

United Methodist Messenger



In a nutshell

A Sunday school teacher gave her second-graders a month to memorize Psalm 23. One little boy was excited about the task but just couldn't remember the whole chapter.

When the day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation, the nervous boy stepped up to the microphone and said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know!"

Divine Forgetfulness

For humans, forgetfulness can be frustrating and worrisome. Yet it can be a blessing to be able to forget certain things.

The late professor and author Gerhard E. Frost noted that "forgiveness is a beautiful form of forgetfulness" – a heaven-sent absent-mindedness.

For what is failure to forgive but the refusal to release a memory of someone's hurtful actions? Only by releasing old grudges and choosing to forget past wrongs can we find peace. For help, we can look to God as the ultimate example of "forgetting" sins.



New Fall Office Hours and Pastor's Schedule

Monday: 9am-12:00pm/ 1:00pm-5pm

Thursday: 9am-12pm// Afternoon-Visitations

Tuesday: 9-10am/ Women's Bible Study @10am/ Afternoon and Evenings in Conde

Friday: on-call (emergency)

Wednesday: 7am-Men's Bible Study// 8-9am Men's fellowship/coffee// 10am-12pm-office/1pm-4pm-office// 4pm-5:30pm-confirmation// 6:30pm-8pm UMYF

Saturday: on-call (emergency)

Sunday: Worship Times: 9am/ Conde, 11am/Groton



BIRTHS

Baptism & Blessings Shower for Max Suther on September 25th Son of Adam & Kayla Suther and joins brother Bennett. Max was born April 24, Easter Sunday and was 8 lbs 5.5 ozs and 21 inches long.

Rachel Kay Dobbins born August 27th and weighed 7 lbs and 20 inches long. Daughter of Angela and Perryn Dobbins. Joins brothers Jaden and Toby.



DEATHS

Sympathies to the family of Marjorie Wright who passed away August 4th

PRAY for our Students



Thank You!

- Dick Ruden for the wonderful parking lot
- Richard Krueger for the down spout work
- Jolene Townsend for extra cleaning

Groton Backpack Mission

Thanks again for all of your hard work with this project. I am not sure the teachers said this or not, but the supplies donated most likely would have been purchased by them out of their own pocket if your group would not have stepped up to donate the supplies. I know they were very grateful for the donations. Thank you

Dan Dalchow ~ Principal
Groton Area Elementary



Church News

There was not a Board meeting held in August. Following the UMW meeting, we discussed some business. The UMCOR Kits are coming along nicely, but many School Kits bags must be sewn.

The painting of the south side of the Church has been completed, and it looks great.

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

Conde UMW - August

The General UMW Meeting was held at 10:00 AM on August 17. Pat Siefken gave the lesson on 1st John, and Jane Worlie & Lois Trapp were the hostesses. Some items of discussion were as follows: Evening Circle will meet on Tuesday evenings instead of Wednesday evenings; however, the September study will be on the second Tuesday, September 13. Tuesdays are better, because then Pastor Matt can attend if he wishes. We will continue doing the Bible Study on the Books of John. No book is required except your Bible. The General Meetings will still be on the 3rd Wednesdays at 10:00. Coffee and Library Hour at the School on Wednesday afternoons has become quite popular, so by having UMW in the morning, the ladies can attend both. The Lesson for September 21 will be titled, "Reconciliation: Journey of Rebecca's son, Jacob". Donna Hearnen will be the leader. There will be a noon lunch served. Hostesses will be Donna Hearnen

and Donna Walter. The nominating committee will be contacting members to put together a slate of officers.

It was decided to send a monetary donation for the 2011 Mission Project. This will be given at the Conference Annual Meeting in Pierre, October 7 & 8. The two places receiving donations and items are SE Pierre Community Center & Missouri Shore Domestic Violence Center. The Unit also voted to give money toward completing the UMCOR kits which is a Church Project. Twenty-four Health Kits were taken to June Annual Church Conference in Watertown. There will be several more of those, four Layettes, and many School Kits to be taken to the In-gathering in Mitchell on Saturday, September 17. Items and donations are still coming in for all of these. A Gift In Memory was given by the UMW to pay tribute to a long time member, Marjorie Wright, who died on August 4.

Conde UMW September 21 Meeting

10 am

Program Focus: Reconciliation:

Journey of Rebecca's son Jacob

Leader Donna Hearnen

Hostesses Patty Knoll & Betty Taylor



Baptism Blessings

Rebeca and Randy Padfield with Peyton

God's LOVE has
 been poured
 into our
 HEARTS
 through
 the
 HOLY SPIRIT
 that has been
 given to us.

