

Dear Friends in Groton and Conde,

On my recent trip to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, there was a lot of windshield time, which meant that I had a lot of time to reflect on life. My grandmother's sudden fall and need of care was a clarion call to us as a family that we have a lot of work ahead of us in caring for our dear elderly matriarch. And through the process of that we might just find reconciliation.

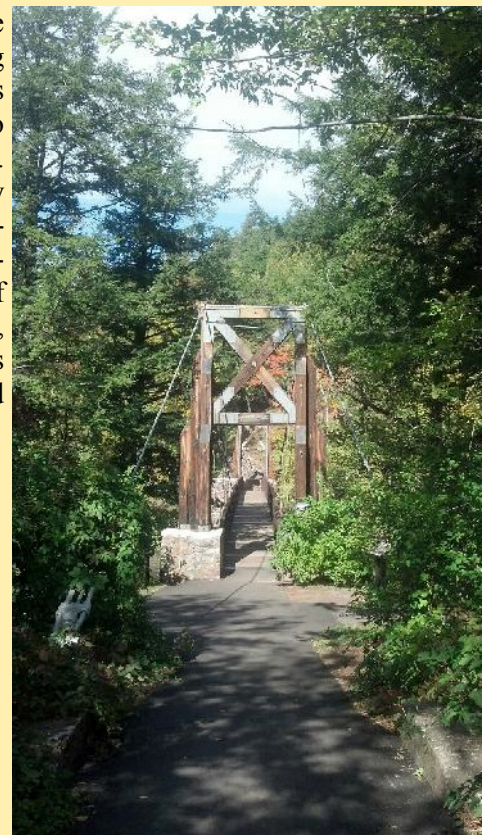
Since my contemporary theology class in seminary, I have been a process theologian; believing that something good can come from something bad and that we are all unfinished products until we are perfected by God's pure love. And that evil exists in the world to help point us to and understand the good and perfect nature of God. And so even though my grandmother's circumstance is unfortunate, it presents an opportunity for the family to reconcile and deepen our relationships not only with each other but also with her.

Have you found that to be true in your own lives? Have there been events or circumstances that have been difficult to move through or even seemingly impossible to overcome and yet something good comes out of it. There is a light at the end of the tunnel and that light points us to Christ and to the perfect nature of God. Some of us may have even questioned God along the way and found ourselves to be much like Job in the sense that we become angry and irritated with God and anything that may represent God (like the church or the pastor.) And yet despite this God's

love hasn't changed. God hasn't moved. God is steadfast.

As I was leaving the Upper Peninsula on my journey home, I thought I would take a scenic detour and drive out to Black River Harbor on the shores of Lake Superior. This was the place where my family would gather on Sunday afternoons after my grandmother had finished her preaching for the day. The family memories came flooding back. As I made my way through the state park campus I approached the old cable footbridge that takes you across the Black River inlet to the other side where you can walk down the path to the harbor beach. Like an old friend that is always there to support you, that wooden cable bridge spans the distance from one side to the other bearing with it all the carved names and memories of those who have walked its' boards. The old bridge seemingly unchanged through the generations in that moment became for me a symbol of God's never changing love, a reminder that there is something much larger and glorious on the other side.

I hope to see you in church,
Pastor Matt



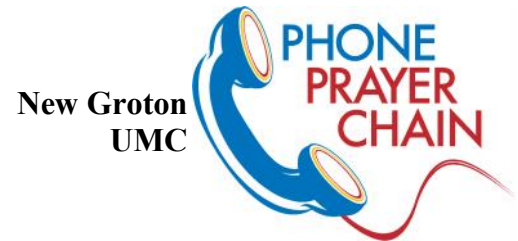


Something Different

EVERYONE WELCOME

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:15 PM

GROTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**New Groton
UMC**

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.



UMYF Parade Float

Thank You Notes

Thank You to everyone for their support for the book fair. The Sunday school received many free and 1/2 priced books.

Thank you to all who sent cards, gifts, and calls for my 80th birthday. Special thanks to my family. God Bless, Marjory Townsend.

Thank you to Gloria Pharis for donating cookies to the Brown County Fair for our church. Ad Council

Dear Methodist Church Members, Thank you so much for your donation to the Pre-school & Junior Kindergarten classes in Groton. We really appreciate your kindness and generosity. Thanks again! Julie Milbrandt and Paula Johnson



Groton UMW - September

There were fifteen members present with Twila Ruden giving the program "Peace as Action." Twila read from Luke that explained at the time of Jesus many women supported his ministry. She went on to tell the unit that women are more inclined to give than receive and that women use Peace as Action in their everyday lives to promote the ministry of Jesus.

