

**UNITED METHODIST
MESSENGER**

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DEAR FRIENDS IN GROTON AND CONDE



Gone are the summer hours, daylight shrinks before ominous night. Our clocks cry out, "fall back, fall back!" And many of us yearn to fall back into bed and enjoy a few more precious minutes of rest. And yet this is a busy time of year, not only in the fields and the schools but also at the church. In the midst of all the business, there is a small voice calling out, can you hear it? It's here, it's there, it asks the question, "why all the fuss?"

Sometimes we hear other questions. Sometimes from our friends, our neighbors, our children, our spouses and let's be honest there are times when we even ask ourselves questions... audibly. Why did I do that, or say that, or

think this way or just simply what's next? And we're used to asking the questions especially when we question God. We aren't used to having God ask us the questions. But just think for a second, what questions does God ask of you?

Recently in confirmation we had a lesson about prayer. And in our discussion, we discovered that prayer isn't just about talking to God it's also listening for and to God. And that God asks us to actively participate in God's creative process of building the Kingdom of God here on earth. We are reminded of this every time we pray that line in the Lord's Prayer, "On Earth as it

is in Heaven." What if prayer, is a spiritual discipline that shapes us and prepares us for something that God wants to do in our midst?

Often, we pray with the intent of wanting something from God. Well what if prayer is God's way of asking us for something? And that by praying we are being molded into the people God wants us to be, and that through prayer we can begin to see the future with hope that is mentioned in Jer. 29:11, "I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope." -CEB (Common English Bible)

So in the midst of our business and all the things we are doing to try to better ourselves, let's not forget about the questions God asks us as we pray. May you through the discipline of prayer find time for peace and centering, and may you be able to hear what God is asking of you today, here, now in all that you do and in all the we do as a faith community.

I look forward to seeing you in church,
Pastor Matt

*Blessed
to Be a
Blessing*



**BROTHERS
AND SISTERS,
DO NOT BE WEARY
IN DOING WHAT
IS RIGHT.**

2 Thessalonians 3:13, NRSV

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the ladies of the church for the wonderful Blessing Shower. Thank you also for the gift of money. We will be using the money for something needed in our home. Sabrina and Joey Padfield

Carpet in Fellowship Hall in memory of Margaret Blader, Jeanette Blader, Mary Swisher, Mary Jane Schott, Eugenia Waugh, cousin of Dick & Earl Ruden and Clara Rix, Marvel Washnok, and ImoJeanne Oliver.



Baptism Blessings to Emmitt on October 20. A Blessings Shower will be Nov 17 during coffee hour. Parents are Tim & Malerie Yeaton



Groton will be decorating November 24th after the morning worship service. A light lunch will be provided.

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

GROTON NEW MEMBERS

New Members joined the church on October 27th. We welcome Myndi Kampa, Scott Kampa, Tim Yeaton, Malerie Yeaton, Sabrina Padfield, Leroy Severson, Rick Hofer, Sarah Hofer, Corey Mitchell, Jaimie Mitchell, Julie Morehouse, and Jessica Morehouse.



WELCOME
to Our Newest Members!

SPUD-TACULAR EVENING

6th of November
PM
Dollars

Ladies,
Conde UMW invites you to
Fun-Games-Program
With a Potato Bar



*Men's Fall
Dinner*

Groton United Methodist Church

*Sunday, November 10, 2013
11 am to 1:30 pm*

Roast Beef Dinner

*Adults: \$8 Children 5-12: \$5
Children 4 and under: Free*

UMW will be selling Letse!

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Church Services

Time Change

Nov 10 ONLY, because of the Groton Men's Fall Dinner

Groton Worship at 9 am

Conde Worship at 11 am

Groton Sunday School at 10 am



Men's Fall Dinner Plans are underway by Richard & JoAnn Krueger, Brad & Diann Morehouse, and Jane & Marc (not pictured)

Johnson

GROTON UMW - OCTOBER

Sixteen members were present at the Oct. 16th meeting and recited the UMW Purpose led by President Gloria Pharis. The program was presented by Jeanne Wanous on the “World Thank Offering.” The funds collected are used toward missions to aid women and children in the U.S. and around the world.

Both the minutes and financial reports were given. Doris Zoellner read devotions based on Matthew about the fruits of our labor and we reap what we sow.