Romans 5:5, NRSV



125th Schedule - Sept 18th

The schedule for the day is as follows:

- 10:00 – 11:00 Coffee & fellowship hour
- 11:00 – 12:00 Traditional worship service
- 12:00 – 1:30 Catered meal of chicken, BBQ's, potato salad, baked beans and watermelon
- 1:30 – 2:00 Continuous pictorial slide show in sanctuary
- 2:00 – 3:00 Program with coffee and cake following.

Sat & Sun All Day "Walking a 125-Year Path" historical display in the hallways of our educational unit.



Attention: All Male Voices Groton

Rehearsal for the 125th Men's Choir will be Sept 7th at 7 pm and Sept 15th at 7 pm. Both rehearsals will be at the church. Hymns will be "Faith of our Fathers" and "Be Thou My Vision"



Groton 125th Cookbooks

are for sale. They can be purchased at the church or by calling Kim Weber 397-8675 email is kim-weber59@yahoo.com or Marj Overacker at 397-8562 email is romo@nvc.net. They are \$15 each.

Groton Mission Statement

"Enriching Spiritual lives through Christ."

Groton UMC



Groton Lefse Making!

Lefse making will start on Tuesday, Sept 20 at 9 am and continue throughout the day till about 3 pm. Please feel free to come anytime to learn and have fun. Weds, Sept 21, we will again start at 9 am and then we will continue into an evening session starting at 5. So please come when you can and enjoy the fun. Thursday Sept 22 we will make lefse for a 3rd and final day starting at 9 am.



- 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.

Groton UMW Meeting - August

Groton UMW Meeting
 September 21
 2 pm Wednesday
 Program "Social Justice"
 By Jolene Townsend
 Hostesses are
 Audrey Thurston
 MaryAnn Wehde

Executive Meeting at 1 pm
 Continue 2012 Date Book Plans
 Newsletter Update
 Budget Plans
 Finalize Slate of Officers
 UMW Bazaar Planning

Met August 17 at 7:30 with 10 members present. The program was presented by Carolyn Snyder and Darlys Kampa on the Pentecost. The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved as well as a finalized profit report on the May Breakfast.

During old business, Meri Erickson presented a sample of new flooring for the kitchen and an estimate that includes the new rug and the installation. A motion was made by Twila Ruden and seconded by Carolyn Snyder with agreement by members present to purchase a new kitchen rug.

New business consisted of a fall bazaar update. A planning meeting for the

bazaar to be held Oct 5 was held earlier that day. Dates for the lefse making are set for Sept 20, 21, and the 22nd. The times are set to begin at 9 am and also Weds evening so everyone has an opportunity to learn and have fun.

President Gloria concluded the meeting with three reminders: the district meeting is Sept 16-17, and executive meeting will be held on Sept 21 at 1 pm. Ingathering is Sept 17 and the Groton 125th Celebration is Sept 18. A delicious lunch was served by Twila Ruden and Jeanne Wanous. Hostesses for the Sept 21 meeting at 2 pm are Audrey Thurston and MaryAnn Wehde.

Sow for yourselves
 righteousness,
 reap the fruit
 of unfailing
 love ...

Hosea 10:12, NIV



Our Church Celebrations

- Groton
- Sept 2 Kylie Hawkins
- Sept 6 Perryn Dobbins
- Sept 7 Alana Wolken
- Sept 8 Laurel & Monte McNickle
- Sept 9 Clint & Audrey Jacobson
- Sept 11 Audrey Jacobson
- Sept 12 Alexa Nilsson
Cliff Pray
- Sept 13 Richard Krueger
- Sept 14 Bob Wehde
Gerald & Ann Rix
- Sept 15 Mason Madsen
- Sept 16 Camille Sippel
- Sept 17 Jackson Strom
Kyler Ell
- Sept 19 Diann Morehouse



- Sept 20 Marjory Townsend
- Sept 23 Carolyn Snyder
- Sept 24 Jesse Overacker
Turner Webb
- Sept 26 Alan Strom
Alejandra Heitmann
- Sept 29 Bob Johnson
Conde
- Sept 5 Chuck Trapp
- Sept 7 Jerry & Bev Bonn
Bev Bonn
Richard Worlie
- Sept 8 Eva Lyren
- Sept 13 Shane Bruckner
- Sept 27 Alex Lyren
- Sept 28 Rex & Larae Taylor
- Sept 29 Bud & Julie Bruckner

