

UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER

GROTON/CONDE PARISHES

Dear Friends in Groton & Conde

The Apostle Paul write this, "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God." These words of advice ring true to this very day. Especially in times when we feel overwhelmed by life's circumstances. The frustration builds, we may snap at each other or others in our family. Or our frustrations, pain and hurt may cause us to even damage property.

The night of the ordination service at Annual Conference, I received two notifications. The first was that Marvel Johnson had passed away and the second was a text asking me to call and receive the information that the Groton church had been vandalized. Needless to say, it was not the way I wanted to come home from Annual Conference.

Regardless of the amount of damage a property violation is never easy to deal with, that being said, we wish to thank all of you who assisted with the clean up and the healing process, not

only for the church but also for the young man, who was not in his right mind.

I had the opportunity to meet with the young man; I can tell you that he feels completely broken and responded with remorse and regret. He is a good person who had a momentary lapse of judgment as we all do from time to time.

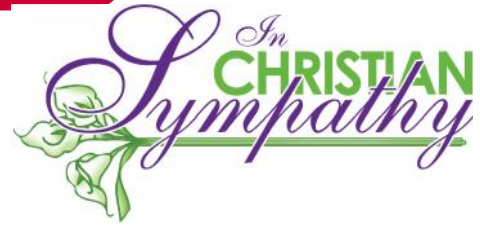
The important thing to do now as we move forward is to remember that God's grace and forgiveness extends to everyone. By keeping our thoughts and hearts on the things above as the Apostle Paul so plainly stated, we are in constant reflection on the goodness of God and the necessity of being the community of God in a wayward and broken world. We ought not let the pain and circumstance of this world consume us. And we achieve by faith through grace alone.

May the love, joy and peace of Jesus Christ reign in your hearts.

I look forward to seeing you in church,

Pastor Matt





Thank You

Memorial Items Purchased: White Boards in memory of Wanda Zoellner, Centerpieces in fellowship hall in memory of Margaret Blader, Folding Screen in memory of Margaret Bllader, Bulletin Board in memory of Margaret Blader.

Sympathies to the family of Marvel Johnson of Groton who passed away June 7.

Sympathies to the family of Arvon Taylor of Conde who passed away on June 9.



Baptism and Blessings Shower Groton

July 28 During Coffee Hour we will honor Tigh Hank Irvin Fliehs who was born May 7. Baptism will follow during worship service. Parents are Tigh and Adrienne.

PPRC Meeting

PPRC meets July 29 at Groton at 7 pm. This includes Betty Geist, Pat Siefken, Meri Erickson, Carna Atherton-Pray, Donna Hearnen, Adrienne Fliehs, Tyke Nyberg, Andrea Bahr, Bud Bruckner, Roger Rix, Lon Gellhuas, Greg Peterson, And Dale Kramer. A group of trustees and PPRC members will meet prior to the PPRC meeting at the parsonage at 6:30 to discuss landscaping.



Family Information

It is now easier to help the church office correct your family information. A new form is now online to fill out and help us. Anytime you have a change in contact information or if we are missing your birthday please let us know! The form is at www.grotonumc.org

Groton Bible Study

The 10 AM Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study is starting a new study July 9. It is a DVD study called "Twelve Women of the Bible" with life-changing stories for women today. It is based on teaching from Lysa Terkeurst and others. A fresh new look at the women in the Bible helps women discover new insights and provides a powerful witness to God's gracious love that will leave you feeling challenged, encouraged, and deeply valued.

We Need Your



Also this is a great way for us to collect the information we need in the office from those who are new members or just interested in our church. It is appreciated when everyone helps us out! Thank you.

Our Church Celebrations

Groton

- Jul 4 Seth Erickson
Madelynn Grenier
- Jul 5 Allen & Joyce Walter
Jasmine Schinkel
- Jul 7 Ida Hannon
- Jul 8 Kelby Hawkins
- Jul 9 Jocelyn Peterson
Jordan Voss
- Jul 10 Pernell & Noella Graf
- Jul 11 Roger & Marjorie Overacker
- Jul 12 Ashtyn Bahr
- Jul 13 Jeff Voss
Jolene Townsend
- Jul 14 Ava Kramer
Chris Nyberg
- Jul 16 Linda Thurston
Richard Voss
- Jul 17 Mackenzie Atherton
- Jul 18 Josh & Merrie Atherton
Kaitlin O'Neill
Kevin Pray
- Jul 19 Carol Strom
- Jul 22 Jean Lowary
- Jul 23 Joyce Walter