President Gloria Pharis began the meeting with everyone reciting the Purpose. Doris Zoellner read devotions. The minutes were read and approved as well as the financial report given.

Old business began with Audrey Padfield thanking the unit for her "Jewel of a Woman" pin. She was truly pleased, surprised, and overcame that all her family was in attendance. The fall bazaar committee had met with prices, menu, etc. being decided. The lefse making was completed with 170 packages at \$10.00 (6 rounds) on Sept. 16th-18th. Twila reported that a picture and story has been placed in the local papers and the Aberdeen News for the Oct. 3 bazaar as a classified ad. The need for extra dish towels was donated by Sherri Strom and purchased at Runnings.

Marjorie Townsend reported that there

were three deceased members from Membership and three new members added. Other new business came from Sharon Wheeting. She stated that several read books, but did not fill out the reports. It was decided to purchase two new thirty cup coffee pots from a recent family donation to the UMW. Clare Brotherton made a motion to buy the coffee pots and Carolyn Snyder seconded the motion. All agreed.

Jeanne asked for members to have tentative ideas for mission donations at the next meeting. Gloria asked about the need for July and August meetings as well as evening meetings during the summer. There was some discussion, but no action was taken. Reminders: Slate of officers due at the October meeting, save coffee cans, and Oct. 19-20 Women of Faith Convention in Minneapolis.

Next meeting is Oct. 17th at 2 p.m. with Jeanne Wanous giving the program: "Sowing, Hope, and Love" World Thank Offering. Hostesses are Ida Hannon and Deloris Knoll.

Darlys Kampa and Rose Tewksbury served a delicious dessert following the meeting.

GROTON

UMW

MEETING

OCTOBER 17TH

AT 2 PM

JEANNE WANOUS

PROGRAM WITH

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WORLD THANK

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HOSTESSES ARE

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DELORIS KNOLL

Groton Making Lefse for UMW Fall Bazaar



GOD
is Listening

Our Church Celebrations

Groton

- Oct 2 Winifred Fawcett
- Oct 4 Fred Wolken
Josh Atherton
- Oct 5 Jeanne Wanous
- Oct 7 Allen Walter
- Oct 8 Gloria Pharis
Lars & Kelli Hanson
- Oct 10 Dan & Marjae Schinkel
Megan Erickson
- 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 22 Kara Pharis
- Oct 23 Randy Stanley
- Oct 24 Karla Davidson
- Oct 25 Lars Hanson
- Oct 26 Harry & Gloria Pharis
ImoJeanne Oliver
- Oct 29 Connie Nilsson
- Oct 30 Holden Sippel

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



CONDE UMW

MEETING

OCTOBER 17TH AT

10 AM

“TELL YOUR

STORY”BY PATTY

KNOLL

HOSTESSES PAT

SIEFKEN & CINDY

SMITH

UMW Jewel of a Woman - Audrey Padfield



Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

The Children's Bible in a Nutshell

A child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible. Here is what was written:

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one,' but I think He must be a lot older than that.

Anyway, God said, 'Give me a light!' and someone did.

Then God made the world. He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet.

Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden.....Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable.

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your

neighbor's stuff.

Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Honor thy father and thy mother.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geriitol and the fence fell over on the town.

After Joshua came David.. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore. There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New Testament.. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn.(I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.')

During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Republicans.

Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas A sparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.

Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount.

But the Republicans and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.



Local

Missions

Groton Missions

We will be starting the coin collection during children's sermon during church this month to raise money for Holiday Gift Certificates to be given out locally. Please save your coins and support this mission!

Death Announcement - Grant Piehl

Just to let you know that Grant passed away on September 29th Saturday night from a heart attack. He had congestive heart failure for many years, & the function of his heart was 25% quite a while ago – several years ago & I suspect it had become a lot less. He also had chronic kidney disease in stage 3 with stage 4 being the worst & in June he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease & was doing pretty good with that with medication. He got worse a few days ago & had a hard time walking even with a walker. He passed away here at home. When the ambulance came, he had a low pulse & they

did everything they could but couldn't bring him around – we had decided not to have each other survive on machines so we let him go to his Lord. He loved the Pastorate & especially loved kids & being one of the leaders at camp. He never complained about his physical problems. The funeral will be on This Thursday October 4th at 2:00 at the United Methodist Church in Casselton ND

Eileen Piehl
2849 158th Ave SE
Casselton, ND 58012

Rev Grant Piehl Obituary

- BORN: April 15, 1943
- DIED: September 29, 2012
- LOCATION: Casselton, North Dakota
Rev. Grant Piehl, 69, Casselton, ND went to be with his Lord on Saturday, September 29, 2012 at his home.