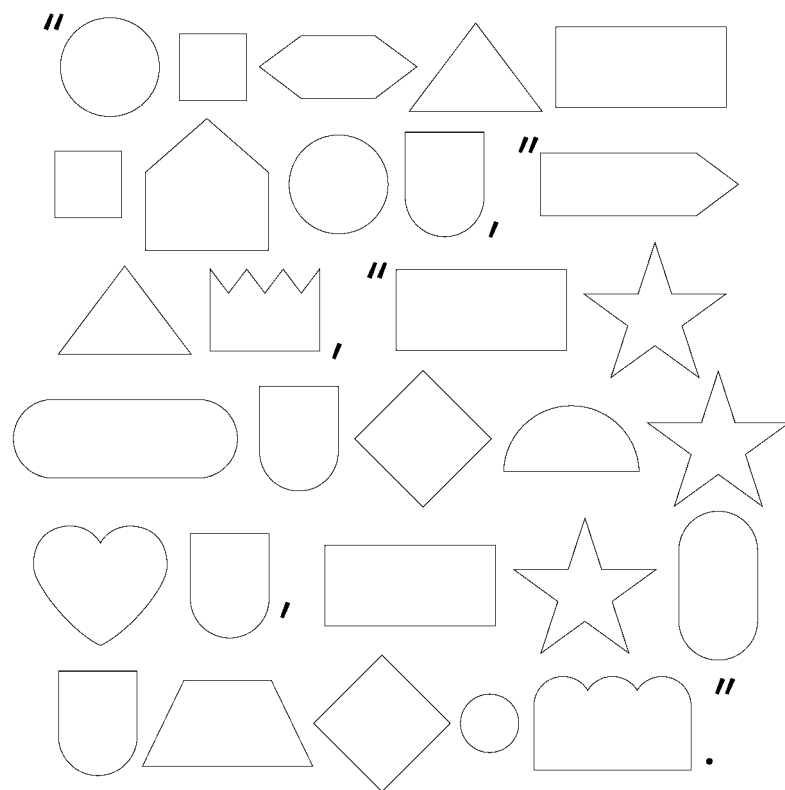
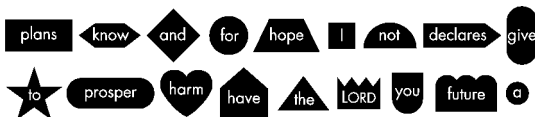




GOD'S PLAN

When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.



Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)



Scouting News

The new meeting time is Monday at 6:30-7:30 every week. We will try this for a month.

We will have a float in the home coming parade which is 9/16/11.

We are planning on going to an NSU football game and we need another adult leader. We are planning on going to the Gypsy Day football game on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 2:30pm. The 2nd adult needs to talk directly to Clint to let him know.

September 26 - Court of Honor with Potluck at 6:30pm



Confirmation will be on Wednesdays from 4-5:30 with UMYF starting at 6:30pm. This year the UMYF will be split between the 6th-8th graders and the 9th-12th graders.

Sept. 7th UMYF pre-planning (homecoming float)

Sept. 14th UMYF pre-planning (homecoming float) Grill OUT in the parking lot.

Sept. 21st Confirmation Starts 4-5:30pm // UMYF Kick-off night 6:30pm Sept.

Oct. 7th-8th Youth Workers Connection @ Lake Poinsett (Pastor Matt is leading this event for all conference youth workers)

Oct. 9th-10th Confirmation Camp @ Lake Poinsett (Confirmation Students and leader(s))

Where do your church donations go?

Groton Stewardship Report August 2011

Average Wkly Giving \$2,171

Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,030

Average Weekly Attendance 71

Total Building Fund Donations \$40

In Groton each \$1.00 of the budget breaks down to:

- Pastor's Salary, Insurance & Retirement = \$.37
- Dakotas Conference Payments = \$.26
- Church Utilities = \$.10
- Office Expenses = \$.07
- Parsonage Utilities & Insurance = \$.05
- Church Janitor = \$.04
- Music & Worship = \$.04
- Education = \$.03
- Member Services = \$.02
- Church Insurance = \$.02

All mission projects (both local and conference) are supported by separate offerings.

Where does your Dakotas Conference dollar go?

- World service & Conference Benevolences = \$.30
- Pensions & Insurance = \$.29
- Administration = \$.28

Where does your World Service & Conference Benevolences dollar go?

