



United Methodist Messenger

JUNE 2012

GROTON/CONDE PARISHES

Dear Friends in Groton & Conde

Summer officially begins the on 21st of June, but for so many of us it feels as though it's already here. I am excited about all the good things this summer will bring. For me the kickoff of summer will be at Annual Conference in Sioux Falls where I will be Ordained. This has been a long journey for me and I am ready for this milestone of faith, the beginnings of which began when I was sixteen years old and had an initial sense that God had a calling for my life.

This sense of calling took place at Storm Mountain Camp and Retreat Center, a place that will always have special meaning for me. It's one of the reasons why I believe that camping and retreat ministry is so important to the overall ministry of the church. Because, it's often the case that, in those sacred moments, in places set apart, focused thought and the realization of life changing experiences can lead to the discernment of God's calling for your life.

That's not to say that the cab of a combine or tractor can't serve the same purpose. Time set apart for reflection and meditation is always beneficial to the Christian, no matter where that takes place. It can be the same for a vehicle. Any place that is set apart can be useful for this purpose. It really depends on where you as an individual are at in your journey of faith at that time in your life.

I used to own a 1978 International Scout. It was a neat truck; I loved taking that thing 4 wheeling. The previous owner had ordered it with features that you

wouldn't normally find on a Scout. The darn thing had cruise control! During the summer I had a lot of fun with it because of the fiberglass convertible hardtop. Reflecting back on those times, it's no wonder why we become attached to our vehicles. For some, the inside of a vehicle can serve as a place where they can find silence, peace and a place set apart for focused thought and prayer.

The important thing to take away from all this is that it's important for the Christian to make space and time for the purpose of intentional thought and prayer as well as meditation on the Holy Scriptures. Our lives are too busy for us not to consider this. For the sake of our own sanity and also the sake of those who depend on us, such Sabbath time is required.

So this summer, I hope and pray for all of you, that you'll be able to continue to find Sabbath in sacred spaces, places set apart and declared holy. And for those of you who have not yet found that space, I hope that you soon will and that you'll begin the practice of intentional thought, prayer and the meditation on Holy Scripture.

I hope to see you in church,
Pastor Matt

Groton VBS
Photos
throughout the
newsletter



Graduates
Right



Confirmation
Below



Thank You

Thank you to all who helped decorate for the May Breakfast. It was a fun theme and we hope all who attended enjoyed it as much as we did creating it. Thank you also to those who brought items for us to use. The items are in the North Storage room for you to pick up at your convenience.

Scouts Schedule

- 6/9- Scout/Parent Cookout 3-7pm @ Clint's
- 6/13- Scout Mtg 7-9pm
- 6/20- Parent Mtg 7-8pm
- 6/27- Scout Mtg 7-9pm
- 7/11- Scout Mtg 7-9pm
- 7/18- Parent Mtg 7-8pm
- 7/25- Scout Mtg 7-9pm
- 7/29-8/4 Camp Wilderness, Northern MN



Groton UMW - May

On May 16th at 2 p.m. fifteen members of the Groton UMW gathered as Clare Brotherton and Jolene Townsend presented a program entitled "Radical Hospitality." Its message was we sometimes have to get out of our comfort zone as we extend hospitality individually and as a unit.

The Purpose was recited as President Gloria Pharis began the business meeting. Doris Zoellner was on hand to read devotions from Psalms which emphasized the beauty of God's handiwork. Doris noted that spring is a special time to appreciate that beauty.

The minutes and financial reports were read and approved as well as correspondence. Old Business was a review of the Conde Friendship Night. Nine Groton UMW members attended enjoying the interesting program and the delicious salad luncheon which

followed. The May Breakfast received many great reviews as well.

During new business, no committee reports were given. The Goodwill Trailer will be located in the parking lot of the Emanuel Lutheran Church. Gloria Pharis gave a report on a program she had seen recently entitled "Sweet Dreams." It is associated with the Head Start program. It is something the UMW can consider later.

The June 20th meeting will be held at 7.m. with either Carna Atherton-Pray on Women's Health Services or the "Sweet Dreams" program being presented.

At the close of the meeting, a delicious lunch was served by Carol Strom and Jeanne Wanous. Hostesses for the June 20th meeting are Jane Johnson and Linda Thurston.

UMW
Pledges
Can still be
turned in to
Jeanne
Wanous.