Old business consisted of reviewing the datebook . November needs to be filled. Reports from mission coordinators: Marj Overacker reported from Spiritual Growth that she had received some information on the “World Day of Prayer” and that Groton will be the host next spring . Pat Dahlquist continues to send cards when needed under Nurture Outreach.

Under new business UMW Sunday needs to be considered for a later date. Lefse making will take

place on October 28, 29, and 30th. Sales for the lefse will take place at the Men’s Dinner on Nov. 10th. The 2014 budget was presented by Jeanne Wanous. Twyla Ruden made a motion to accept it and Clare Brotherton seconded the motion. Jeanne also handed out spreadsheets for the members to prioritize organizations with the greatest need in the UMW missions giving. Jeanne will review these and the budget for the 2013 missions giving will be finalized at the November meeting. Also finalized at the next meeting will be the 2014 Slate of Officers.

There will be a 1:00 pm executive meeting on November 20th Hostesses for this meeting will be JoAnn Krueger and Caralee Heitmann. Jolene Townsend and Betty Strom served a delicious fall dessert for the October meeting with an apple theme.

Gloria Pharis closed the business meeting with a poem that ended with the idea that seven days without God makes one “WEAK.”

**Groton UMW
November 20
At 2 pm**

**Prepare Christmas
Coffee Cans**

**Hostesses
JoAnn Krueger &
Caralee Heitmann**

**Exec Mtg at 1 pm
Plan Christmas Luncheon
Finalize 2014 Date Book
Finalize 2014 Budget
Summarize 2013 UMW**

GROTON BIBLE STUDY

The 10 am Tuesday morning Bible Study will be starting the 4 week “Journey to Christmas” on November 12. This is a 45 minute video followed by a 15 minute discussion. Join Us as we prepare for the Holiday Season!



OUR CHURCH CELEBRATIONS- NOVEMBER

Groton

- Nov 2 Andrea Snoozy-Bahr
- Nov 3 Jon & Gayleen Voss
- Nov 7 Marva Gellhaus
Susan Odland
- Nov 11 Doug Sippel
- Nov 15 Fred & Elaine Wolken
Jack Oliver
- Nov 17 Delaney Atherton
- Nov 18 Luverne Strom
- Nov 19 Crystal Sippel
Garrett Heitmann
Michael Krueger
- Nov 21 Larry & Sharon Wheeting
- Nov 23 Dwight & Eugenia Strom
Francine Sippel
- Nov 25 Emery Sippel
Kari Hanson
- Nov 27 Kayla Suther
- Nov 29 Audrey Thurston
Cheri Strom

Nov 30 Tanner Johnson

Conde

- Nov 8 Dorothy Sanderson
- Nov 11 Joseph & Dani Smith
- Nov 12 Linda Pitts
- Nov 16 Devon Smith
- Nov 19 Mona Baldrige
- Nov 24 Floyd Smith
- Nov 25 Bud Bruckner
- Nov 25 Betty Geist
- Nov 28 Eric Menzia
- Nov 30 Dani Smith

IF YOU ARE MISSING FROM THIS LIST,
PLEASE LET KAY KNOW IN THE OFFICE!



MY THANKFUL HEART

Making the stuffing for Thanksgiving dinner helps restore my heart to gratefulness. First I cut bread into cubes to dry out. Has it really been a year since I thanked God for the simple things of life? Dear God, thank you for my daily bread. Next I boil giblets for the tasty broth. When did I last express thanks for my body – even the oft-forgotten parts? Thank you, God, for creating and sustaining me.

Then I dice onions and celery, adding them to the mixture. That reminds me to thank God for abundant harvests. Finally I measure raisins, nuts, sage and salt into the

stuffing, as scents fill the air. Lord, help me not grow weary of the interesting “spices” that fill my life.

As the stuffing goes into the oven, warm air wafting into the kitchen, I remember to thank God for providing my home. Here relatives and friends gather, often an odd combination. Yet when we bow our heads in thankfulness, we’re an unbeatable mix. —MaryAnn Sundby



**Groton
UMC**

- 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 automatic for privacy reasons.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
If you are in need of winter gear, stop by the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Nov 10 from 3-5 pm or Nov 11 from 6-8 pm or Nov 12 from 6-8 pm.
New or gently used washed coats, gloves/mittens, hats, scarves, boots, and snow pants may be donated at the Emanuel Lutheran Church in the boxes located in the entryway. Extra items will be donated to Safe Harbor in Aberdeen.

