

September 2013

United Methodist Messenger



Dear Friends in Groton & Conde

Have you taken time to read the Psalms? I mean really read the Psalms. I flipped open one of my bibles, it was The Message, by Eugene H. Peterson. The book fell open to the book of Psalms and I immediately felt that I needed to dwell with the text. Here is what I read.

"Let your love, God, shape my life with salvation, exactly as you promised; then I'll be able to stand up to mockery because I trusted your Word. Don't ever deprive me of truth, not ever— your commandments are what I depend on... These words hold me up in bad times, yes, your promises rejuvenate me... Because you have satisfied me, God, I promise to do everything you say."

I don't know about you, but there have been times when life has hit me like a freight train, or a hurricane, a tornado, whatever metaphor fits, and it is good to know that despite this God's WORD and LOVE remains steadfast. How has life treated you? Life is not easy, it's not fair. Sometimes we make choices that lead us down a road of despair, and at other times, situations arise that are out of our control.

It seems to me that the end result

of any given situation hinges on our response. How do we function when life gives us more than we feel we can handle? And of course different circumstances require different actions. But I believe that God's desire for us is that in times, when things hit fans, we find ourselves turning to God's WORD and trusting in God's

LOVE and PROMISE. I hope you find that to be true in your life as well.

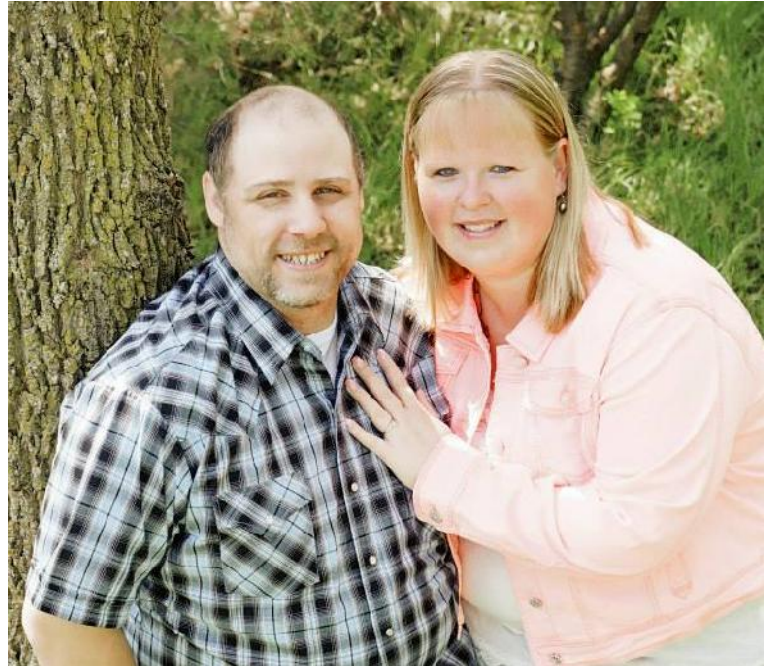
May you let God's love shape your life, may you find yourself in places where God's love abounds and may you allow God's promises to rejuvenate you. And may you live a life that can be satisfied by God.

I look forward to seeing you in church,
Pastor Matt



Wedding Blessing Shower

Sept 15 we will help Sabrina Olson and Joey Padfield celebrate their upcoming wedding during Groton coffee hour. The couple is registered at Shopko and Herbergers.



Thank You

An Acolyte Stand has been purchased in memory of Margaret Blader.



Groton Missions

Thank you to all who donated school supplies to assist the teachers with the start of a new year. We received a nice pile and assortment of items that can all be used throughout the year. The school was very thankful for our large donation. Due to the large number of backpacks we received this year the school has plenty to last them probably a couple years. Thank you again for all your support to local missions.

Emmitt Gregg Yeaton

Was born Friday, August 23 at 9:25 pm. He weighed 8 lbs and was 19 1/2 inches long. Parents are Tim and Malerie Yeaton



Our Church Celebrations

Groton

- Sept 2 Kylie Hawkins
- Sept 6 Perryn Dobbins
- Sept 7 Alana Wolken
- Sept 8 Laurel & Monte McNickle
- Sept 9 Clint & Audrey Jacobson
- Sept 10 Bryce Hanson
- Sept 11 Audrey Jacobson
- Sept 12 Alexa Nilsson
Cliff Pray
Ryder Daly
- Sept 13 Richard Krueger
- Sept 14 Bob Wehde
Gerald & Ann Rix
- Sept 15 Mason Madsen
- Sept 16 Camille Sippel
- Sept 17 Jackson Strom
Kyler Ell
- Sept 19 Diann Morehouse
- Sept 20 Marjory Townsend
- Sept 23 Carolyn Snyder
- Sept 24 Jesse Overacker
Turner Webb
- Sept 26 Alan Strom
Alejandra Heitmann
- Sept 28 Payton Mitchell
- Sept 29 Bob Johnson

Groton UMW Sept 18 Meeting

Groton UMW will be meeting Wednesday, September 18, at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend. A program will be given by Chris Nyberg. Hostesses are Linda Thurston & Carna Atherton Pray.