- Ministerial Support = \$.14
- World Service Fund = \$.22
- Global Ministries = \$.15
- Campus Ministry = \$.14
- Congregational Development = \$.11
- Leadership Development Office = \$.09
- Camping & Youth Office = \$.08
- Camp & Retreat Ministries = \$.07
- Communications Office = \$.05
- Black College Fund = \$.03
- Youth Ministries = \$.02
- Africa University = \$.01
- Leadership Council = \$.01
- Lay Ministries = \$.01
- Justice Ministries, Safe sanctuaries, COSROW, Resource Library, & District Resource All = less than \$.01



For you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Faith

I will not doubt, though all my ships at sea
 Come drifting home with broken masts and sails;
 I will believe the hand which never fails,
 From seeming evil worketh good to me.
 And, though I weep because those sails are battered,
 Still will I cry, while my best hopes lie shattered,
 "I trust in Thee." —Ella Wheeler Wilcox



Groton Ad Council Minutes - August

Youth Education: It was reported that approximately 40 children attended this year's Vacation Bible School. The official kickoff for UMYF will be the evening of September 21. There will be a middle school group led by Cheri Strom and a senior high group led by Justin Morehouse. The sixth graders will attend the senior high group.

Pastor Matt discussed the work he is

doing currently to prepare for his ordination. This is a six-year process once you are a declared a candidate to be ordained. If all goes well, he will be ordained in June, 2012.

The 125th Anniversary committees are working hard planning the worship service, the meal, the program, historical displays and many details to make September 18, a special day in our church history.



Terror no more

“O LORD, you will hear the desire of the meek; you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed, so that those from earth may strike terror no more” (Psalm 10:17-18, NRSV).

Ten years have passed since that tragic September morning in 2001, when terrorists took thousands of innocent lives and shattered America's sense of security. As we reflect on this anniversary, Psalm 10 reminds us that God is on the side of the victim, the weak and the helpless. He won't ignore the cries of people in need, and he always ensures that justice is ultimately done.

Seek to please

Shift your prayer life from “Please, God” to “Please God.” Take the comma out of those two words when you pray, and transition your praying from asking God for things to asking God for the pleasure of God's pleasure.

—Homiletics

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Groton Family Committee - October

- Alan Strom
- Pam & Roger Rix
- Jeanne Wanous
- Melissa & Neil Gilbert
- Josh & Merrie Atherton
- Kelli & Lars Hanson, Dylan
- Lynette & Terry Furman
- Francine & Mark Sippel, Camille
- Carol & Pat Knecht
- Kent Webb
- John Padfield
- Pernell & Noella Graf
- Kevin Pharis
- Yvonne Lorenz
- Karla & Russell Davidson, Michaela Oleson, Alec Oleson

Honorary Members

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

Extra Responsibilities

- Oct 2 World Communion, change altar cloths to white
- Oct 9 change altar cloths to green
- Care for the lawn as needed
- Clean North Storage Room by wiping down walls, woodwork/cobwebs. Straighten tables and notify members of unclaimed property by posting list in newsletter
- Potluck October 16th
- On 5th Sunday may buy donuts - bill to Kay Brandt



SEPTEMBER

September 2011						
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Our Church Happenings

- Sept 6 Groton 125th Celebration RSVP Deadline
- Sept 7 Groton UMYF-preplanning (homecoming float)
- Sept 7 Groton Men's Choir Rehearsal for 125th at 7 pm
- Sept 14 Groton UMYF pre-planning with parking lot Grill Out
- Sept 15 Groton Men's Choir Rehearsal for 125th at 7 pm
- Sept 17 Ingathering in Mitchell

Sept 18 Groton 125th Celebration Sunday (Schedule Page 4)

- Sept 18 Groton Sunday School Rally Sunday
- Sept 20, 21, 22 Groton Lefse making starting 9 am and Weds Evening
- Sept 21 Conde UMW 10 am
- Sept 21 Groton UMW 2 pm Exec Mtg 1 pm
- Sept 21 Confirmation Starts 4 pm
- Sept 21 Groton UMYF Kick-off night 6:30
- Sept 25 Groton Baptism/Blessings Shower - Max Suther
- Sept 27-30 Leadership Training Institute in Kansas City
- Oct 7-8 Youth Workers Connection at Lake Poinsett (Pastor Matt is Leader)
- Oct 7-8 UMW Dakotas Annual Conference in Pierre
- Oct 9-10 Confirmation Camp @ Lake Poinsett
- Oct 16 Membership Sunday
- Oct 16 Groton Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Potluck following worship