Chanda & Logan Nilsson

- Jul 24 Maggie Oliver
Roger & Pam Rix
- Jul 25 Hannah Webb
- Jul 26 Laila Roberts
Pat Knecht
Angela & Perryn Dobbins
- Jul 27 Ryland Strom
Tony Madsen
- Jul 28 Bob & Carolyn Snyder
Craig Weber
- Jul 29 Curtis Krueger
- Jul 30 Megan & Seth Erickson
- Jul 31 Lynette Furman

Conde

- Jul 3 Guy & Renee Hanlon
- Jul 6 Shanna Geist
- Jul 10 Ann Menzia
- Jul 23 Patty Knoll
- Jul 27 Horace & Donna Walter
- Jul 30 Judy Zeck



Anniversaries
and Birthdays



Baptism Blessings to Colton Morehouse on June 30. Parents are Brent and Jessica and brother Wesley.

Groton UMW - June

On June 19th, 13 members began the meeting by reciting the Purpose led by President Gloria Pharis. The minutes were read and approved. Devotions were led by Doris Zoellner. The message was about adaptability. With God's help through prayer, etc. we can adapt to the situations that arise in our lives.

There was no correspondence, but Gloria shared an invitation from the Methodist Church in Sioux Falls which will consist of a Marketplace including lunch, crafts, etc. This is part of Feeding the Hungry both locally and globally. It will be held Sept. 21.

The financial report was given. Pledges are down for the year. This has been going up and down the past few years. There have been no advertising bills presented for the May Breakfast.

There was no program for the June meeting. The Junior class is collecting paper products which can be left at the semi between the

high school and the football field. Money has been budgeted for the reading program and newsletters and has been organized by Yvonne Lange.

A committee of Jeanne Wanous, Clare Brotherton, and Sharon Wheeting has been formed to go over a list of items that has been put together of various needs for the kitchen, etc. by the UMW. This committee will purchase these items with memorial money donated by families in memory of loved ones over the past months.

Jolene Townsend reminded the group to continue collecting green and red coffee cans. Gloria concluded the meeting with a benediction prayer. Marj Overacker served a delicious summer dessert. The next meeting will be held August 28 at 2p.m. Lateness of this meeting is due to the Brown County Fair. Hostesses are Jeanne Wanous and Chris Nyberg.

Groton UMW
will not be
meeting in
July.

The importance of prayer

Prayer is the Christian's life. Though every other ordinance be attended to, yet if this one be neglected, all is in vain.

It is as impossible for the soul to be spiritually alive and active without a punctual course of fervent and believing prayer, as for the body to be alive and active without breath.

Prayer has more influence on the sanctification of the soul than all other ordinances. It is going directly to God to receive the life-giving Spirit according to an absolute and often repeated promise: "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

—Edward Griffin



**Groton School Supplies
Mission Project**



- Backpacks
- Red Pens
- No 2 Pencils
- Pencil Bags (Cloth)
- Rulers
- Elmers School Glue
- Watercolors
- Erasers
- Boxes of Kleenex
- Spiral Notebooks (wide)
- Colored Pencils
- Felt Tip Markers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Pocket Folders
- (No Trapper Keepers)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Blunt Scissors
- 9X12 Clip Boards
- 1" 3 ring Binders
- 1 1/2" blue 3 ring binder
- white business envelopes
- white 5X7 envelopes
- snack ziploc bags
- sandwich ziploc bags
- quart ziploc bags
- gallon ziploc bags
- tin foil
- glue sticks
- pencil sharpeners
- Crayons 24 count
- Sharpies
- Plastic Sheet protectors
- Napkins
- Folders - red, green, yellow
- bath towels
- usb jump drives



This year we are collecting a variety of supplies to make one large donation to the Groton Elementary School. Cut out the list and carry it with you to have handy this summer as the supplies come on sale. If you do not wish to shop, you may always make a monetary donation in the school bags at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting our school!

A Collection Box is set up at the church. Thank you. Missions Committee





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March 1, 2013

Dear Friends in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope and salvation.

I write to congratulate and thank you for 100% payment of your 2012 apportionments. This is a significant and noteworthy accomplishment. The enclosed certificate is an acknowledgment of your faithfulness and generosity in supporting the mission of The United Methodist Church and the ministries of the Dakotas Annual Conference. Thank you for leading the way.