The Nominations Committee will meet at 6:30 pm to prepare the slate of Officers.

Upcoming Events are the Dakotas Conference Annual UMW Meeting on Oct 4-5 in Aberdeen. Please bring the World Thank Offering Boxes in October.



Conde

- Sept 5 Chuck Trapp
- Sept 7 Bev Bonn
Jerry & Bev Bonn
Richard Worlie
- Sept 8 Eva Lyren
- Sept 13 Shane Bruckner
- Sept 27 Alex Lyren
- Sept 28 Rex & Larae Taylor
- Sept 29 Bud & Julie Bruckner



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| Marlys Rodman | 397-4570 |
| Pat Dahlquist | 397-2616 |
| Doris Zoellner | 397-2417 |
| Marjorie Townsend | 298-5221 |
| Ann Rix | 397-8478 |
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| 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 Sunday School

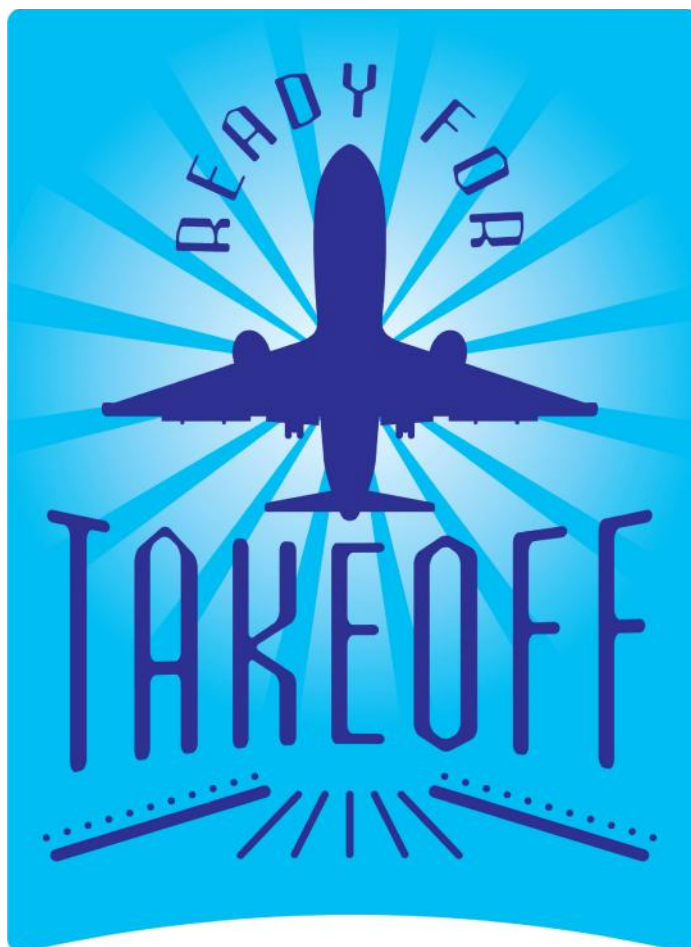
Get ready for an "Awesome Adventure" as we "Fly High on Faith" to kick off our Sunday School year! Our "mission from God" begins Sunday, Sept. 8, at 10:00 am when we celebrate Rally Sunday "in search of His truth." Students should register online if possible at www.grotonumc.org or you can just join us that morning. We will be using a new SPARK curriculum that is very Bible based and correlates with the weekly sermon, so we are excited to be "Lifted by The Lord!"

An Usborne Book Fair will be held on Rally Sunday and also the following Sunday when we honor our new members and during the potluck that day. Let us know if you want the books for gifts because they make great gifts! The proceeds will go to new books for the Sunday School.

All Sunday School children will be singing in church following Sunday School at 11:00 am on Sept 8th.

Any questions, please call Carna (380-1742) or Kim (380-7148).