Groton UMW June 20th

7 pm - Wednesday

Program is Women's Health Services

By Carna Atherton-Pray

Hostesses are Linda Thurston and Jane Johnson

Officers & Program Resource Chairmen Meet at 6:30 pm to select recipient of Mission Recognition and Select Jewel of a Woman Award

Conde UMW - June

Meeting is June 13 at 10 am

Program: Pentecost: A Mighty Wind

Leader: Pat Siefken

Hostesses: Donna Hearnen

& Lois Trapp

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

Our Church Celebrations

Groton

- | June 1 Anita Lowary
- | June 3 Donald Nissen
- | June 4 Gary & Caralee Heitmann
- | Janice Raap
- | Jay Johnson
- | June 5 Jennifer Miller
- | June 6 Bailee Zoellner
- | June 7 Peyton Padfield
- | June 8 Lacey Voss
- | June 11 Jim & Mendy Jones
- | June 13 Roger Rix
- | June 14 Danielle Schinkel
- | Roger Overacker
- | Doug & Pam Bahr
- | June 15 Gene & Ruby Luce
- | Jesse & Jaymie Overacker
- | Eugenia Strom
- | June 16 Gavin Voss
- | Harry Pharis, Jr.
- | June 17 Jesse Morehouse
- | Kristopher Oleson
- | June 18 Nick Strom
- | June 19 Garrett & Sindi Heitmann
- | Pat Dahlquist
- | June 20 Robert Snyder
- | June 21 Ben & Kristi Peterson
- | Gary & Linda Thurston
- | June 22 Angela Dobbins
- | June 23 Kaycie Hawkins
- | Shaylee Peterson
- | Twila Ruden

- June 24 Steve & Robin O'Neill
- June 25 Carol Knecht
- Tanae Lipp
- June 27 Elaine Wolken
- June 28 Sindi Heitmann
- June 29 Carly Gilbert
- Derick Furman
- John & Meri Erickson
- June 20 Spencer Knecht
- Conde**
- June 4 Paxton Bonn
- Pat Siefken
- Lois Trapp
- June 5 Norman & Cindy Smith
- June 6 Keith Hanlon
- June 12 Jerry Bonn
- June 13 Guy Hanlon
- Donna Hannon
- Dwight & Katy Lyren
- June 14 Betty Taylor
- June 15 Janice Herman
- June 20 Cary Bruckner
- June 22 Julie Bruckner
- June 26 Grant Hanson
- June 27 Lance Haskell
- June 30 Betty Barrie
- Marion & Betty Jensen



Faith & Fellowship

Coming this Fall!
Wednesday
Evening
Worship
Services

Can't make Sunday morning? You will be able to worship on Wednesday evening.



Peace with Justice Sunday - June 10th

“We want to be a part of changing the lives of others through sharing with them the Word of God and to do whatever is needed through our advocacy.”

—Angelica Justiniano, UMYFP president, Philippines Annual Conference

Half of the Philippines’ 101 million people, and most of its poor, live in depressed rural areas, many barely surviving by farming. They suffer from historic inequality in the distribution of land and resources, resulting in high unemployment, hunger, illiteracy and violent conflicts between insurgents and government forces.

But United Methodists there are making connections in order to make a difference. A small grant funded by the **Peace with Justice Sunday offering** helps Filipinos in the Southern Tagalog region build faith-based partnerships to foster solutions to the poverty and injustice that burdens this tiny nation.

Through its Just Peace League, the Southern Tagalog Provisional Philippines Annual Conference East teaches youth and adults to struggle alongside commu-

nities for justice, economic sustainability and peace.

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) joined the league at its Kongreso ng Kabataan, or Congress of Youth, in 2011. Bible study, lectures and group activities helped nearly 70 young people become more informed and involved leaders in peace with justice ministry.

“It was organized to let our youth have a voice on different issues of our society, especially around agriculture,” reported UMYFP president Angelica Justiniano.

Now the youth are engaged in projects to protect the environment, feed malnourished children and work with poor farmers, “so we can know their problems and the possible solutions they need,” said Justiniano.

Your **Peace with Justice Sunday offering** aids disciples, young and old, who are indeed changing lives and changing the world, inspired by Christ’s gospel of love and liberation.



Father's Day Extravaganza

Stock Cars & Classic Cars

Bring Your Car and Join Us!

Groton UMC on Sunday, June 17th
Worship at 11 am

Meal following with free-will offering for the UMYF Youth Group. Brats, Hotdogs, and Burgers on the grill.

Car Showing from 10 am - 2 pm

EVERYONE WELCOME!



Car trailers can park at the old Trail Chevrolet Building and vehicles will park on the church lawn.



New Groton UMC



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| Marlys Rodman | 397-4570 |
| Audrey Thurston | 397-8493 |
| Pat Dahlquist | 397-2616 |
| Doris Zoellner | 397-2417 |
| Marjorie Townsend | 298-5221 |
| Ann Rix | 397-8478 |
| Darlys Kampa | 395-6996 |
| DeLoris Knoll | 397-2681 |
| Gloria Pharis | 397-2375 |
| Marvel Johnson | 397-2425 |

*Currently 84 on email prayer chain. If you are not on this list or the email list, please notify the church office.