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY OFFERING - NOV 24

Tennessee Tech student Daniel Tribble constantly strives to serve the church while pursuing a mechanical engineering degree. The United Methodist Church is helping Tribble finance his education through a United Methodist Student Day scholarship.

“My family has been Methodist from way back,” Tribble says. They attend First United Methodist Church in Lebanon, Tenn. “I learned to play guitar so I could assist with the praise service.” Today Tribble is active in the campus Wesley Foundation, chairs Young Adult Ministries for the Tennessee Annual Conference, referees youth soccer games, and is student government secretary and a resident assistant.

He says his faith “remains an es-

sential part of who I am. After I graduate, I would love nothing more than ... to continue to serve the congregation that brought me up.”

United Methodist Student Day calls the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. The offering provides scholarships and student loans for qualified United Methodist applicants.

Please give generously on United Methodist Student Day Thank You!

Your gifts to United Methodist Student Day help students like Meredith Paul continue their education and their faith journey as they strive to make a difference in the world and discern what God has planned for them.



Pie Auction

**MISSIONS SILENT
PIE AUCTION**

Will be held Nov 17 during coffee hour to raise money for the Missions Thanksgiving Baskets. Please volunteer to bake your famous pie! Sign up sheet in the fellowship hall. The silent auction will be held during coffee hour and then after church you may pick up and pay for your winnings! You may also bake other items for us to sell as well. There will be fresh homemade donuts for sale to eat during coffee hour and take home.

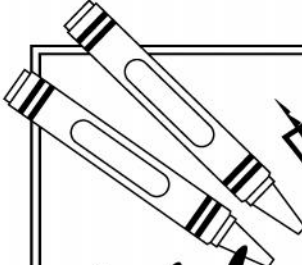
This is a great time to buy and freeze some baked goods for yourself for Thanksgiving! Join in on the Fun!



GROTON CHILI COOK-OFF

October 27th the Missions Committee hosted a chili cook-off during potluck. It was great fun to taste as many different types of chili as you could! The donations from the potluck were \$242 and will be used for Thanksgiving Baskets that will be given locally. Thank you to everyone for making this event a success!

We had 4 judges from Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Craig & Lana Jondahl and Holly & Loren Johnson. They tasted and judged all 13 pots of chili. 1st place went to Kim Weber and the Sunday School Chili. 2nd place was John Padfiled, 3rd place was Doug Daly, and 4th place was Jane Johnson.

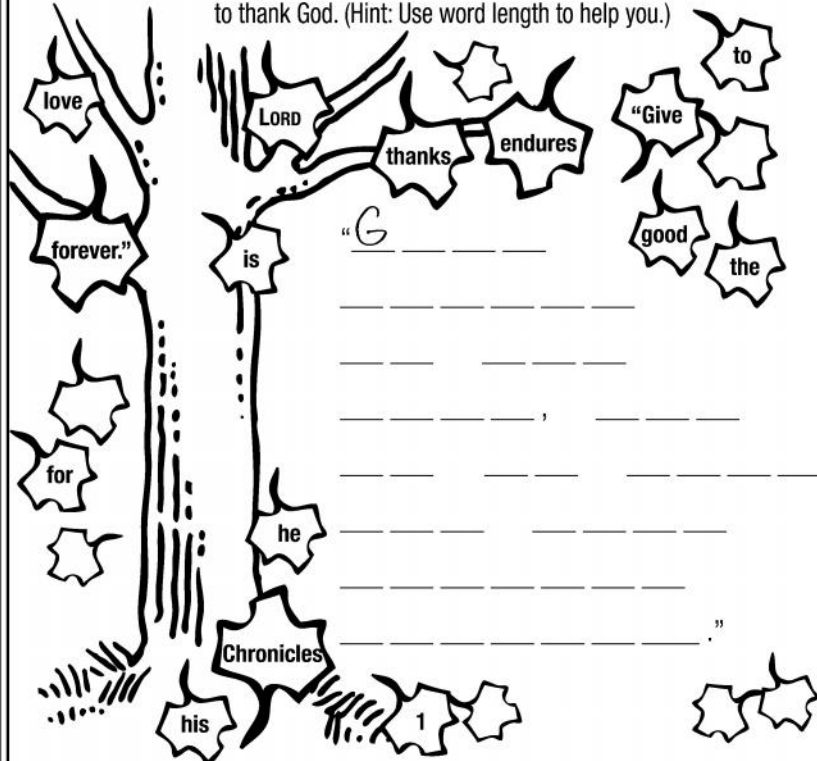


PUZZLE

Why we're thankful

Leaves falling from trees are a sign of autumn's arrival. Giving thanks to God is a sign of our gratitude for his many blessings.

