

August 2014

United Methodist Messenger

Groton/Conde UMC



Dear Friends in Groton and Conde

Summer is rapidly flying by and there is already a sense of urgency about the upcoming school year. But before we go there, I'd like to share with you all how my summer has been going. In addition to reaching out and being relational to people in Groton and surrounding communities, I have been keeping busy with not only other duties of the church pastorate but also serving within the conference, specifically in the area of youth ministry.

There has been a lot of windshield time and nights away from Groton; from attending Annual Conference in Rapid City, to DakYouth 14 in Brookings and now coming up a week of camp at Lake Poinsett. Despite all the busyness, I have found these events to be rewarding and in moments, I have found time for renewal. I am a firm believer in allowing what you do as service to God be something that one finds rewarding as well. It just makes all that you do so much easier and joy-filled.

For instance, at DakYouth 14 I worked with youth from all around the Dakotas, including our own Danielle Schinkel, in planning, promoting and leading the event. Danielle and I both serve on the Conference Council on Youth Ministry (CCYM). CCYM plans and leads events throughout the year and this was one of our big summer events, the next is coming up this very week, Leadership Training Camp (LTC). LTC is held every year the last week of July at

Lake Poinsett UMC Camp. We typically see between 70-90 campers and have around 30 counselors.

These youth arrive from all over the Dakotas and even some from Minnesota. Throughout the week youth participate in a Christian leadership academy and learn fundamentals and aspects of worship, lay leadership, addressing concern in the world through faith and action, fine arts (creation/crafts/music/acting) and discussion. It is an intense camp that is centered on being a place apart for youth who are preparing to make a difference in the world through faith and action.

Events like these and other great camps are taking place at our Dakotas Camping Ministry Events and Sites. Dakotas Camping Ministry is such an essential part of our heritage and future in the Dakotas. For me, personally, I can attest to the importance of Camping and Retreat Ministry as it was in such a setting where I received my call to ministry. I feel privileged and honored to serve in the Dakotas and work to provide a place apart where youth, young adults and campers of all ages can experience such great opportunities for Christian discipleship and growth.

I look forward to seeing you in church,
Pastor Matt

Pastor Office Hours

Monday 9 am - 4 pm

Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm

Wednesday 9 am - 3 pm followed by evening meetings

Thursday will be out spent on visitation and a time of sermon prep

Friday and Sat - Off





Blessings Shower

Jacob Dale Morehouse was born to parents Jesse & Julie on June 10th. He was 8 lbs 5 oz and 20 1/2 inches long. The Groton UMC is hosting a blessings shower to welcome Jacob on August 24th during coffee hour.



Baptism Blessings Rae Fliehs - July 20th

Time to make up!

After an evening filled with vigorous sibling disagreements, three children finally turned in for the night. A few hours later, a major thunderstorm woke them all up. When their father heard the children conversing upstairs, he called to see what was happening.

A small, timid voice answered, "We're all in the closet forgiving one another!"

Thank you Notes

Dear Groton UMC, Thank you for the sweatshirt. It was a very generous gift and I have enjoyed growing up in this church. I look forward to attending UNL in the fall and continuing my faith in the future. Sincerely, Camille Sippel

UMC, Thank you so much for the sweatshirt. It will go to good use as I attend PC in the fall. Thanks again. Kylie

Thoughtful

Helpful

Always there

Nice

Kindhearted

Supportive

Thank you so much for the graduation gift. It is greatly appreciated! I plan to use it when I attend University of South Dakota in the fall. Thank you so much! Mason Madsen

UMC Church, Thank you for the t-shirt and the nice service and reception. Jasmine



August Meetings Coming Up

August 4 PPR Meeting at 7 pm in Conde. This includes Andrea Bahr, Bud Bruckner, Toger Rix, Lon Gellhaus, Greg Peterson, Dale Kramer, Marj Overacker, Patty Knoll, Chris Nyberg, Pat Siefken, Meri Erickson, Carna Atherton-Pray, and Betty Geist.

August 6 Groton Education Meeting at 7 pm includes Kim Weber, Carna Atherton-Pray, Fran Sippel, Brenda Madsen, Kami Lipp, Carol Knecht, Kay Brandt, Marjorie Overacker, Linda Thurston, and all Sunday School Teach-

ers and Volunteers who are interested in planning the upcoming year.

