



Dear Friends in Groton and Conde

On my recent trip to Kansas City for the Leadership Institute at The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, I experienced renewal. Aside from the workshops and intentional conversations on ministry, I was reconnecting with friends from seminary as well as with colleagues in the conference both clergy and laity. It was truly a refreshing experience. But there was more.

Rev. Adam Hamilton, who is the Lead/Sr. pastor at COR spoke during the general sessions and helped us all focus and reflect on the story of John Wesley and the early Methodist movement. The goal of the Wesley's and The Oxford Holy Club was to bring about renewal in the Anglican Church (which later became the Anglican/Episcopal Church of England. In fact the word Methodist began its use as a derogatory word meant to deride and defame the Wesley's and their "methodical approaches to the Christian faith." And unfortunately, instead of church renewal, a schismatic movement dividing the church was the end result.

It seems that whenever the church is called by the Holy Spirit to move forward with a ministry or try something new, the traditionalists hunker down and hold strong to their way of doing things. Rather, as a congregation we should be discerning together and listening to God's voice about worship, evangelism, discipleship. Young families and youth are not only the future of the church but

they are also a part of the present life of our congregations. And something new is taking place. The lake is turning over and we have an opportunity to all be a part of it.

That being said, on the way home as we were riding the bus from Kansas City to Sioux Falls, a holy occurrence took place. Half-way through the ride home, there were 6 or 7 of us that gathered in the back of the bus and we spontaneously began singing wonderfully old, wonderfully traditional, wonderful hymns. We were singing acapella, and filling the bus with bus with song. These were songs that we all knew because of our Methodist Tradition. And before we knew how much time had passed or how many songs we had sung, others were saying that it was the best 3 hrs on a bus that they had experienced.

A three hour impromptu acapella hymn sing, something so traditional, but something that felt so new and invigorating, contemporary. The power of the Holy Spirit at work, using something well known and traditional but placing it in a new fresh and joy filled light. And we all shared in the journey!

I look forward to seeing you in church,
Pastor Matt

Get moving

Faith is the word that describes the direction our feet start moving when we find that we are loved. Faith is stepping out into the unknown with nothing to guide us but a hand just beyond our grasp.

—Frederick Buechner





There are people who do special things in a special way...

Thank You!

Thank you to Don Walter for mowing the church lawn this past summer.

In Memory of Margaret Blader an acolyte stand and lighters were purchased.

In Memory of Vicki Strom the padded chairs in the fellowship hall were purchased.

The supplies are such a relief to those that don't have what they need! God bless you! Kristi Anderson

Thanks a million! The supplies are so helpful. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful support! Bob Wimburn

Thank you for your generosity! We really appreciate it! Shaura Romily

Thank you so much for thinking of us. Your generosity is appreciated! Juliet Hulbeck

Thank you for caring! Nancy Cutler

Thank you

On Call

Our class is so grateful for the supplies you donated. It is so nice to teach in such a caring community! Thank you Anne Zellner

Thank you for your generosity! It was so nice of you to donate to our students! We are very grateful for your generosity for all the children. Ashley Seckler

Thank-you for all you do for our school. It is so nice to have supplies for those who need them. Jane Kroll

Thank you so very much for your generous gift of school supplies! We so appreciate your thoughtfulness! Thank you so much for all you do for us & our school! Ann Gibbs

Groton Missions Report

The Missions Committee met and made plans for raising funds for the Thanksgiving Baskets. The first event will be a Chili Cook-Off held in conjunction with the October 27 Potluck. We will have some fun and we ask you to sign up to bring a crock pot of chili with Kay Brandt or another missions committee member. The second event will be November 17 with a bake sale/pie auction. If you will volunteer to make a pie for the auction, please sign up. We will be also selling baked goods and donuts that day.

The other project discussed was the Angel Tree. We are planning on having that up the Sunday before Thanksgiving so those who go shopping that week can have cards. This year we will put ALL the Christmas Wishes of one child on one card and the items will not be split up. Several people taking one card may be an option you wish to consider this year.

As always, please let us know any thoughts or ideas you may have. Kay Brandt, Chair

Chili Cook-Off Information

Fine chili should look good, smell good, and taste good! Accordingly each chili is to be judged on the following criteria to get it's score: aroma, color, consistency, taste, and aftertaste.