"Great is our Lord and mighty in power." Psalm 147:5



Groton UMW - August

On Aug. 28 at 2p.m. eight members of the Groton UMW recited the Purpose to begin the meeting. The minutes and financial reports were given and approved. Correspondence was a thank-you from Brent and Jessica Morehouse for Colton's gift to mission.

Old business was a report from Jeanne Wanous on items purchased by the UMW with Memorial money. Items purchased so far are a half dozen slotted spoons, an orange 5 gallon cooler, a five tiered rack for storage, a dozen new carafes, two saucepans, one stockpot, and some additional silverware. This committee of Jeanne Wanous, Sharon Wheeting, and Clare Brotherton will continue to work on this list of kitchen needs.

The datebook was passed around again. The Eastern Sunrise Circuit and the Dakota Links were also shared during New Business.

Marj Overacker shared that will be new members joining the church on Sept. 15 with a potluck. Each new member will receive a portfolio that includes such information as the conference report, family booklet, and each female will receive a UMW booklet.

The next meeting will be held Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. with Chris Nyberg giving the program. Hostesses will be Linda Thurston and Carna Atherton-Pray. Jeanne Wanous served a delicious dessert for the August meeting.



From generation to **GENERATION**

Grandparents are a bridge of love for future generations. The greatest heritage they can pass on is their faith and love for God.

Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation.

JOEL 1:3, NIV

Directions: List as many words as you can create from the letters in **GENERATIONS**. You may want to challenge a grandparent to this!

2-letter words	3-letter words	4-letter words	5+ letters
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Add up the total number of words you found. >>> _____

Answers will vary.

The labor to which we're called

In words attributed to Mother Teresa, “Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus.” As we celebrate Labor Day, what does such a distinction mean?

Vocation comes from Latin for “calling.” Christians understand vocation as that for which God created you, involving activities you do well, enjoy and feel good about doing, and that serve others. If you’re blessed to earn a paycheck doing something that fits those categories, then your profession or occupation – your work –likely is your vocation.

Other people work a paying job because an opportunity presents itself and the income is needed, even if it isn’t their favorite thing to do. Perhaps they live out their truest vocation during non-employment hours: singing with a choir, raising children, building houses with Habitat for Humanity.

Christians in any capacity, paid or not, can live out Jesus’ calling to love God and neighbor with our whole being (Luke 10:27). When God is “CEO” of our lives, it shows in how we treat our fellow laborers.





Groton Mission Statement
 "Enriching Spiritual lives through Christ."

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

Groton Stewardship Report August 2013

Average Wkly Giving \$1,954

Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,088

Average Weekly Attendance Sunday 60

Total Building Fund Donations \$205

A prayer for guidance

Lord, take me where you want me to go;
 Let me meet who you want me to meet;
 Tell me what you want me to say,
 and keep me out of your way.

—Rev. Mychal Judge, FDNY chaplain and the first official casualty on 9/11



Groton October Family Committee

John & Meri Erickson

Marjae & Dan Schinkel, Danielle

Connie & Dave Nilsson

Logan & Chanda Nilsson

Kayla & Adam Suther

Adrienne & Tigh Flihs

Doug Bahr

Dion & Sam Bahr

William Zoellner

Steve & Becky Diegel

Janice Raap

Anita & John Lowary

Brian & Andrea Bahr

Ida Hannon

October 2013						
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27	28	29	30	31		

Honorary Members

- Emery Sippel
- Bert Raap

October Extra Responsibilities

- First Sunday, Oct 6, World Communion, change altar cloths to white
- Oct 13, change altar cloths to green
- Care for the lawn as needed
- Potluck 2nd Sunday
- Remind Anita & John Lowary to change banners





Our Church Happenings

September 2013						
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- Sept 4 Groton New Member Orientation at 7 pm
- Sept 8 Groton Rally Sunday - Sunday School Begins
- Sept 11 Groton Confirmation Begins 3:45-5:00 pm
- Sept 11 Groton Music/Worship Mtg at 7 pm
- Sept 15 Wedding Blessings Shower during coffee hour
Sabrina Olson and Joey Padfield
- Sept 15 Groton Potluck/New Member Sunday
- Sept 16 PPR meeting at 7 pm in Conde with Taco Night!
- Sept 18 Groton UMW Meeting 7 pm
- Sept 21 Dakota Marketplace at First UMC in Sioux Falls 9 am - 2 pm
- Sept 22 Groton Missions Committee Mtg 10:15 am
- Oct 2 WOW Worship Begins!