

United Methodist Messenger

March 2013

Groton/Conde Parishes

Dear Friends in Groton and Conde

To the northwest there is a mission field like no other. You may know the part of the country of which I am speaking of, the Bakken Shale-Oil formation. Recent reports in the New York Times depict the dangers of life that exist there, especially for women and children. The dangers of sexual violence towards women and children are rampant and one has to ask, what can the church do? In the

next few months, Bishop Bruce Ough is calling on United Methodist Churches to step up to the plate and respond.

Imagine a Christian Mission field in our country that no Christian has ever experienced in the history of our nation. Plans are being made on the conference level to be the first church denomination to respond on an official mission capacity, to the widespread spiritual needs of those in the Bakken Field area. A conference fund has been established which will help to establish a mission based ministry. The initial goal is \$500,000.00.

Friends, in the next few weeks we will have a special time during worship to hear about the struggles of those living in the Bakken Field area.

This is a situation that is under the national spotlight and it is right in our back yard. God and history will be our judge in regards to how we respond as faithful Christians. I invite

you to join me in reading the stories, and hearing the voices of those whose lives are being affected through



degradation, violence and spiritual neglect.

These are exciting times to be on the frontier of ministry in the Dakotas. What happens in North Dakota, greatly foreshadows what may someday take place here in South Dakota. The shale-oil formation is part of a much larger formation and production someday will cross the border. We need to catch up and be on the frontline of ministry in these areas. Let us begin with prayer, presence, gifts, service and witness.

I hope to see you in church,
Pastor Matt

Easter Sunday Worship Times

Groton Sunrise Service at
8 am followed by
coffee and rolls

Conde Church at 9 am

Groton Church at 11 am



Thank You

I really appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thank you! For cookies, the clothes and toys are very nice. Thank you from our family.

Thank you Lorraine Bartz for embroidered communion linens.



Wedding Blessings Shower

During Coffee hour on March 17th we will celebrate with Alana Wolken and David White who are planning their wedding for April 27th in Omaha, Nebraska. The couple is registered at Target and Bed, Bath, & Beyond.

Sympathies to the family of Irene Breitkruetz Died February 17th

Groton Lenten Services

A light meal will be served from 5:30-6:15 and then WOW Lenten Worship will be at 6:15 in the sanctuary. All are welcome to join us! The free-will donation for the meal will help support our UMYF.

Each work committee is responsible to prepare, serve, and clean-up one Lenten supper. Soup & Sandwiches are typically served but other choices are optional. Prepare for 50 people. Groceries may be charged or receipts given to Kay for reimbursement.

- Mar 6 - April Committee
- Mar 13 - May Committee
- Mar 20 - June Committee



Lenten Meal



Our Church Celebrations

Groton

Mar 3 Tristan Kampa
 Mar 4 Christina Zollner
 Kale Pharis
 Kay Brandt
 Mar 5 Chance Strom
 Mar 7 Brian Bahr
 Dale Strom
 Richard & JoAnn Krueger
 Mar 9 Betty Strom
 Mar 14 Mendy Jones
 Sydney Erickson
 Mar 22 Don Walter
 Mar 24 Emerlee Jones
 Mar 25 Laurel McNickle
 Murdock McNickle
 Mar 26 Claire Davidson
 Justin Morehouse
 Clayton Kurtz
 Chloe Crosby

Mar 27 Dwight Strom
 Michelle Walter
 Mar 28 Bennett Suther
 Mar 29 Sharon Wheeting
 Mar 31 Aiden Strom
 Caralee Heitmann

Conde

Mar 6 Stacey Bonn
 Mar 9 Samuel Schlosser
 Mar 10 Alyssa Taylor
 Mar 14 Katie Lyren
 Nicole Taylor
 Mar 17 Myron Fahrenwald
 Mar 20 Dale Buising
 Mar 23 Greg Peterson
 Greg Stark
 Mar 25 Larae Taylor
 Mar 26 Samantha Menzia
 Mar 31 Renee Hanlon



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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



Something Different

EVERYONE WELCOME

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:15 PM

GROTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Camping Season

is Open

Check out www.dakcamps.org and find a camp to attend! Camp Grades listed are for the current grade your child is in. Please let Kay know what camp you are signing up for so we can get the payments correct. Thank you.