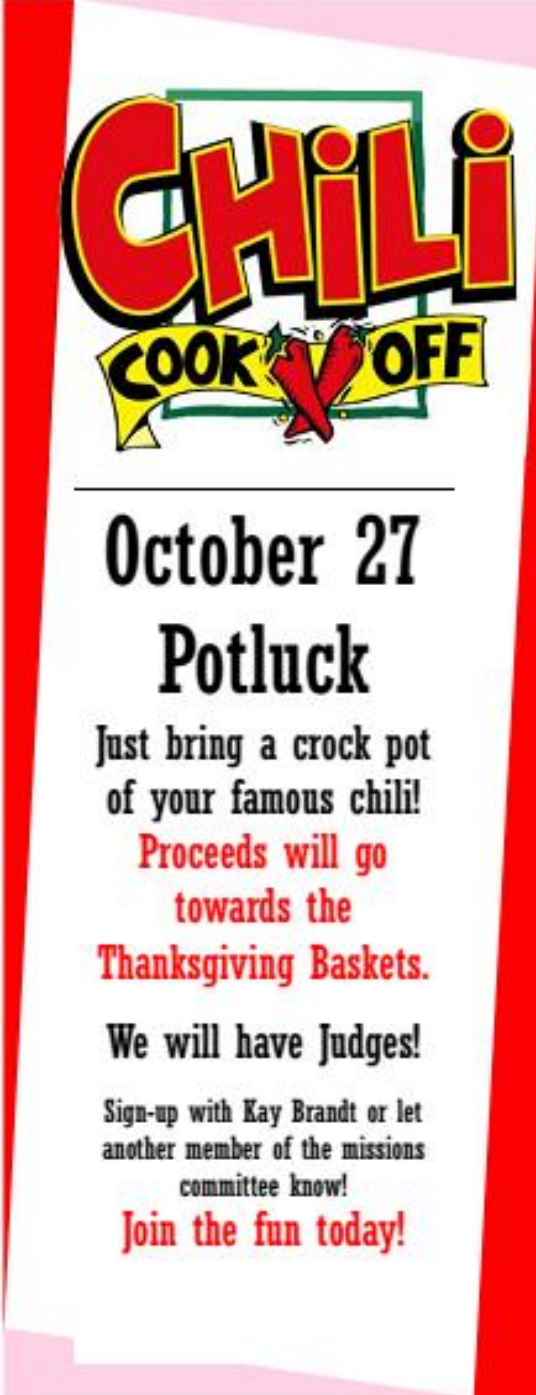
We will have local judges decide the winning pot that Sunday during church so at the end of the service, the winner will be announced! And a prize will be given.

At the end of the potluck, the remaining chili will be put in containers and for sale.

JOIN THE FUN!

Groton Potluck

The Potluck this month will be held on October 27 in conjunction with the Missions Committee Chili Cook-Off. The Committee will be furnishing a soup for those who do not care for chili and a sandwich. We ask that the rest of the congregation bring salads and desserts. All are welcome to dine with us!



CHILI
COOK OFF

October 27
Potluck

Just bring a crock pot
of your famous chili!
**Proceeds will go
towards the
Thanksgiving Baskets.**

We will have Judges!

Sign-up with Kay Brandt or let
another member of the missions
committee know!
Join the fun today!



Local
Missions



Our Church Celebrations

Groton

Oct 1 Turner Thompson
 Oct 2 Winifred Fawcett
 Oct 4 Josh Atherton
 Fred Wolken
 Oct 5 Jeanne Wanous
 Oct 7 Allen Walter
 Oct 8 Gloria Pharis
 Lars & Kelli Hanson
 Oct 10 Megan Erickson
 Dan & Marjae Schinkel
 Oct 12 Marc & Jane Johnson
 Oct 13 Carna Atherton-Pray
 Oct 14 Grady O'Neill
 Oct 15 Brad Morehouse
 Jaymie Overacker
 Russell Davidson

Oct 21 Gary Heitmann
 Oct 22 Kara Pharis
 Oct 23 Randy Stanley
 Oct 24 Karla Davison
 Oct 25 Lars Hanson
 Oct 26 Harry & Gloria Pharis
 Oct 29 Connie Nilsson
 Oct 30 Holden Sippel
 Oct 31 Dawsyn Dinger

Conde

Oct 9 Joseph Smith
 Oct 21 Tony Lyren
 Oct 22 Janice Hanson
 Sherry Hanson
 Shane Haskell
 Oct 29 Marcene Bruckner
 Oct 31 Andee Geist



Conde UMW - September

The members of the Conde UMW met September 18 at 10:30 am. The lesson was on the Faith Hope Love and Action through the purpose of UMW.

