Megan Brandlee & Seth Erickson
At Groton UMC

June 11 from 9:30-11:30 am

Registered at Target, Inspire, and Kohls

July 30 Wedding will be in Bristol



Baptism & Blessings Shower

June 5th

Nolan Everett Bahr

Born April 15th to Brian and Andrea Bahr. He weighed 5 lbs 12 ozs and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Conde UMW April

Met April 18 @ 10am. Pat Siefken had lesson on 'Making Peace with Mother Earth.' Lunch was served by Jane Worlie and Betty Taylor. Business items: Reminder of Focus Day @ Aberdeen 1st UMC on Sat., April 30th High School Graduating Seniors will be honored at worship on May 15. Breakfast will follow. Approved the UMW to buy the food items for VBS (2nd week in June) Shepherdess, Sue Fritz, will be visiting the unit at the June 15th meeting. May Day outing was discussed. It is to be held on Mary 18. Opportunity to work and

serve meal at the Salvation Army in Aberdeen. A date will be scheduled. May Friendship Night will be on May 11 at 6:45 p.m. The cost of the will be \$6.00. The theme will be "Heart Beats." Cindy Smith is in charge of the kitchen and will be soliciting salads. Donna Walter will be in charge of the decorations. Special speaker will be Laura Huber, physical therapist at Cardiac Rehab @ Avera. She will share her experience as a heart failure patient.

Conde UMW

Meeting

May 18

"A Day for Us"

By Pat Siefken

Conde Youth Recognition

Andee Geist has been awarded the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange scholarship for the 2011-2012 school year. This scholarship allows Andee to live with a host family and attend school in Germany. She Leaves for her trip on July 31, and will return in late June 2012. This will be Andee's Junior year in High School. Andee is a member of the Conde church.



A child's perspective

A group of second-graders was quizzed about what ingredients their mothers are made of. One child said, "God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world, and one dab of mean."

To the question "What does your mom do in her spare time?" one young-

ster said, "Mothers don't do spare time."

When the children were asked "Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?" one child replied, "God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me."

What a
Friend
we have
in JESUS

"Heart Beats"

UMW Friendship Night

May 11 @ 6:45 p.m.

\$6.00, salad lunch

Conde United Methodist Church

Special Speaker: Laura Huber,
'Life Restored after Heart Failure'

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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



Groton 125th Cookbooks are for sale. They can be purchased at the church or by calling Kim Weber 397-8675 email is kimweber59@yahoo.com or Marj Overacker at 397-8562 email is romo@nvc.net. They are \$15 each.

GROTON UMW MAY BREAKFAST

PRESENTS

"Etiquette Through the Years"

Wednesday, May 4th

Seating Available at 11:30 or 1:15

\$8.00



Reservations Required

DeLoris Knoll 397-2681

Clare Brotherton 397-8177

125th CELEBRATION COOKBOOKS WILL BE FOR SALE

Our Church Celebrations

Groton

- May 1 Don Bartz
- May 2 Dale & Michelle Kramer
Eugene Luce
- 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
Dick 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 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 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
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



WEBUPDATES

Birthday's Online

<http://www.grotonsdchurches.com/umc/birthday.html>

The above link goes to the website being worked on. Here you are able to see the Groton Birthday List. If the person's name has an envelope beside it, you can click on it and send a quick greeting. Please enjoy using this new feature! Let Kay know if any errors.

Publications are also online if you ever cannot find yours. Check out the website today!
www.grotonsdchurches.com/umc

Native American Ministries Sunday - May 8

“We try to address the concerns of our families and communities by bridging the hospitality gaps. As a pastor, my faith is critical to this work.” –The Rev. David Dunson

The Rev. David Dunson knows seminary education is crucial to his hopes of growing his congregation’s evangelism and outreach efforts. He also knows that without a scholarship, funded by the **Native American Ministries Sunday** offering, his education would not be possible.

A former medical supplies sales manager, the 50-something Dunson now serves Okmulgee’s Newtown United Methodist Church, one of the oldest churches in Oklahoma. He will earn a master’s degree from Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, OK, in 2011.

“I’ve learned (about) other perspectives on faith, ministry and culture,” he said. “But I’m also learning ways to bridge the gap between Christianity and our Native history and traditions.”

As assistant to a deputy chief of the 70,000-member Muscogee Creek) Nation, Dunson responds to many tribal concerns—from troubled families and at-risk youth, to illiteracy and unemployment, to increased

substance abuse.

Dunson sees his scholarship as “a gift from God, an answered prayer.”

He added, “I could have given up this dream because I didn’t have the money. Not many of our pastors have gone to seminary. But now I can bring the message of hope through education to encourage my people.”

Your gifts on Native American Ministries Sunday fund ministries that pave the way for those who aspire to serve Christ’s church by making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Because of your generosity, seminarians prepare to serve, congregations become stronger and communities are transformed.

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Local Missions

Groton Mission Committee delivered 9 Easter Ken’s Gift Certificates to local families in town to help with their Easter Celebrations.





HAPI
Haitian Artisans for Peace International

Artwork fits a 5x7 frame
Look for your artist's logo on our website and read her story;
www.HaitianArtisans.com

Thank you! Your purchase of this hand-embroidered work of art helps change lives.



