

UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER

GROTON/CONDE PARISHES

June 2013

Dear Friends in Groton & Conde

It's Vacation Bible School season, we want to thank Kim Weber and all the volunteers at Groton UMC for another successful year of VBS. In just a few weeks VBS will be starting in Conde. Pat Seifken and crew will be working hard to provide a full week of Christian Education and fun! Our June newsletter is dedicated to Christian Education and the importance of that task. For starters let's look at some scripture. This is taken from biblegateway.com, a helpful resource for online scripture. Mark 10:13-16 New International Version (NIV)

The Little Children and Jesus ¹³People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he

took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Many of us began our Christian journey as a child and we all continue the journey as children of God. So what does this mean? Few things in life can capture the innocence and wonderment as that of a child and children up to a certain age are pure reflective images of their parents. People may say, oh she has your eyes or his mouth and ears, these features which are carbon copies of our DNA. What does that say about God, who is our spiritual parent? What does your spiritual DNA look like? Are you comfortable with knowing that you were created in the image of God?

I think friends, for you and I to approach God as children, we need to honor and celebrate innocence and wonder. We ought to be filled with awe at what God does for us and who God is. God expects us to be obedient like all good parents do. And like every good parent, God takes into con-

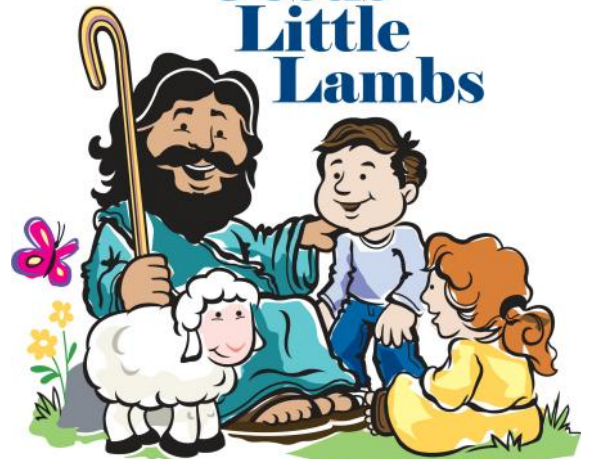
sideration our current state of development and growth. God gives us grace and forgiveness but God also wants us to have humble hearts that will steer us away from the sin of pride.

So friends, let's honor Jesus' words when he said that we must receive the kingdom of God as a little child remembering what that was like and providing space and time so that the true children in our midst can be welcomed by Jesus.

I hope to see you in church,
Pastor Matt



Jesus' Little Lambs





Conde MISSION
STATEMENT

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



Groton Thank You

Thank you very much! Thank you for the gift certificate at Easter for Ken's

Thank you for white centerpieces and bulletin board in memory of Margaret Blader.

Thank you everyone for helping us collect \$246.54 in change for the Spirit Lake Freezer. Missions Committee

Groton Tuesday

Bible Study 10 AM

Taking our summer break and not meeting on June 18, June 25, and July 2. On July 9 we will be starting an Adam Hamilton Study. Everyone is welcome to join!

Kids are Free

A little boy in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates.

When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so everyone could hear: "Don't pay for me, Daddy. I'm under five."

Conde Community VBS

Plans are underway for a Conde Community VBS - June 17 – June 21 from 1:00 -4:45. The theme will be 'Kingdom Rock'

At Kingdom Rock, kids discover how to stand strong for God! Kingdom Rock is filled incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste!

Sciency-fun Gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty

treats are just a few of the royally rockin' activities that help faith flow into real life.

Plus we will help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings.

Please register your kids by calling or emailing: Cindy (382-5923) or clsmith@nvc.net or Pat (395-6626) or lpksiefken@nrctv.com



Only a dad, but he gives his all
To smooth the way for his children small,
Doing, with courage stern and grim,
The deeds that his father did for him.
This is the line that for him I pen,
Only a dad, *but the best of men.*

—Edgar A. Guest

GROTON MISSION

STATEMENT

"ENRICHING SPIRITUAL LIVES

THROUGH CHRIST."

BIRTHS

Groton Bundles of Joy!



Elise Evelyn Pharis was born April 6 at 8:58 pm weighing 7 lbs 5 oz and 20 1/2 inches long. Parents are Kevin and Kara.

Taylor James Thompson was born April 11 at 10:00 am weighing 7 lbs 14 oz and 21 inches long. Parents are Mark and June.



Colton Bradley Morehouse was born April 23 at 7:22 am weighing 8 lbs 4 oz and 21 inches long. Parents are Brent and Jessica.

Tigh Hank Irvin Flieds was born May 7 at 3:11 pm weighing 8 lbs 7 oz and 20 1/2 inches long. Parents are Tigh and Adrienne.

Blessings Shower for Colton on June 30 during Coffee Hour. Colton will also be Baptized during church. Come and Welcome Him!