1 Corinthians 2:6 was the reading in the devotional book for the day. Cards were sent out to friends of the community who are not feeling well or have moved away.

Sewing and school kits were taken to Aberdeen to go to "The Market Place" .

Nov 6 at 6 pm we will be hosting a Spud-tacular evening for the ladies in the surrounding community, more on this later.

We will participate in shoe box Christmas again this year. The annual conference will be in Aberdeen at Aberdeen First Church on October 4 and 5th. Next Meeting is October 16th at 10 am.



For Emmitt Gregg Yeaton at Groton UMC on October 20. Parents are Tim and Malerie Yeaton. Emmitt was born on Friday, August 23.

Blessings Shower to be announced. Watch bulletin for the details.

Groton UMW Meets

Seven members were present at the Sept. meeting and led by President Gloria Pharis reciting the Purpose to begin the day's business.

Chris Nyberg followed with the Program on Traditions which can found within the church, the Bible, families etc. Discussion followed.

The minutes from the August meeting were read and approved. The financial report was given as well.

Old business was addressing and filling out the datebook again for programs and hostesses. This will probably have to be completed at the October meeting.

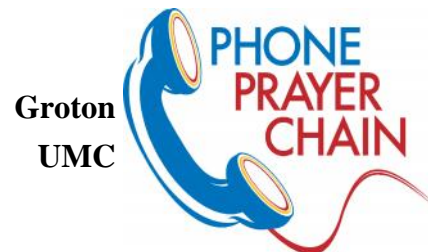
During new business Jeanne Wanous handed out a spreadsheet which consisted of a list of items the UMW will consider for their 2013 budget. Members are to rank those organizations etc. or prioritize them according to what each feels has the most need and return the

UMW Meeting
October 16
2 pm Wednesday
 Program "Thank You
 God for What We See"
 World Thank Offering by
Jeanne Wanous
Bring your Boxes!
 Hostesses Betty Strom &
Jolene Townsend

spreadsheet to the Oct. meeting. The budget will be then addressed for 2013 at that time. Also at this meeting a discussion will take place if the Groton UMW will consider any evening meetings as well as afternoon meetings for 2014. On Nov. 1 and 2, the First United Methodist of Aberdeen is planning an event. More information will come at a later date.

The next meeting is October 16 at 2.m. with the Program "Thank You God for What We See" led by Jeanne Wanous. Hostesses are Betty Strom and Jolene Townsend. Linda Thurston served a delicious dessert for the Sept. meeting.

Upcoming events are finalizing the 2014 Slate of Officers, completing the budget, Reading Program, and Saving coffee cans.



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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 automatic for privacy reasons.



Spud-tacular Evening Event

6th of November
PM
Dollars

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

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



Sympathies
 To the family of
 Jeffre Thomas
 Who passed away
 August 31

Conde Ad Council - Sept

- Pastor Matt shared times that he would be at meetings.
- Ad Meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursdays of each month.
- Circle/Bible Study will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.
- Furnace and A/C contracts will not be renewed for the coming year.
- Cindy Smith was hired to clean the church for an hourly wage. She will also be in charge of getting the needed supplies and being reimbursed.
- Pat Siefken will see that the mission kits get to the Dakotas marketplace.
- Steam Bros. from Bath will be contacted to clean the carpets in the church. Cindy will contact them.
- The tree north of the narthex will be removed and the area will have work done to it.
- Pastor Matt will find materials for an Advent Bible Study.
- Trustees will be asked to look into the sizes and costs of having a shed south of the church.
- Pat will look into having the church building sprayed for bugs.

Sunday School Rally Sunday

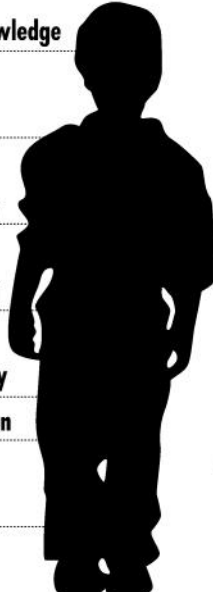





Growing Up!