Deadline is

April 21!

One Great Hour of Sharing - March 10

For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in a special One Great Hour of Sharing offering, laying the foundation for UMCOR's ministry of relief and hope.

Donations UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover our costs of doing business. They make it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects our donors specify, instead of on administrative or fundraising costs.

UMCOR doesn't receive United

Methodist World Service or apportionment funds, so without these offerings, UMCOR would not exist.

Because we keep operating costs under 10% of our total budget, undesignated gifts may actually exceed UMCOR's administrative needs. When that happens, they are channeled to underfunded programs, where they're most needed. They also may be used to allow UMCOR to respond to disasters immediately after an event and before funds can be raised.



**Laitry Training and Retreat
March 15-16
Wesley Acres Camp**

Mini-retreat and training session. Designed to be very interactive, so bring your ideas and things that have been working at your churches. Spend time in worship and discussion with other lay people from all over the area. Starts 6 pm Friday with overnight and Sat - cost is \$45 and Sat only cost is \$30

Groton UMYF

\$100 of the free qill offering from the first Lenten supper was used to purchase groceries for the Salvation Army cart which we have placed at Ken's Fairway. We had an overflowing cart! Our second load of donations was taken to Salvation Army. Thank you to those of you who contribute non-perishables at Ken's!

Groton Sophomores

Sunday, March 3rd the Sophomore class at Groton will be performing "Sophomore Night Live" skits - original humorous skits sure to entertain all ages. This will be a dinner theater, with super nachos and a baked potato bar. \$10 pays for admission and all the laughs you can handle. Reservations are being taken by Julie Larson at 380-9286. Proceeds towards the Washington DC/New York City trip.



SET YOUR CLOCKS Ahead!

March 10th

Bean and Ham Soup

Preheat oven to 325 and in a large kettle or roasting pan put:

- 3 quarts water
- 1 lb dried navy beans (no need to soak them)
- Chopped celery and onion to taste
- 1 lb chopped ham and/or meaty ham bone
- 1 - 8 oz can tomato sauce

I like to then add some carrots, potatoes, and pepper.

Bake 4 - 4 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally.

Kay's Soup made at the Ash Weds Service. If anyone else would like to put a recipe in the newsletter just email to grotonumc@nvc.net. Thanks.



Recipes FROM THE Church Kitchen



PUZZLE

Praise him!

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large crowd cheered for him. Complete this puzzle to discover what they used (also see John 12:13).

Directions: In the number grid below, draw lines by starting with the first number in each list and stopping at the last.

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Groton UMYF
1st & 3rd Weds
March & April
7 pm

Groton Sunday School Schedule

- Mar 3 Sunday School
- Mar 10 Sunday School
- Mar 17 No Sunday School
- Mar 24 Sunday School and Sing in Church
- Mar 31 No Sunday School
- Apr 7 Sunday School
- Apr 14 Sunday School
- Apr 21 Sunday School
- Apr 28 Sunday School
- May 5 Sunday School
- May 12 Sunday School and Sing in Church
- May 12 will be the last day of Sunday School. Have a great Summer!



Spirit Lake Ministry Center

The peoples of the Spirit Lake Nation are of the Dakota Tribe and have been in this area since 1867. The reservation is located in one of the most beautiful parts of the Dakotas just 8 miles south of Devils Lake, North Dakota. The reservation consists of four districts on one half million acres spread across rolling prairie and wooded hills. The Spirit Lake Ministry Center is located on 80 acres in the Wood Lake District just 3 miles from Tokio, North Dakota. The Ministry Center has 3 dormitories, an up-to-date shower/toilet facility, a work shop, a kitchen/dining facility, food pantry, warehouse and a Christian Life Center. There are 3 separate devotional areas and a large fire pit available for the use of our teams.