Grant John Piehl was born on April 15, 1943 in Gaylord, MN to Lester and Olive (West) Piehl. He grew up in the Hector, MN area and graduated from Hector High School in 1961. He then attended Vennard College and Spring Arbor College in Spring Arbor, Michigan earning a BA degree in 1966. He continued his education at Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, KY graduating with a Master of Divinity degree in 1969. As a United Methodist Pastor, he served at Kulm-Jud from 1969-1972, Lansford-Donnybrook-Maxbass until 1976, Bowbells-Kenmare, Coteau until 1982, Langdon-Hannah until 1983, Langdon until 1992, Streeter-Medina-Tappen until 2002, Groton-Conde-Andover until 2005, Napoleon-Lehr until 2008 when he retired.

Grant married the love of his life, Eileen Carol Jonas on January 29, 1966. They moved to the Jonas family farm near

Amenia, ND when he retired.

He loved playing with the grandchildren, pastoring churches, collecting 1/64 tractors, reading about ND history and visiting with his children.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen of Ameniam; four children, Latha (Larry) Pederson of St. Michael, MN, David Piehl of Minneapolis, MN, Joel (Linda) Piehl of Jamestown, ND, and Jeff (Heather) Piehl of Clear Lake, MN; 9 grandchildren; Brennan and Therin Pederson, Brittney Topliff, Jake, Zach, Nicholas, and Ben Piehl, Tyler and Katelyn Piehl; sisters, Carrie Tyner of Kansas City, MO and Nancy (Steve) Mabuice of St. Louis, MO. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Lorrie Berntson and brothers-in-law, Paul Berntson and Don Tyner.

Heaven has gained a wonderful person and faithful servant who served God as a United Methodist Pastor. He loved his wife and children beyond measure and would have gone to the ends of the earth and back for his grandchildren.

He was a gentle giant of a man and was so truly loved and will be greatly missed.

Warm HARVEST COBBLER

These fall flavors will remind you of all the season's goodness.

What you need:

- An adult to help



Fruit mixture

- 4 cups apples and/or pears (peeled, cored and diced)
- 2 cups fresh cranberries, halved
- ¼ cup dried cranberries
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 3 Tablespoons cornstarch

Crumble topping

- 1 cup flour
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ cup butter

What you do:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease 8" or 9" baking dish.
2. Prepare fruit mixture and place in baking dish.
3. In another bowl, combine dry ingredients. Add in cut butter until it's a crumbly texture. Sprinkle over fruit mixture.
4. Bake for 45-50 minutes or until fruit juices bubble and topping is browned.
5. Optional: Serve with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream.

Groton UMC Fall Bazaar



Groton November Family Committee

- Anita & John Lowary**
Brian & Andrea Bahr
 Connie & Dave Nilsson
 Logan Nilsson
 John & Meri Erickson
 Kayla & Adam Suther
 Adrienne & Tigh Flihs
 Doug Bahr
 Dion Bahr
 William Zoellner
 Steve & Becky Diegel
 Jay & Linda Johnson
 Shirley Lawson
 Bert & Janice Raap
 Kim & Craig Weber
Honorary Members

- Doris Strom
- Emery Sippel
- Ida Hannon

November Extra Responsibilities

- Nov 4th change altar cloths to white for communion
- Nov 11th altar cloths change to green
- Nov 25th change altar cloths to white - Christ the King Sunday
- Put up church indoor and outdoor decorations with December committee and all church members (check date with Pastor)
- No Potluck if Men have their dinner

**Groton Stewardship Report
 September 2012**

Average Wkly Giving
 \$2,116

Needed Wkly for Church Mission
 \$2,045

Average Weekly Attendance Sunday
 77

Average Weekly Attendance WOW
 39

Total Building Fund Donations
 \$65

GROTON MISSION STATEMENT
 "ENRICHING SPIRITUAL LIVES THROUGH CHRIST."

November 2012						
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Our Church Happenings

- Oct 7 World Communion Sunday
- Oct 11 PPR Mtg 7 pm Groton
- Oct 14 Groton New Member Sunday with Potluck
- Oct 17 Conde UMW 10 am
- Oct 17 Groton UMW 2 pm
- Oct 18 Groton Nominations Mtg 7 pm
- Oct 21 Groton Ad Council 12:30 pm
- Oct 28 Conde World Hunger Sunday
- Oct 28 Groton Trustees meet during coffee hour
- Nov 11 Groton Men's Dinner
- Nov 27 Charge Conference at 6:30 pm in Groton
- Dec 9 Groton Sunday School Christmas Program

October 2012						
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