August 7 Groton Music and Worship Committee meeting at 7 pm. This includes Carna Atherton-Pray, Gary & Caralee Heitmann, Sherwin & Chris Nyberg, Roger Rix, Yvonne Lange, Danielle Schinkel, Linda Thurston, Kelli Hanson, Robin O'Neill, Richard & JoAnn Krueger, Bert Raap, and Dale Kramer.



Groton UMC

Marlys Rodman	397-4570
Pat Dahlquist	397-2616
Doris Zoellner	397-2417
Marjory Townsend	298-5221
Ann Rix	397-8478
Darlys Kampa	395-6996
DeLoris Knoll	397-2681
Gloria Pharis	397-2375
Audrey Thurston	397-8493

*If you are not on this list or the email prayer chain, 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.

*You are invited to a
Farewell Party for*

Clare Brotherton

*August 23, Saturday
11:30 am to 1:30 pm*

*At the Groton
United Methodist Church*

Hosted by the Groton UMC Congregation Members



Groton UMW - June

Carolyn Synder gave the program on how the Methodist Church is involved with helping people with disabilities. Something to keep in mind or take note of is women and children are more likely to find themselves in poverty which can lead to a life influenced and controlled by disabilities. In more than 70 countries, the United Methodist Church supports health education, prevention of disease, and the prevention of conditions which can contribute to disabilities. The Purpose was recited as the business meeting got underway. The minutes were read and approved. Correspondence included a thank-you from Doris Zoellner and the Post Prom young people who attended the Groton Prom. The financial report was given with additional pledges being turned in and revenue for the May Breakfast being comparable to last year. Marge Overacker read Devotions about God being in control and that he will take care of us.

tions about God being in control and that he will take care of us.

One of the things decided during old business was to leave the UMW meetings at 1:30. The May Breakfast will again be addressed at the August meeting. New business consisted of the Reading program being due on August 1, hugs and kisses were addressed, Carol Strom's name was drawn for the gift card, and cards were again signed and sent to members who have been ill or have entered the nursing home.

President Jolene Townsend ended the meeting with a prayer. Hostesses for the June meeting were Carol Strom and Rose Tewksbury who served a delicious banana split for dessert.

The next meeting will be Aug. 20 at 1:30 with hostesses Caralee Heitman and JoAnn Krueger.

Groton UMW

Meeting

August 20th at 1:30 pm

Wednesday

Hostesses are JoAnn Krueger

and

Caralee Heitmann

Executive Meeting

Following lunch to

Continue Date Book

Plans 2015

Newsletter Update

Budget Plans

Upcoming Events

Save Coffee Cans

Nominations Committee

will meet

Hit the road

When a teenager received his driving permit, he asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss use of the car.

His father said, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut, and then we'll talk about it."

A month later, the young man returned to continue the discussion. "Son, I've been real proud of you,"

the father said. "You've brought your grades up and studied your Bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut!"

The teenager replied, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that. Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair and even Jesus had long hair "

"Yes," the father said, "and they walked everywhere they went!"



Conde MISSION

STATEMENT

"The Conde United

Methodist Church is seeking

to satisfy the spiritual and

physical needs of all."

Conde UMW

Meeting

August 20 at 10 am

"Calling to Practice Hospitality in Welcoming All Women"

Leader Donna Hearnen
Hostesses Donna Walter

Our Church Celebrations

Groton

Aug 1 Bert Raap
 Aug 2 David Strom
 Dylan Graf
 Jessica & Brent Morehouse
 Aug 3 Lance & Kristie Hawkins
 Michelle Kramer
 Aug 4 Craig & Kim Weber
 Aug 5 Gerald Rix
 Tigh Fliehs
 Aug 6 Damian Bahr
 Aug 7 Kelli Hanson
 Sherwin Nyberg
 Aug 8 Brad & Diann Morehouse
 Yvonne Lange
 Aug 9 Jackson Wells
 Loel Schott
 Aug 12 Amber Wolken
 Tom Lipp
 Aug 13 Logan Nilsson
 Aug 14 Doug Bahr
 Aug 15 Bert & Jan Raap
 Aug 16 Alissa & Michael Wells
 Jim Jones
 Ralph Breitzkreutz
 Rose Tewksbury
 Sam Furman
 Aug 17 Chanda Nilsson

