

Labor Day Reflections

Labor Day brings to mind picnics, cookouts and family gatherings. Falling on the first Monday in September, it marks the unofficial end of summer and the beginning of a new school year. But the holiday was created in 1882 to honor the social and economic contributions of American workers.

In a strong economy, it's easy to take for granted the ability to work and be paid well. But times have changed during the past few years, with many people still struggling with unemployment and underemployment.

During our holiday celebrations this year, let's give thanks for the jobs we have, pray for those who aren't as fortunate and offer words of encouragement or help to someone who needs it.

Dates for future reference...

- Oct 3 Groton UMW Fall Bazaar 4-7 pm. No WOW Service
- Oct 7 World Communion Sunday
- Oct 14 Groton New Member Sunday with Potluck
- Nov 11 Groton Men's Dinner
- Nov 25 Charge Conference at 7 pm in Groton
- Dec 9 Groton Sunday School Christmas Program

Celebrate Grandparents

Several sociological factors are affecting grandparents' role. Because families are spread out geographically, "long-distance grandparenting" is now common. On the other end of the spectrum, many grandparents are actually raising their grandchildren.

Despite modern-day challenges and changes, grandparents are more important than ever for providing kids with a sense of history and heritage. Whether through social media and Skype or special outings and storytelling, the older generation has a variety of avenues for connecting with grandkids.

In the process, grandparents can share their Christian faith. "One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4, NIV).





School Supplies were donated to the Groton Elementary School by the Groton UMC. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

80th Birthday Celebration

Marjorie Townsend is turning 80 on September 20th so let's help her celebrate with a card shower! Send greetings to 41258 138th St, Andover, SD 57422 or call 298-5221.

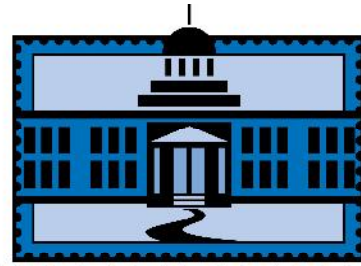


Thank You

Dear Methodist Members, Thank you so much for ALL the supplies you purchased for us for our kindergarten rooms! What a great treat! We will be able to use all the supplies - thank you! We appreciate you SO much - Sincerely, Mrs. Gibbs & Mrs. Swisher & Mrs. Milbrandt

Thank you for the generous gift of the sweatshirt for graduation. It will keep me warm during the winter months at college at SDSU. Thanks Again! Mitchell Madsen

Wanted!



NEW ADDRESSES FOR COLLEGIANS

Looking for the addresses of college kids.
Please email them to the office at
grotonumc@nvc.net

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

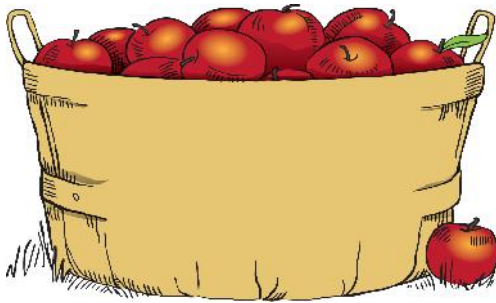
*Currently 84 on email prayer chain. If you are not on this list or the email list, please notify the church office.

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.

Groton UMC Making Lefse

UMW Fall Bazaar will be taking place October 3 from 4-7 pm. There will be no WOW Worship Service that night.

Lefse making will take place Sept 17, 18, and 19th starting at 9 am till mid-afternoon. Please bring lefse supplies and come to help at anytime to learn, roll, fry, do some dishes, or just visit. Everyone is welcome to join in this time of fun.



Groton UMW Meeting - August

The August 22 UMW meeting began at 7p.m. with Yvonne Lange presenting the program “Walk with a Child.” She reported on the organization “World Vision” which works to break the cycle of poverty and strives to help the poor in over a 100 countries around the world. It provides food, clean water, health care, education, and learning about how much God loves them etc. to help break the cycle of poverty in these counties. Yvonne also explained part of breaking this cycle is to sponser a child in one of these countries.

There were 13 members present. The minutes of the June 20 meeting were read and approved as well as the financial report was given.