We must have your permission to start the Prayer Chain. So please call and request this to be done. It is not automatic for privacy reasons.





★ A FATHER'S ★ INSTRUCTION

★ Although babies don't come with instructions, ★
God tells parents how to raise their children.

Directions: Fill in the blanks with letters, using the number grid to find the correct coordinates. The first number goes across, and the second one goes down.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	a	L	d	i	j	g	r
2	m	b	o	k	h	u	s
3	e	n	c	x	t	p	f

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 4,1 2,3 7,2 5,3 7,1 6,2 3,3 5,3 4,1 3,2 2,3
 3,2 7,3 5,3 5,2 1,3 2,1 3,2 7,1 3,1"

EPHESIANS 6:4, NIV

Answers: "... bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

Out of order

A confirmation teacher asked students to list the Ten Commandments in any order. One girl wrote "3, 6, 1, 8, 4, 5, 9, 2, 10, 7."

Fortunate typo

A pastor had his sermon titles published weekly in the city newspaper. One Monday, he phoned to thank the paper for making an error.

"The topic I sent you was 'What Jesus Saw in a Publican,'" he said. "You printed it as 'What Jesus Saw in a Republican.' I had the biggest crowd of the year."

The winner

A father of five won a toy in a raffle. He gathered his young children to ask who should get the present.

"Who's the most obedient?" Dad asked. "Who never talks back to Mom? Who does everything she says?"

Five small voices answered in unison, "Okay, Dad, you get the toy."



Groton Ad Council - May

We have approximately six youth registered for camping this year. Our church helps pay a portion of the fees with the help from funds in memory of Mamie Johnson and the Green Foundation.

There will be a meeting in early June to design the up-coming Wednesday night services along with brain storming ways to enhance our regular Sunday morning worship.

Pastor Matt shared the recent and up-

coming activities surrounding the process he is going through to become ordained on June 8 at 7 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Sioux Falls. Recent activities included sharing his testimony and faith journey in front of the bishop.

The search continues for two volunteers to share the Sunday School Superintendent position. Please consider visiting with Pastor Matt about this opportunity.

Groton Mission Statement
“Enriching Spiritual lives through Christ.”

Don't forget God

Robert Brault said, “A vacation trip is one-third pleasure, fondly remembered, and two-thirds aggravation, entirely forgotten.”

Much of the hassle involved with “getting away” comes from packing. What do we need? How can we save space? Where are the items we haven’t used since the last vacation?

Inevitably, we forget something – sunscreen, umbrella, diapers. Vacationers miss these items almost immediately and quickly replace them. Do we also often “forget” the Bible at home? Do we leave our prayer and worship routines behind? Do we take a vacation from our faith?

We may not notice those missing “items” as quickly, but they’re crucial nonetheless. God never schedules a “getaway” from us. This summer, take a vacation with God, not from God.

Groton July Family Committee

JoAnn & Richard Krueger

Crystal Sippel

Pat Dahlquist

Chris & Sherwin Nyberg

Joyce & Allen Walter

Gloria & Harry Pharis

Doug Sippel

Michelle & Chuck Padfield

Marjory Townsend

Marie McClintic & Larry Schnaidt

Randy & Rebecca Padfield

Darlys Kampa

Honorary Members

- Eugene & Ruby Luce
- Ruth Thompson
- Richard Voss
- Jean Walter
- Twila Ruden

July Extra Responsibilities

- Mow lawn each week
- July 1 white altar cloths for communion
- July 8 green altar cloths
- 5th Sunday - may buy donuts and turn bill into Kay Brandt

Groton Stewardship Report May 2012

Average Wkly Giving
\$1,870

Needed Wkly for Church Mission
\$2,045

Average Weekly Attendance
90

Total Building Fund Donations
\$145

July 2012						
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Our Church Happenings

- June 6-8 Annual Conference in Sioux Falls
- June 8 Pastor Matt Ordination at 7 pm Sioux Falls First Church
- June 10 Peace with Justice Sunday
- June 11 Worship Committee Meeting 7 pm
- June 12 Membership Committee Meeting 7 pm
- June 13 Conde UMW 10 am
- June 17 Father's Day Extravaganza! Poster Details in Newsletter!
- June 20 Groton UMW Officers & Program Chairmen Meet 6:30 pm
- June 20 Groton UMW 7 pm
- June 24 Conde World Hunger Sunday
- June 24 Groton Trustees Mtg during Coffee Hour
- June 24 Groton Ad Council 12:30

June 2012						
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