Aug 18 Hunter Maag
 Aug 19 Jaeger Kampa
 Sherwin & Christine Nyberg
 Tia Zoellner
 William Zoellner
 Aug 20 Marc Sippel
 Aug 22 Virginia Breitzkreutz
 Aug 23 Emmitt Yeaton
 Lisa Pray
 Aug 25 Justin & Amanda Morehouse
 Aug 28 Rob & Jeanne Wanous
 Aug 29 Chuck Padfield
 Aug 30 Breslyn Hinman
 Emma Schinkel
 Nathan Atherton
 Aug 31 Katelyn Hawkins
Conde
 Aug 6 Loren & Pat Siefken
 Aug 10 Cindy Smith
 Aug 12 Cody Evans
 Aug 13 Sonja Herman
 Aug 16 Brandon Smith
 Aug 20 Richard & Jane Worlie
 Aug 23 Jim & Mona Baldridge
 Nicklos Menzia
 Aug 26 Pamela Hanson
 Aug 30 Carl Hanson
 Aug 31 Collin Ragels



Hot air

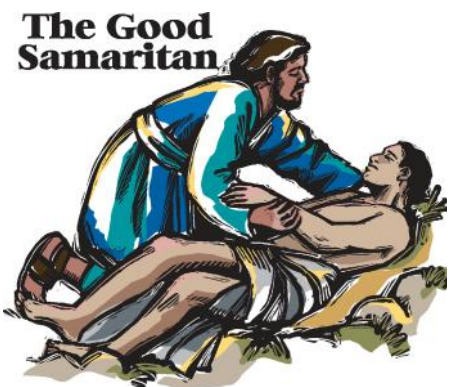
Scientists have discovered that sound travels faster in the summer than in the winter. In hot summer air, sound travels at 1,266 feet per second. But in cold air, sound travels as slow as 1,066 feet per second. So that means sermons preached in the summer will naturally be shorter, right?

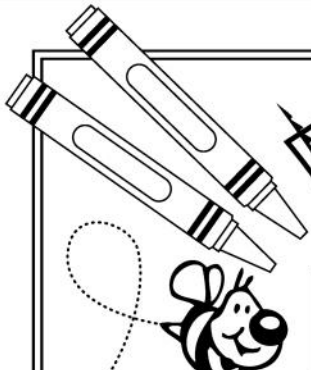
Points of Honesty

A Sunday school teacher was telling his class the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), in which Jesus describes three individuals' responses to a man found beaten and in grave need of help along the side of the road. Hoping to bring home the point of the parable, the teacher asked the class, "If you saw a person

lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?"

A hushed silence followed, broken after a moment by a thoughtful little girl: "I think I'd throw up."





PUZZLE

BE HAPPY

In Matthew 5:3-10, Jesus begins his teaching with the Beatitudes. They give us many reasons to be happy. The Greek word for blessed, *makarios*, also means happy!

Directions: Complete the Beatitudes by matching the blanks in each "Happy" phrase on the left with the bold word(s) on the right.

1. "Happy are the POOR IN SPIRIT	hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."
2. "Happy are those who _____	pure in heart , for they will see God."
3. "Happy are the _____	peacemakers , for they will be called the children of God."
4. "Happy are those who _____ _____	persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
5. "Happy are the _____ _____	poor in spirit , for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
6. "Happy are the _____ _____	merciful , for they will be shown mercy."
7. "Happy are the _____ _____	meek , for they will inherit the earth."
8. "Happy are those who are _____ _____	mourn , for they will be comforted."

Our
Students
SHINE!



Happy sunshine cupcakes

Psalm 144:15 says,
"Blessed [or happy] are the people
whose God is the LORD." Make these
bright cupcakes to remember all the
ways God makes you happy.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Cake mix
- Cupcake liners
- White frosting
- Yellow food coloring
- Black frosting or tube gel
- Candy corn

What you do:

1. Make cupcakes by following directions on the box. Let them cool completely.
2. Stir yellow food coloring into white frosting, making it as yellow as the sun. Frost the cupcakes.
3. Using black frosting, make a happy face on each cupcake.
4. Around each cupcake, place candy corn with points out to resemble sun rays. Enjoy!