President Gloria Pharis introduced old business reporting the Mission report and Reading Program have been submitted. New business began with discussion of the fall bazaar to be held Oct. 3. Jolene is planning to prepare potatoes beginning on Sept. 16th (for lefse) and on Monday Sept. 17th in the morning people can begin rolling

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

Conde UMW
September 19 at 10 AM
Program is “We in the world” Patterns of Consumption
Leader Donna Hearnen
Hostesses are Patty Knoll & Pat Siefken

and frying. If necessary, lefse making could be continued through Sept. 19th. Look for sign-up sheets and more information in the bulletin. The kitchen committee will be planning a meeting in the near future.

Linda Thurston ad council chair gave a list of upcoming events:

- Sept. 5 at 6:15 first WOW service
- Sept. 9 Rally Sunday/UMW honors Sunday school teachers
- Sept. 12 Confirmation begins
- Oct. 3 UMW fall Bazaar
- Nov. 4 Memorial Sunday
- Nov. 11 Men’s dinner

Gloria concluded the meeting with these reminders: The Eastern Sunrise District meeting will be held Sept. 14-15 in Wahpeton and that on Sept. 16 the UMW will present Recognition pins. Lunch was served by Jessica Morehouse and

Chris Nyberg. The next meeting is Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. Twila Ruden will give the program “Peace as Action” with Rose Tewksbury and Darlys Kampa as hostesses.

UMW Meeting
September 19th at 2 pm
Program “Peace as Action” By Twila Ruden
Hostesses are Rose Tewksbury & Darlys Kampa
Executive Mtg at 1 pm

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 10 Bryce Hanson
 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 (80th)
 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 Bev Bonn
 Jerry & 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



New Dakotas Minnesota Episcopal Area Office

September 1, 2012 marks the beginning of the new Dakotas Minnesota Episcopal Area. Bishop Bruce R. Ough will serve as the leader. Sheilah Kyburz (kee-burs) is the administrative assistant for the Bishop.

Sheilah has served in the administrative ministry of The United Methodist Church for over 30 years, not counting the years of volunteer work she did while growing up in her small rural United Methodist congregation in Malta, Illinois.

Sheilah notes, "What I'd like to convey even more than a record of my past is that I view my work as a ministry in Christ rather

than a job; that I look forward to getting to know the pastors, laity and churches of the Dakotas Conference as we become one Episcopal Area."



The Area Office is located in Minneapolis the address and phone number is:

Dakotas Minnesota Episcopal Area Office
122 W. Franklin Ave., Suite 200, Minneapolis, MN 55404
(612) 230-3334

bishop@dakmnareaumc.org
sheilah.kyburz@dakmnarea.org

Education Notes

Sept 5 after the WOW Service at 7 pm there is a Sunday School meeting to finalize Rally Sunday and decorate rooms. We still need teachers. Book Fair will be taking place.

UMYF Bakers Needed! UMYF needs two pans of bars each week for their meetings. If you can help them out, please sign up with Kami Lipp at 380-7081 or 397-2613

Sept 5 UMYF Begins and continues weekly at 7 pm.

Sept 9 Rally Sunday with Potluck

Sept 12 Confirmation Begins 4:15-5:15



Sunday School
Registration

ONLINE









AT THE CHURCH WEBSITE



AMAZING ANIMALS

God created a rich variety of animals to live on the earth.

Directions: Write the name of each animal next to its picture. Then fill in the correct letters to complete Psalm 104:24, NIV.

	1	_____	_____	_____	_____	4		2	_____	9
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“How _____ are your _____ ,
 _____ ! In _____
 you _____ them _____ ;
 the _____ is _____
 of your _____ .”

Answers:
 leopard, dove, donkey, worm, fish, camel, butterfly, ant
 “How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the
 earth is full of your creatures.” (Psalm 104:24, NIV)

Folk Mountain Gospel In Concert



Don & Donna Mohl

Place: Groton United Methodist Church

Date: Sept. 9th

Time: 2:00 pm

Don and Donna Mohl of "Folk Mountain Gospel" have been traveling around the country for over 24 years sharing the love of Jesus through song. We started in Texas, traveling with "The Master's Travelers" with our sons Daniel and David. From the Fall of 1989 to June of 2010 we were with "Simply His" (3 of those years our boys traveled with us). Now, after much prayer and encouragement from others, we continue on as "Folk Mountain Gospel". The Lord continues to open doors and to direct us to continue sharing His message of love and grace in song, and our plan is to follow Him wherever He leads the way. We travel about 48 or 49 weekends of the year, which allows us to continue our "day jobs" during the week (with longer trips 2-3 times a year as vacation time availability allows). Our music is a blend of "mountain" style and folk style gospel. We play traditional and Biblical instruments such as the Bowed Psaltery, Hammered Dulcimer, Mountain Dulcimer, Mandolin, Zither, Guitar, and Harmonica. We also sing the good old hymns of faith, more recent gospel songs and some songs that our family has written related to family values, the grace of Jesus, our Savior, and the love of God. We appreciate your prayers, encouragement and support as we continue to travel for Him!! Please visit us at our web site www.folkmountaingospel.com and sign the guest book if you would like to.