You're growing each day in many different ways. A verse from 2 Peter tells what will help you grow!

Directions: Fill in the blanks below, using the height measurements as guides, to complete 2 Peter 3:18.

3 1/4 ft.	knowledge		Savior	3 1/8 ft.
3 1/16 ft.	him		grace	3 ft.
2 3/4 ft.	now		forever	2 1/2 ft.
2 1/4 ft.	Lord		grow	2 1/8 ft.
2 1/16 ft.	glory		Jesus Christ	1 1/4 ft.
2 ft.	Amen			
1 ft.	our			

"But _____ in the _____ and _____ of _____
 _____ and _____
 To _____ be _____ both _____ and _____ ! _____."

2 PETER 3:18, NIV

Answer: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."



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.



A strong harvest

Seeds of strength are planted in the soils of weakness. Your most uplifting strength tomorrow may grow from your most debilitating weakness today.

-V. Gilbert Beers

World Communion Sunday - October 6

World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. The offering benefits World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program.

United Methodists relate to World Communion Sunday by informing qualified people, especially youth and young adults, to apply for scholarships and by giving generously to the special offering,



which often enables first-generation students to attend college.

Please give generously on World Communion Sunday! Your gifts to the World Communion Sunday offering equip racial- and ethnic-minority students in the United States and international students to transform the church and communities.

Groton 10 AM Women's Bible Study

"Journey To Christmas"

*We will start this 4 week series around November 5th
Please Watch the Bulletin for details and join us as we
Journey to Christmas and watch a 45 minute video
with a 15 minute discussion.*

What we'd like to hear in church

- Hey, it's my turn to sit in the front pew!
- I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon ran longer than usual.
- I'll volunteer to be the permanent junior high Sunday school teacher.
- I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before.
- Because we're all here, let's start the worship service early.
- Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.
- Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign.

Follow the journey of five diverse people as they experience the Holy Land for the first time.

Their goal?

To discover
**the true meaning
of Christmas.**



Journey to Christmas

Groton Family November Committee

Sharon & Larry Wheeting

Alan & Jolene Townsend

Karla & Russell Davison, Alec Oleson

Zachary Townsend

Kristi & Ben Peterson, Jocelyn

Betty Strom

Kim & Craig Weber

Jay & Linda Johnson

Carol & Luverne Strom

Caralee & Gary Heitmann

AM & Laurie Mitchell

Cheri & Tom Strom

Erin & Damian Bahr

Charity Hinman

Doug Sippel

November 2013						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Honorary Members

- DeLoris Knoll
- Hazel McKittrick
- Curtis Krueger

November Extra Responsibilities

- Nov 3 change altar cloths to white for communion
- Nov 10 altar cloths change to green
- Nov 24 change altar cloths to white for Christ the King Sunday
- Put up church indoor and outdoor decorations with Dec committee and all church members (check date with Pastor)
- No Potluck if Men have their dinner
- Remind Neal & Melissa Gilbert to change banners

Missions 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 with Kay Brandt or any other member of the missions committee. We will have the silent auction during coffee hour and then after church you may pick up and pay for your winnings!

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



Pie Auction

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

Groton Stewardship Report Sept 2013	
Average Wkly Giving	\$1,705
Needed Wkly for Church Mission	\$2,088
Average Weekly Attendance Sunday	89
Total Building Fund Donations	\$140

October 2013						
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Our Church Happenings

- Oct 6 World Communion Sunday
 Oct 7 PPRC in Groton 8 pm
 Oct 9 Groton Nominations Meets 6 pm
 Oct 10 Conde Ad Council 6:30 pm
 Oct 16 Conde UMW 10 am
 Oct 16 Groton UMW 2 pm - BRING WORLD THANK OFFERING BOXES
 Oct 16 Groton Ad Council 8 pm
 Oct 20 Groton Baptism - Emmitt Yeaton
 Oct 27 Groton New Member Sunday
 3rd Grade Bibles Presented
 Missions Chili Cook-Off during Potluck
 Nov 3 All Saints Sunday
Nov 6 Conde Spud-tacular Evening Event 7 pm
Nov 10 Groton Men's Dinner
 Nov 17 Missions Baking Event with Pie Auction!
 Nov 17 Charge Conference in Conde 7 pm
 Nov 24 Missions Angel Tree available
 Dec 15 Sunday School Christmas Program