Our Church Celebrations

Groton

June 1 Anita Lowary
 June 2 Doug Daly
 June 3 Donald Nissen
 June 4 Janice Raap
 Jay Johnson
 Gary & Caralee Heitmann
 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
 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 25 Carol Knecht
 Tanae Lipp
 June 27 Elaine Wolken
 June 28 Sindi Heitmann
 June 29 Carly Gilbert
 Derick Furman
 John & Meri Erickson
 June 30 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



Anniversaries
and Birthdays

GROTON

NOMINATIONS

MEETING

JUNE 12 AT 7 PM

INCLUDES

CARNA ATHERTON-PRAY

KAY BRANDT

LARS HANSON

KAMI LIPP

CARALEE HEITMANN

CHRIS NYBERG

GLORIA PHARIS



GROTON UMW MTG

JUNE 19TH

2 PM

HOSTESSES ARE

MARJ OVERACKER &

VOLUNTEER PLEASE

EXECUTIVE

MEETING AT 1:00

Groton UMW May Meeting Highlights

Jolene Townsend was acting president and began the day by asking members to share some of their travels over the past winter.

Marjorie Overacker was in charge of the program "Faith in Action." The fifteen members present recited the Purpose and Doris Zoellner led devotions. The minutes and financial reports were also given.

During old business it was reported that the May Breakfast went smoothly. The meal, decorations, and entertainment were all well received. There were also over 30 take-out meals delivered that day! A BIG THANK-YOU TO KAY BRANDT FOR DELIVERING THOSE MEALS!!!!

New business consisted of asking for volunteers to help with snacks at VBS. Pat Dahlquist and Jan Raap volunteered to help with handing out snacks and Jeanne Wanous along with Rose Tewksbury will provide blueberry muffins. Also discussed was a monetary donation to VBS and youth camping. Clare Brotherton made a motion to make the donation and Carolyn Snyder seconded it and all agreed. Also during new business a discussion took place about attracting new members. Jeanne Wanous, Marj Overacker, and Jolene Townsend will head up a committee to plan some type of kick-off to welcome or invite new members. This could take place at the June 19 meeting, but watch for the time and date if it should change as well as other details.

Carol Strom and Doris Zoellner served a delicious dessert. Keep in mind the Reading Program is due Aug. 1 and to register for "Mission U." WATCH FOR THE NEW MEMBERS KICK-OFF IN JUNE!!!!



Groton UMYF shared with the congregation all the projects they have worked on this past year. It was then followed by a photo slideshow created by Alec Oleson. The slideshow may be viewed on YouTube at

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZ7YTE_6jQ&feature=em-upload_owner

Type the link continuously... and I will add it to the website as well.

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. Thank you for supporting our school!

A Collection Box will be set up at the church later this summer Thank you. Missions Committee

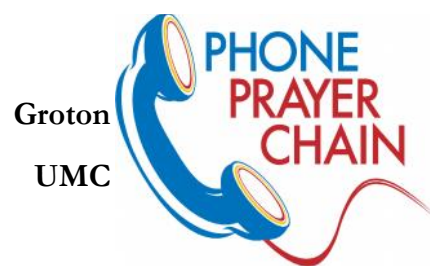


Local

Missions

"Day by day"

Day by day
 Day by day
 Oh, dear Lord
 Three things I pray:
 To see thee more clearly
 Love thee more dearly
 Follow thee more nearly
 Day by day.



Groton
 UMC

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|---------------------|----------|
| Marlys Rodman | 397-4570 |
| Pat Dahlquist | 397-2616 |
| Doris Zoellner | 397-2417 |
| Marjorie Townsend 2 | 98-5221 |
| 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 automatic for privacy reasons.



Groton UMC



Groton Confirmation Sunday



Groton Sunday School
Singing for Mother's Day



Father's Day

Extravaganza

Antique Tractors!!

Bring Your Tractor and Join Us!

At Groton UMC on Sunday, June 16th

Worship with

Groton & Conde Parishes at 11 am

Meal following with free-will offering for the Bakken Oil Field Mission. Brats, Hotdogs, and Burgers on the grill.

Tractor Showing from 10 am - 2 pm

EVERYONE WELCOME!



Remember the toy pedal tractors for the kids?



Flag Day, June 14

Father's Day, June 16

First day of summer

June 21



**Groton
Stewardship
Report May 2013**

Average
Wkly Giving
\$1,691

Needed Wkly for
Church Mission
\$2,088

Average Weekly
Attendance Sunday
88

Total Building Fund
Donations
\$310



Groton July Family Committee

Kay Brandt

Marva & Lon Gellhaus

Justin & Amanda Morehouse

Julie & Jesse Morehouse

Mendy & James Jones, Marlee

Angela & Perryn Dobbins

Brent & Jessica Morehouse

Marjorie & Roger Overacker

Jesse & Jaymie Overacker

Roger & Pam Rix

Alan Strom

Honorary Members

- Dick Ruden
- Gerald & Ann Rix
- Don Walter
- Bob & Carolyn Snyder
- Doris Strom

July Extra Responsibilities

- Mow lawn each week
- July 7 white altar cloths for communion
- July 14 green altar cloths
- Remind Nick & Alan Strom to change banners

July 2013						
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June 2013						
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Our Church Happenings

- June 5-8 Annual Conference in Bismark, ND
- June 12 Groton Nominations Mrg at 7 pm
- June 16 Father's Day Extravaganza with Conde/Groton Parishes
- June 17-21 VBS "Kingdom Rock" at Conde from 1 - 4:45
- June 18 No Groton 10 AM Bible Study
- June 19 Groton UMW Meeting 7 pm
- June 19 Groton Ad Council 8 pm
- June 23 Conde World Hunger Sunday
- June 25 No Groton 10 AM Bible Study
- June 30 Groton Baptism/Blessings Shower Colton Morehouse
- July 2 No Groton 10 AM Bible Study
- July 9 Groton 10 AM Bible Study starting new study - join us!