The Spirit Lake Ministry Center

hosts volunteer teams from all over the country. These Volunteer in Mission (VIM) Teams will be asked to perform light construction and maintenance on homes, Tribal buildings and grounds on the reservation and to provide team members for children's activities. All activities are very hands on and involve close interaction with the elders and children of the reservation. Each VIM team will also be provided opportunities for work projects on the Ministry Center. Opportunities for participation in Native American cultural activities are provided. Teams may include adult and youth members 14 and older. Younger children may be accepted if accompanied by a parent and approved by the Ministry Center staff prior to the mission dates.

**Groton
UMW**

**March 20
2 pm**

**Program
Shepherdess
Visit with
Pat Siefken**

**Hostesses
Pat Dahlquist
&
Rose
Tewksbury**

Groton Missions Committee

Mike & Libby Flowers will be visiting our church on April 28 and we the Missions Committee would like to help them with two needs they have. First they are trying to raise money to purchase a new industrial freezer for the kitchen. So after Easter we will continue to collect change and dollar bills to help with the freezer. They also need disposable diapers. So if you are shopping, please pick up a package and we will start collecting.

The coin collection is going very well and it would be nice to be able to give 10 local families \$30 Easter Meal gifts. We are about half way there!

Thank you all for helping make our local missions a success.
The Missions Committee



Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth her song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
And all that is therein;
Invisible and visible,
Their notes let all things blend,
For Christ the Lord has risen,
Our joy that hath no end.

—St. John of Damascus

One got out

A father and son were driving past a cemetery, when the boy noticed a large pile of dirt beside a newly excavated grave.

He pointed and exclaimed, "Look, Dad! One got out!"

Adults know that in this world, no one "gets out," unless it's in a movie. Dead is dead. And yet on Easter Sunday we gather to celebrate the good news that One did get out. Jesus' resurrection from the grave makes all the difference.

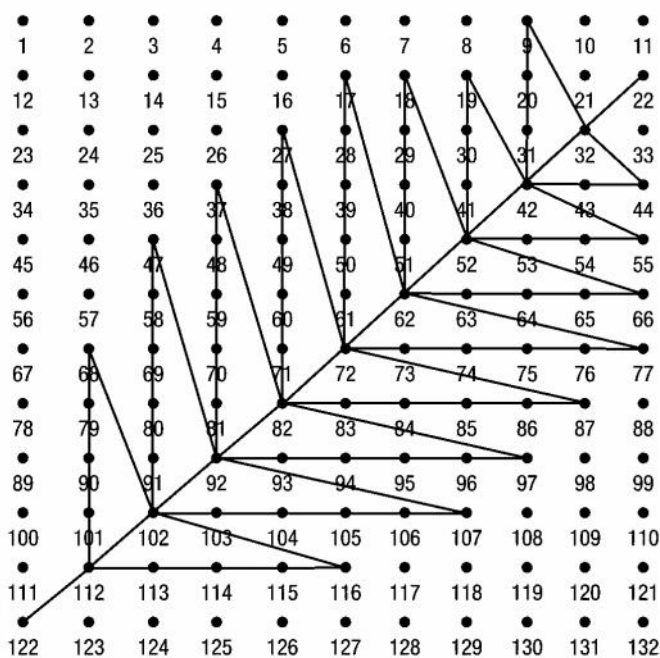
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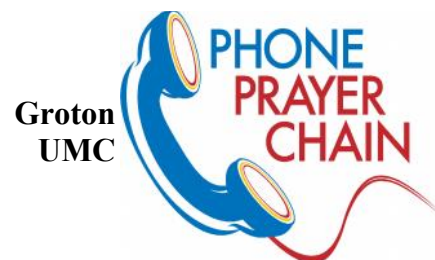
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Groton Cookbooks
Available For Sale
\$10 Each



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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 |

Upcoming Calendar Events

- Apr 8 PPRC Meeting 7 pm in Conde
- Apr 21 Camp Sign-Up Deadline
- Apr 28 Mike & Libby Flowers from Spirit Lake Ministry Center visit
- May 5 Groton Confirmation Sunday
- May 12 Groton Last Day of Sunday School

*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.