Through your connectional stewardship, The United Methodist Church is able to bring hope and healing to people in 136 countries around the world and throughout the Dakotas. What we are able to accomplish together is truly miraculous. Because of your extravagant generosity, over 14,000 individuals have come to faith in Jesus Christ in communist Vietnam. Because of your faithful stewardship, children and youth are committing their lives to Christ and Christ's mission through our Dakotas camping ministry. Because of your sacrificial giving, we are starting new congregations and strengthening existing churches all across the Dakotas. You are changing lives and contributing to our shared mission of making disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world.

Paul reminds us of our "way of life" in his letter to the Ephesians:

You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift. It is not something you possessed. It is not something you did that you can be proud of. Instead, we are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for those good things to be the way we live our lives.

Ephesians 2:8-10 Common English Bible

You are God's accomplishment created in Christ Jesus. You are doing good things because of God's grace. Thank you for living our "way of life" so that others may live. May God continue to bless your work and witness so that others will continue to be blessed.

In Christ's love,

Bruce R. Ough

Conde VBS Highlights



**VBS
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BLAST!**



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



2013 Annual Conference Summary Dakotas-Minnesota Area of the United Methodist Church

Over 500 members of the Dakotas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church gathered in Bismarck, North Dakota to create "Unleashed: Bold, Spirit Leaders!"

Bishop Bruce R. Ough, Dakotas-Minnesota Area, called for all those in attendance to listen and feel the WHOOSH of the Pentecostal spirit. Bishop Ough's episcopal address challenged all with the adaptive question, "What do we do now? If we are to ensure that offering Christ is our very heartbeat, permeating and shaping everything we are and do, then we will need to give full-blown expression to Jesus' imperatives to: cultivate spiritual vitality, reach new people, and heal a broken world."

Rev. Sue Nilson-Kibbey, Director of Connectional and Missional church initiatives for West Ohio Annual Conference, helps churches look outside themselves and into the community and to open their hearts and eyes to their neighbors. Through her experience helping "stuck" churches to develop spirit-filled and compassionate ministries, she's developed "five breakthrough practices of the missional church," which she presented to conference members on June 7.

Rev. Ray Baker, Chair and members of the Dakotas Conference Common Table presented several key elements the Common Table has considered this year. Sheri Meister, Sioux Falls First United Methodist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota described "The Journey Toward Vitality" which provides the Conference with a road map for the future. A panel facilitated by Vicki Renner, Britton United Methodist Church, Britton, South Dakota explained a proposal to change the method of apportionment. Rev. Keith Nelson, Sakakawea District Superintendent, Bismarck, North Dakota presented the Bakken Oil Rush Ministry Plan.

Several business items came before the body. Three resolutions: death penalty, human trafficking, affordable and sustainable health care were considered and affirmed. A new method of apportioning churches based on attendance and income was approved by the members of the twentieth session of Dakotas Annual Conference. The body also affirmed the constitutional amendments from General Conference 2012.

A proposal to move the Annual Conference Session to two different college campuses was defeated. A rotation between South Dakota and North Dakota, east and west will be the continued pattern for the Dakotas Annual Conference Session. The 21st Session will be June 5-7, 2014 at the Ramkota in Rapid City, South Dakota. The 22nd Session will be held in Fargo at a site to be determined.

The approved budget for 2014 is \$4,250,000 in Apportionments and \$2,735,895 in Direct Billing to churches for a total of \$6,985,895. This is a decrease of \$331,859 from 2013 or 0.4%. The 2014 budget designates: a \$228,163 decrease (23%) in the defined benefit cost; Pension Direct Bill Transition Grants; a focus on Culture of Call and ministry as a career; Camping, Youth, and Campus Ministries focusing on leadership; a Missional Church Initiative (MCI); the hiring of an Associate Director of Missional Impact; and General Church Apportionments paid in full.

Members attended preconference workshops that focused on creating missional leaders to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world on Wednesday afternoon. Workshops included "Building a Culture of Call in the Local Church" Covenant Discipleship in the Wesleyan Model", and "Developing a Culture of Call to be in Mission with Others".

Over \$262,000 was collected to launch the Bakken Oil Rush Ministry. Bishop Bruce R. Ough, called for a \$100,000 Miracle Offering to be collected at the Celebration Banquet on Thursday, June 7. Jim and Kathie Konsor, Cornerstone United Methodist Church, Watertown, South Dakota feel a call to open and lead a ministry center in Watford City, North Dakota. The offering, which far exceeded the Bishop's call, will help to make the ministry center a possibility.