Directions: Using the words in the leaves, discover why it's good for us to thank God. (Hint: Use word length to help you.)



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_____ 16:34, NIV

Answers: "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV



Groton UMYF is meeting every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:45 pm for 7-12 grades.

If you would like to donate some bars for the meetings, please contact Kami Lipp at 397-2613.



Presentation of Bibles

**Groton 3rd Graders
 Received Bibles
 October 27th
 Jackson Bahr
 KayLynn Overacker
 Shaylee Peterson
 Ashtyn Bahr**



The Angel Tree will be up November 24. This year everything for one child will be on one card. So if you wish to work together to fulfill a card, please do so. We ask that all gifts are returned wrapped and in one bag (even a garbage sack) with the card # tied to the top. Again we will have you sign-out the cards just in case there is any problem. Thank you. Missions Committee

GROTON AD COUNCIL - OCTOBER

The council reviewed the monthly treasurer's report which showed that we are staying within our budget. The finance committee will meet and recommend a 2014 budget to the administrative council who will in turn propose this budget or approval at the November 17 Charge Conference. It was also noted that 23 families had donated toward the new air conditioner fund. Final costs for the new unit and installation were not yet known.

Our church attendance has been averaging 75 each Sunday this year through September. We are pleased

to welcome several new members on October 27.

The council reviewed several upcoming church activities taking place in October & November including the Men's Dinner and the UMW leaf making and the Mission's Committee's Chili Cook-off and Pie Auction. In addition plans will need to be made for the decorating of the church for Christmas sometime after Nov. 24 and before Dec. 1.

The trustee's will complete a thorough facility walk-through to determine a list of repair projects needed in the near future.



GROTON DECEMBER FAMILY COMMITTEE

Gloria & Harry Pharis

Chris & Sherwin Nyberg

Joyce & Allen Walter

Michelle & Chuck Padfield

Randy & Rebecca Padfield

Darlys Kampa

Jane & Marc Johnson

JoAnn & Richard Krueger

Crystal Sippel

Pat Dahlquist

Honorary Members

- Eugene & Ruby Luce
- Richard Voss
- Jean Walter
- Twila Ruden
- Marjory Townsend
- Marie McClintic & Larry Schnaidt

Extra Responsibilities

- Dec 1 change altar cloths to white for communion
- Dec 8 change altar cloths to purple
- Dec 24 change altar cloths to white for Christmas Eve
- Help decorate church with Nov committee
- Shovel snow from doorways before church
- Potluck 2nd Sunday
- 5th Sunday may buy donuts and give bill to Kay Brandt
- Remind Marc & Jane Johnson to change banners

Groton Mission
Statement
"Enriching Spiritual
lives through Christ."

**Groton
Stewardship
Report Oct 2013**

Average

Wkly Giving

\$1,902

Needed Wkly for

Church Mission

\$2,088

Average Weekly

Attendance Sunday

107

Total Building Fund

Donations

\$240

December 2013

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OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- Nov 3 All Saints Sunday
- Nov 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Nov 6 Conde Spud-tacular Evening Event 6 pm**
- Nov 10 Groton Men's Dinner 11 am - 1:30 pm**
- Nov 10 Groton Worship 9 am - Conde Worship 11 am**
- Nov 12 Groton Tues 10 AM Bible Study starts Christmas Study
- Nov 17 Missions Baking Event with Silent Pie Auction!
- Nov 17 Groton Blessings Shower for Emmitt Yeaton
- Nov 17 Charge Conference in Conde 7 pm
- Nov 20 Groton UMW 2 pm - Exec Mtg at 1 pm
- Nov 20 Groton Ad Council 8 pm
- Nov 24 Missions Angel Tree available
- Nov 24 United Methodist Student Day Special Offering
- Nov 24 Groton All-Church Decorating after worship
- Nov 24 Community Thanksgiving Service at ELCA 7 pm
- Nov 24 Newsletter Items Due
- Dec 15 Sunday School Christmas Program