An Invitation to Northeast South Dakota United Methodist Churches

Sunday, March 10, 2013

2:00PM – 4:00PM

Open House Reception for Bishop Ough
North Highland United Methodist Church

620 15th Avenue Northeast

Aberdeen, SD 57401



Bishop Bruce Ough, a native of Williston, ND, has begun his ministry in the Dakotas-Minnesota Episcopal Area. Everyone is invited to help welcome and to visit with our new bishop.

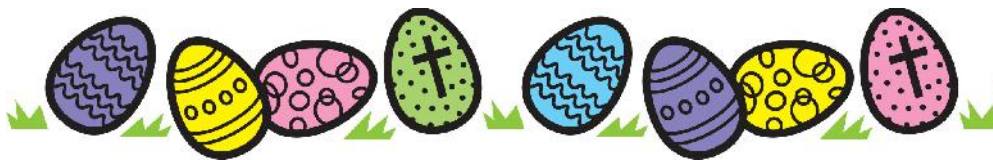
Questions:

Phone: 605-226-1279

Email: nhumc@nvc.net

Website: www.northhighlandumc.org

**Groton
Mission
Statement
“Enriching
Spiritual
Lives through
Christ.”**



Groton Stewardship Report February 2013

Average
Wkly Giving
\$1,407
Needed Wkly for
Church Mission
\$2,088

Average Weekly
Attendance Sunday
71

Total Building Fund
Donations
\$55

Groton Family Committee - April

John & Meri Erickson

Marjae & Dan Schinkel, Danielle

Connie & Dave Nilsson

Logan & Chanda Nilsson

Kayla & Adam Suther

Adrienne & Tigh Fliels

Doug Bahr

Dion & Sam Bahr

William Zoellner

Steve & Becky Diegel

Janice Raap

Anita & John Lowary

Brian & Andrea Bahr

Ida Hannon

Honorary Members

- Emery Sippel

- Bert Raap

Extra Responsibilities

- Potluck 2nd Sunday

- On 5th Sunday may buy donuts and give bill to Kay Brandt

- Leave altar cloths white all month - no changing

- Remind Anita & John Lowary to change banners this month

April 2013

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Our Church Happenings

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- Mar 3 Groton Memorial Mtg 10 am
 - Mar 6 Groton Lenten Supper with April Committee at 5:30
Lenten Service in Sanctuary at 6:15
 - Mar 10 UMW Sunday
 - Mar 10 Groton Trustee Mtg 10 am
 - Mar 13 Groton Lenten Supper with May Committee at 5:30
Lenten Service in Sanctuary at 6:15
 - Mar 17 Wedding Blessings Shower for Alana Wolken & David White
 - Mar 17 Groton No Sunday School
 - Mar 20 Groton UMW 2 pm
 - Mar 20 Groton Lenten Supper with June Committee at 5:30
Lenten Service in Sanctuary at 6:15
 - Mar 20 Groton Ad Council 8 pm
 - Mar 24 Groton Sunday School singing in church for Palm Sunday
 - Mar 24 Conde World Hunger Sunday
 - Mar 28 Groton Maundy Thursday Service at 7 pm
 - Mar 29 Groton Community Good Friday Svce at noon at UMC
 - Mar 31 Groton No Sunday School
 - Mar 31 Newsletter Items Due
 - Mar 31 Easter Sunday - Worship at Normal Times
Groton Sunrise Service at 8 am by UMYF
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