Groton Missions School Supplies Project - Teacher Wish List

PreK

- Plastic folders
- Large pencil bags with zipper
- Purple tinted glue sticks

Kindergarten

- Walmart gift card to buy miscellaneous items throughout school year.
- 6 pkgs of brown paper sacks lunch size
- 10 pkgs of 24 count CRAYOLA crayons

First Grade

1 backpack of school supplies for a boy

1 backpack of school supplies for a girl

EACH BACKPACK SHOULD CONTAIN:

- 8 sharpened pencils
- 2 large pink erasers
- 24 count crayons
- 4 elmers glue sticks
- 1 small bottle glue
- 1 large box of Kleenex
- Pencil box or school box
- Pair of school scissors (little metal Fiskars)
- 2 folders with pockets
- 2 spiral bound (70 count wide rule) notebook
- 1 solid 3 ring 1 1/2 inch binder
- 1 pkg 50 count clear sheet protectors for 3 ring binder (put in binder)
- 2 black Sharpie markers (regular point)
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1 large pkg of napkins

Second Grade

1 backpack of school supplies for a boy

1 backpack of school supplies for a girl

EACH BACKPACK SHOULD CONTAIN:

- 4 sharpened pencils
- 2 large pink erasers
- Crayons
- 2 Elmer's School glue
- Scissors
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- 4 dry erase markers
- 1 red pocket folder

- 1 green pocket folder
- 1 yellow pocket folder
- Water colors
- School bag
- Felt tip markers
- Ruler
- 3 ring binder
- Clear sheet protectors (put in binder)
- Old shirt for painting
- Pencil box no larger than 8 x 5
- 1 spiral bound wide rule notebook
- Flashdrive 1 GB or larger

Third Grade

- 4 containers disinfectant wipes
- 6 boxes of 24 crayons
- 2 dozen glue sticks
- 5 pkgs wide-lined loose-leaf paper
- 1 pkg gallon Ziploc bags
- 1 lge pkg of napkins
- 2 boxes of rubber gloves - one size fits all
- 2 large bottles of hand sanitizer

Fourth Grade

Napkins

Paper plates

Styrofoam cups

Fifth Grade

1 backpack of school supplies for a boy

1 backpack of school supplies for a girl

EACH BACKPACK SHOULD CONTAIN:

- Composition Notebook
- Crayons
- Package of 10 checking pens
- Box of 50 pencils (not mechanical)
- Pencil bag
- Ruler with 1/16 and metric markings
- Elmer's School glue AND
- Glue sticks
- Large scissors
- Water colors
- Erasers
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex

Please Support
our Teachers at
the Grade School

You may buy any
supplies on the list
or put together a
school bag or
make a monetary
donation to go to-
wards what we are
missing. School
starts Soon!

**Deadline is
Wednesday,**

August 20th!



Local
Missions

5th grade continued

- Paper - 250 sheets filler paper or 5 notebooks
- Colored pencils
- Felt tip markers
- 2 black tip Sharpie markers
- 10 dry erase markers
- 6 pocket folders
- Flashdrive
- Hand sanitizer
- \$3 for an assignment book purchased through the school office.



2013-2014 Year End Report

The 2013 - 2014 BAGS for Tomorrow program was very successful. The program delivered approximately 831 Bags of food this past year to Groton Area students, as well as a \$15 dollar food coupon per family to Ken's during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. With some minimal purchases of cleaning supplies, shelving, and insurance, along with our bag cost averaging just over 8 dollars per bag; our expenses for this past year were approximately \$7500.

It is because of the hard work, dedication, and generosity of the Groton Community and surrounding area that we are able to provide for our students in need and give them something they would not have had otherwise. Students who are hungry are not going to be focused on school, they tend to be disruptive, and will typically struggle in school. The BAGS Program is helping to offset these issues. Students in need is not an issue just in Groton, but in most schools throughout South Dakota and the U.S. to some extent or another.

Our BAGS program enrollment is at roughly 8% of our student population.

This is much less than the free/reduced lunch percentage of 17%. I have received a number of thank you notes from families enrolled in our program expressing their gratitude and I would like to extend this thank you to everyone who has helped or contributed in any way to our program.