Something Different

EVERYONE WELCOME

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:15 PM

GROTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

College Correspondence

Dear Dad,
 \$chool i\$ really great. I'm making lot\$ of
 friend\$ and \$tudying very hard. With all my
 \$tuff, I \$imply can't think of anything I need.
 \$o if you'd like, you can ju\$t \$end me a card,
 a\$ I'd love to hear from you. Love, Your \$on

Reply:
 I kNOw that astroNOmy, ecoNOmics and
 oceaNOgraphy are eNOugh to keep even an
 hoNOr student busy. Do NOt forget that the
 pursuit of kNOwledge is a NOble task, and you
 can never study eNOugh. Dad



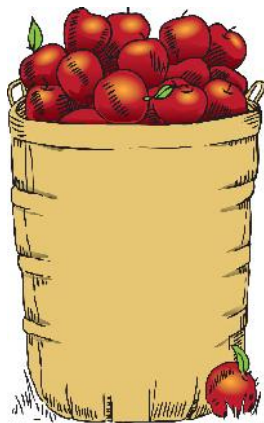
9/11 Remembrance

Groton Ad Council - August

In the area of education, Carna Atherton-Pray reported that plans are being made for a December 9th Children's Christmas Program. In addition a meeting for students who will attend MYF & confirmation and their parents is planned for August 9 in order to explain the programs being offered. Pastor Matt stressed that we are still in need of youth leaders or assistants for the MYF.

The trustees reported that the parsonage will receive new steel roofing and updated landscaping in the near future.

Pastor Matt asked each council member to prepare a list of our church's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for discussion at the next council meeting.



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

LET THE WORDS OF
MY MOUTH
— AND THE —
MEDITATION OF
MY HEART
BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU,
O LORD,
MY ROCK
— AND —
MY REDEEMER.
PSALM 19:14, NRSV

Groton Stewardship Report August 2012
Average Wkly Giving \$1,461
Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,045
Average Weekly Attendance 61
Total Building Fund Donations \$50

October 2012						
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Groton October Family Committee

- Kami & Tom Lipp, Reilly Ell, Kyler Ell**
- Lance & Kristi Hawkins, Katelyn, Kylie**
- Carna & Cliff Pray, Kevin
- Dale & Michelle Kramer
- Karla Pasteur
- Yvonne Lange
- Gayleen & Jon Voss, Lacey
- Cheri & Tom Strom
- Anita & Gary Voss
- Dwight & Eugenia Strom
- Marlys Rodman
- Rose Tewksbury

Honorary Members

- ImoJeanne Oliver
- Doris Zoellner
- Charlotte Lange

October Extra Responsibilities

- Oct 7th World Communion Sunday, change the altar cloths to white
- Oct 14th change the altar cloths to green
- Care for the lawn as needed
- Potluck 2nd Sunday



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Our Church Happenings

- Sept 5 Groton WOW First Service at 6:15 and continues weekly
- Sept 5 Groton Sunday School Mtg after WOW Service at 7 pm
- Sept 5 Groton UMYF Begins and continues weekly at 7 pm
- Sept 9 Groton Rally Sunday with Potluck
- Sept 9 Folk Mountain Gospel will be sharing their message and special instruments at 2 pm at Groton UMC
- Sept 9 Groton UMW will honor Sunday School Teachers
- Sept 12 Confirmation Begins 4:15-5:15 pm
- Sept 15 Young Families/Young Couples Outing at Sica Hollow. Leaving at 1 pm from the church.
- Sept 16 Groton UMW will present recognition Pins
- Sept 16 Groton Ad Council at 12:30
- Sept 17-19 Groton Lefse Making 9 am till mid afternoon
- Sept 19 Conde UMW at 10 am
- Sept 19 Groton UMW at 2 pm Executive Mtg at 1 pm
- Sept 23 Conde World Hunger Sunday
- Sept 26 New Member Orientation following the WOW Service
- Sept 27 Scouts Court of Honor and last meeting
- Sept 30 Newsletter Items Due