This card journeys to you from the heart and hands of an artist in the mountainous village of Mizak, Haiti. The women of HAPI (Haitian Artisans for Peace International) are securing health, education, dignity and hope through this economic opportunity. HAPI exists to help the women of Haiti to recognize the value of their lives and realize more possibilities for themselves and their families. Generational cycles of extreme poverty can be broken when we walk alongside HAPI.

Woven into the fabric of HAPI is a community of encouragement, support and spiritual bonding that carries them through what is often harsh and demanding primitive living. As you hold this card in your hands, you become a part of the journey on the HAPI pathway of peace.

Be a HAPI Sister! Encourage your artisan with a personal note mailed to:
Volunteers in Mission, c/o Lynx Air
Methodist Guest House - HAPI
PO Box 407130, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33340

"I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give isn't like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid."
John 14:27 (NLT)



Matt & Congregations,

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you my experience in Haiti and the joy and love I have for this country.

It truly amazes me the opportunities which God has in store for us. I carry you in my heart and the work I do in Haiti.

I also pray for the ministries of your church and community as well that you are richly blessed and able to share the love of God with others.

This card was made by one of the artisans I work with here in Haiti. It made me think of Matt because of the guitar the woman is playing. Ever since I have known Matt, I think the majority of the memories there is a guitar in his hands. Music is richly important to the people of Haiti. Sometimes when you walk through the countryside, you will hear singing and music in the distance. It is the voice of determination of strength and of hope.

God gives us that music of love to share with others. Next time you hear a song you love, think of the people of Haiti and the impact you have been able to make in their lives.

Thank you for being a blessing!
Angelica

<http://www.angelicaheartforhaiti.blogspot.com/>



Baptism Celebration

April 17th Wesley James Morehouse was baptized. Parents are Brent & Jessica Morehouse.



Groton UMC



- Marlys Rodman 397-4570
- Audrey Thurston 397-8493
- Pat Dahlquist 397-2616
- Gloria Pharis 397-2375
- Doris Zoellner 397-2417
- Marjorie Townsend 298-5221
- Darlys Kampa 395-6996
- DeLoris Knoll 397-2681
- Marvel Johnson 397-2425

*Currently 82 on email prayer chain. If you are not on this list or the email list, please notify the church office.

Church Office Computer For Sale

- 3.5 Ghz AMD 64
- 200 Gig Hard Drive
- 1 GB RAM
- Windows XP
- \$120

If interested talk to Kay



Groton UMW Meeting

May 18
2 pm Wednesday

Program by
"Education & Interpretation" Susan Odland

Hostesses are Clare Brotherton and Kay Brandt



Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts presented the Groton UMC with the charters after serving us a pancake breakfast. Thank you!



Groton Ad Council

A Groton United Methodist Church membership class is being planned for the sometime in the near future.

Pastor Matt shared how pleased he has been with the good attendance at our Wednesday night Lenten services. He also talked about how vibrant our church is and how happy he is with the efforts by so many to reach out to our youth, to our scouts, and to new members.

Kay Brandt talked about the work she is doing to update our church website. She explained that the website will have online applications for those wishing to become members. She also explained that there will be a

birthday calendar with a link to send members a quick birthday greeting. Kay asked the council to share with her any comments or suggestions they might have regarding the site.

The council recognized the work done by Alan Strom and other to construct the new outdoor storage building. It is now complete and many seasonal items have been moved to this building. The building was made possible through memorials given in memory of Vicki Strom.

The council is also pleased with the donation of a new riding lawn mower given by Don Walter.

Groton Stewardship Report April 2011
Average Wkly Giving \$2,118
Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,030
Average Weekly Attendance 100
Total Building Fund Donations \$48

Groton Mission Statement
“Enriching Spiritual lives through Christ.”



June Family Committee

- Bert & Janice Raap**
Carolyn Snyder
 Connie & Dave Nilsson
 Logan Nilsson
 John & Meri Erickson, Sydney
 Anita & John Lowary
 Brian & Andrea Bahr
 Pam & Doug Bahr
 Dion Bahr
 William & Wanda Zoellner
 Steve & Becky Diegel

Honorary Members

- Doris Strom
- Emery Sippel
- Ida Hannon
- Bob Snyder
- Dolly McCarlson

June 2011						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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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		

June Extra Responsibilities

- Mow the Lawn Weekly
- Clean Hallways by wiping down walls and woodwork and wash windows inside and out.
- June 5th change altar cloths to white for communion
- June 12th change altar cloths to red for Pentecost
- June 19th change altar cloths to white Trinity Sunday
- June 26th change altar cloths to green





Our church happenings



*Church
Calendar Online*

May 2011						
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	31				

- May 1 Groton Confirmation Sunday
- May 1 Camping Registration Deadline
- May 4 Groton UMW May Breakfast 11:30 or 1:15
- May 8 Groton Graduates Honored
- May 8 Native American Ministries Sunday
- May 8 Mother's Day - Groton Sunday School Sing in church
- May 8 Golden Living Center Service/Coffee
- May 11 Conde Friendship Night 6:45 pm
- May 11 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- May 18 Groton UMW 2 pm
- May 18 Conde UMW
- May 22 Morehouse/Schulz Wedding Blessing Shower during coffee hour in Groton (wedding is June 4th)
- May 22 World Hunger Sunday in Conde

www.grotonsdchurches.com/umc