The BAGS for Tomorrow program is financially sound thanks to the generous support of numerous organizations, clubs, and individuals. As of June 2014 we had \$15,190.37 in our bank account. This is more than enough to sustain the program for the upcoming year, and into the following year.

This program is here for the sole purpose of helping our students. It could not be done without the cooperation and donation of time and money from a lot of different people and it is why this program has been working so well.

Mr. Dan Dalchow ~ Principal
Groton Area Elementary School
Elementary Phone # 397-2317
E-mail: dan.dalchow@k12.sd.us



**SCHOOL
SUPPLY**
Drive

This Side of Heaven

A little girl who'd grown up in the city spent some of her summer vacation out in the country. One starlit night, she and her dad stood gazing up into the sky without any harsh streetlights obstructing the view.

The girl, amazed by the sparkling view, exclaimed, "If heaven is so pretty on the wrong side, I wonder what it looks like on the right side!"





Rally Sunday

(First Day of Sunday School)

September 7th

Join us for
Sunday School at 10 am
at the Groton
United Methodist Church

God made me YOU-nique!



www.grotonumc.org



REGISTER FOR
Sunday School

Unanswered prayer?

One day a little boy asked his pastor-mom why she always bowed her head for a moment before starting to preach. The mother, delighted that her son was so aware of what went on during worship, answered, "I pray for God to help me deliver a good sermon to the people."

Alas, her delight was short-lived and fizzled at the child's response: "So why doesn't God ever answer?"

Groton Ad Council - July

The council invited Clare Brotherton to a farewell open house in her honor at our church on August 23. Clare accepted and plans are to invite the community as well.

The membership committee has completed transferring all manually kept records to electronic records. It was reported that we have a total of 364 people served with 188 listed as active members.

The trustees have completed reviewing bids for a list of sanctuary updates and fixes needed. The council voted approval of one of the bids so that funding

sources can be identified and work can begin as soon as possible.

Some repair work is needed in the parsonage basement as well. That work will be done the first week in August.

Many meetings are being planned in August to organize teachers and leaders for our Sunday school and youth programs.



Groton September Family Committee

Dwight & Eugenia Strom

Linda & Gary Thurston

Susan Odland

Dale Kramer, Gabrielle

Yvonne Lange

Desiree Foltz

Cheryl Hanson

Mark & June Thompson

Gayleen & Jon Voss, Lacey

Marlys Rodman

Rose Tewksbury

Laruel & Monte McNickel

Kami & Tom Lipp, Reily Ell, Kyler Ell

Lance & Kristi Hawkins, Kylie, Kelby

Diann & Brad Morehouse

Carna & Cliff Pray, Kevin

Karla Pasteur



Honorary Members

- Doris Zoellner
- Charlotte Lange

Extra Responsibilities

- Take care of lawn as necessary
- Potluck 2nd Sunday (Rally Sunday)
- Carna & Cliff Pray from the Worship Committee will be taking care of the altar cloths, candles, and banners

September 2014						
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28	29	30				

Groton Stewardship Report June 2014

Average

Wkly Giving
\$1,730

Needed Wkly for
Church Mission
\$2,125

Average Weekly
Attendance Sunday
53

Total Building Fund
Donations
\$70

Groton Stewardship Report July 2014

Average
Wkly Giving
\$1,586

Needed Wkly for
Church Mission
\$2,125

Average Weekly
Attendance Sunday
54

Total Building Fund
Donations
\$1160

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

Our Church Happenings

Aug 4 PPR Meeting in Conde 7 pm
Aug 6 Groton Education Meeting at 7 pm
Aug 7 Groton Music & Worship Committee Meeting at 7 pm
Aug 20 Conde UMW 10 am
Aug 20 Groton UMW 1:30 pm - Executive Meeting following lunch
Aug 20 Groton Ad Council 8 pm
Aug 20 Groton Missions School Supplies Project Ends
Aug 23 Groton Open House Farewell Party for Clare Brotherton from 11:30-1:30
Aug 24 Groton Blessings Shower for Jacob Morehouse during coffee hour.
Aug 24 Conde World Hunger Sunday
Sept 7 Groton Rally Sunday
Sept 21 Membership Sunday

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