Ten retiring clergy were honored during the banquet. Five Jubilee Clergy were celebrated. The Denman Award for Evangelism was presented to Rev. Adam Weber, Embrace United Methodist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Rev. Scott McKirdy, Spearfish United Methodist Church, Spearfish, South Dakota, Karrie Miller, Rapid City First United Methodist Church, Rapid City, South Dakota, and Mollie McCaskell, Rapid City Knollwood Heights, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Amy Marie Atkins, Thomas E. Bowsher, Mark Walter Britton, Mark Jerald Gronseth, Gwen Mader, and Sara Lamberson Nelson were ordained. Clay Michael Lundberg, Rob Salmonson, and Peggy Stempson were commissioned.



Here's how YOU and your church can get involved:

- Assemble UMCOR KITS - a truck will be on site for pick up
www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies
- Create hand-crafted items for the **craft bazaar**:
jewelry, baby items, children's games/toys, gifts, purses, home décor, scarves, woodworking, holiday décor, pottery, stationery, cards, etc.
- Not a crafter? Put together a gift basket for the **silent auction**:
tea/coffee, baby items, toys, gourmet mixes, movie night, spa items, etc.
- Create something unique for the **specialty** or **silent auction**:
quilts, woodworking, banners, wall hangings, stained glass, pottery, paintings, etc.
- Bring items for the **farmer's market**:
pickles, jams, jelly, garden vegetables, fruit, flowers, plants (indoor and outdoor), flower arrangements, baking mixes, etc.
- Prepare items for the **bake sale**:
snacks, bread, muffins, sweets, etc.
- Make pies for the **pie and ice cream sale**
- Organize a local **fundraising event** in your church:
ice cream social, rummage sale, carnival, meal, carwash, etc.
- Send cash donations!
- Volunteer to help!

Contact Cindy Nelson 605-351-2818 or cynthianelson1@sio.midco.net

Dakota Marketplace Schedule

Friday, September 20

5 - 7:30 pm set-up and check in

Saturday, September 21

8 am check-in

9 am doors open

All Day:

- craft bazaar
- farmer's market
- bake sale
- mission fair

9 am - 1 pm silent auction

10 am specialty live auction

2 pm clean up

Watch for updates via:

Mondays@Dakotas

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CHAIN**

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| Marlys Rodman | 397-4570 |
| 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 |

*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 auto-
matic for privacy reasons.

"Sew Me In"

Sew me in your hem, oh Lord.
Tuck me where your garment
folds.

Sew me in and keep me close.
Stitch me in the linen folds.
In your garment I will stay
Where I'll hear you speak and
pray.

Sew me in, oh precious Lord.
Tuck me where your garment
folds.



MaryAnn Sundby

**Groton
Stewardship
Report June 2013**

Average
Wkly Giving
\$2,116

Needed Wkly for
Church Mission
\$2,088

Average Weekly
Attendance Sunday
69

Total Building Fund
Donations
\$75

Groton Mission
Statement
"Enriching
Spiritual lives
through Christ."

Groton August Family Committee

Fran & Mark Sippel, Camille

Kelli & Lars Hanson, Kari

Jeanne Wanous

Lynette Furman

Carol & Pat Knecht, Spencer

Kent Webb, Hannah

Denise Brown

Tim Olson

John Padfield

Pernell & Noella Graf, Brady

Kevin Pharis

Yvonne Lorenz

Brenda & Tony Madsen, Mitchell,
Mason

Mary Ann Wehde

Melissa & Neill Gilbert

Josh & Merrie Atherton

Honorary Members

- Audrey Padfield
- Bob Johnson
- Audrey Thurston
- Clare Brotherton
- Bob Wehde

Extra Responsibilities

- Mow the lawn as necessary
- Aug 4 change altar cloths to white for communion
- Aug 11 change altar cloths to green
- Remind Jesse & Jaymie Overacker to change banners

August 2013						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

July 2013

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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			



Our Church Happenings

- Jul 9 Groton 10 AM Bible Study starting new study!
- Jul 14 Groton NO Potluck this month!
- Jul 17 Ad Council 8 pm
- Jul 28 Groton Baptism/Blessing Shower for Tigh Flihs
- Jul 28 Newsletter Items Due
- Jul 28 Conde World Hunger Sunday
- July 29 PPRC in Groton 7 pm