



# United Methodist Messenger

## Dear Friends in Groton and Conde



### 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



We certainly have a busy month here at Groton UMC; from confirmation, honoring graduates and mother's day and Vacation Bible School, there isn't much room for anything else. But I am sure we'll find a way to fit something else in there. It's good for the church to be busy and active in the life of the community. God became more active in our world through Jesus Christ, being incarnate is a good thing; it's what we are called to do as disciples of Jesus Christ.

That usually isn't on our minds daily is it? We don't ask ourselves, how can I be Jesus for someone today? It's simple really; we could do things like one random act of kindness each day for the month. Do you think we might be able to change the world by being Jesus for someone each

day? Perhaps that person would feel lead by the Holy Spirit to pay it forward! And soon there would be a chain reaction taking place, touching lives and making a difference in the world. There's no better time than the present.

May you be moved by God's infinite love and compassion so that your life becomes a living model of unconditional Christ like love, extended to all people, in hope for a transformed world ready for the Kingdom of God.

I look forward to seeing you in church,  
Pastor Matt



## Father's Day Extravaganza

Father's Day Extravaganza will be hosted by PPR. An all-church service will be held in Groton at 11 am and no service in Conde. Following is a potluck with meat, buns, drinks, and utensils furnished. Please bring a dish to pass. There will also be activities... stay tuned for more info.

## Pool Missions Collection

Missions Committee collecting swimming pool items. Needed are nearly new bathing suits and trunks, small drawstring bags or beach bags, beach towels, and sun tan lotion. Monetary Donations for pool passes may be marked and placed in the Offering Plate or given to a Missions Committee Member.

## Congratulations

Welcome Rae Wayne Fliehs born Thursday, April 24 at 2:35 pm. He weighed 9 lbs 0 ozs and was 20.5 inches long. Parents are Tigh and Adrienne and Big Brother Tigh.



## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who remembered me with cards and gifts for my birthday. Your kindness is appreciated. Bless you, Marlys Rodman

Thank you to all who participated in the silent basket auction to raise funds for our community Easter Baskets. The Baskets raised \$270 and half of the Christmas Eve Offering of \$380 gave us \$650 to help 19 local families. Thank you for your support. Missions Committee

*Conde UMW  
May 21 at 10 am  
"A Mother's  
Day Prayer for  
Peace" by Betty  
Jensen  
Hostess Cindy  
Smith*

## Conde Community Women's May Tea

Join Us on Wednesday, May 14 at 11 am for our May Tea. There is no charge. For reservations please call Cindy Smith 382-5923 or Pat Siefken 395-6626 by May 10th. Join Us for Fun and Fellowship!

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



## Groton Confirmation & Graduation Events

Confirmation Sunday is May 4. A reception will be held during coffee hour for all the confirmands. Getting Confirmed this year is Alex Graf, Anthony Sippel, and Jasmine Schinkel



Graduation Sunday is May 11. A reception will be held during coffee hour for all the graduates. Graduating this year is Reilly Ell, Mason Madsen, Alec Oleson, Camille Sippel, and Kylie Hawkins.



## Open House

### Birthday Celebration

Dick Ruden will be celebrating his 95th Birthday on May 3, Saturday, at the church from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm with a lunch served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. No gifts please. Hosted by family and friends.

Greetings for Dick's May 6 Birthday may also be sent to: 3 East 11th Ave, Groton, SD 57445.



## Shower Celebrations

Bridal Shower for Amanda Lipp, bride-to-be of Ethan Littlejohn. Registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond and Target.

Baby Shower for Eric Lipp/Lauren Tobin. It's a girl! Registered at Target.

Open House Showers will be held Sunday, May 11 from 1-3 pm at the Groton UMC hosted by family and friends. Amanda and Eric are the children of Tom & Kami Lipp.

## Open House Bridal Shower Saturday, May 17,

will be an open house wedding shower for Stephanie Jung and Zachary Townsend hosted by friends and family from 9:30-11:30 am. The couple is planning a June 13 wedding and are registered at Target





## Our Church Celebrations

### Groton

May 1 Don Bartz  
 May 2 Eugene Luce  
 May 3 Kim Weber  
 May 4 Desiree Foltz  
     Evan Erickson  
     Tom Strom  
 May 5 Gary Thurston  
     Marlee Jones  
     Tony & Brenda Madsen  
 May 6 Clint Jacobson  
     Richard Ruden  
 May 7 Gabbie Krmer  
     Rebeca Padfield  
     Tigh Hank Irvin Fliehs  
 May 8 Austin Jones  
     Dale Kramer  
     John Lowary  
     Rob Wanous  
 May 10 John & Anita Lowary  
 May 11 Audrey Padfield  
 May 12 Jack & Maggie Oliver  
 May 13 Doris Strom  
     Leroy Severson  
 May 14 Linda Johnson  
     Pam Rix  
 May 15 Charlotte Lange  
 May 17 Cliff & Carna Pray  
 May 18 Corey & Jaimie Mitchell  
     Jean Walter  
 May 19 John Erickson  
     Scott Kampa  
     Taylor Diegel  
 May 20 Tom & Kami Lipp  
 May 21 Cody Hanson  
     Pastor Matt (40!)  
 May 25 Adrienne Fliehs

Jon Voss  
 May 26 Dion & Sam Bahr  
     Drake Peterson  
 May 27 Luverne & Carol Strom  
 May 28 Cheryl Hanson  
     Jesse & Julie Morehouse  
 May 29 Clare Brotherton  
     Deloris Knoll  
     Gary & Anita Voss  
 May 30 Breslyn Hinman  
     Hazel McKittrick  
     Kami Lipp  
     Macy Knecht

### Conde

May 3 Janette Imsland  
 May 7 Eric & Ann Menzia  
     Jane Worlie  
 May 8 Jim Patterson  
 May 10 Marion Jensen  
 May 12 Diane Taylor  
 May 14 Nicole Taylor  
 May 16 Dwight Lyren  
 May 21 Pastor Matt (40!)  
 May 25 Greg Bonn  
     Floyd & Carol Smith  
 May 27 Malcolm Knoll  
     Arvon & Diane Taylor  
 May 28 Grant & Janice Hanson  
 May 30 Curtis & Cindy Haskell



**Pastor Matt**

**Turns 40!! - May 21st**

A Gift Bag for cards will be on the Groton kitchen counter after Mother's Day.



*Anniversaries  
and Birthdays*



**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

\*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.

## Groton UMW - April

Pat Siefken, Shepherdess, began her program about the last days and hours of Jesus based on Luke and John. She emphasized the importance of the women who had followed Jesus and were present at his crucifixion and resurrection. She used music to help tell her story and ended with a prayer.

The business meeting began with eighteen members reciting the Purpose through song led by Pat Siefken. Marj Overacker led Devotions. Minutes were read and approved. The financial report was given it was reported that Pledges are up considerably from this time last year. Correspondence came in the form of a thank-you from the Groton Area Superintendent for our generosity which benefitted students with school lunch program.

Part of old business members were reminded to keep school receipts. The gift card was drawn by Delores Knoll. Hugs and Candy Kisses were given out. Clare Brotherton made a motion to give a monetary donation to the Groton post prom

party and was seconded by Marj Townsend. All agreed. Focus Days will be hosted by the Webster UMW on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Plans for the May Breakfast are moving along quite well.

New business: The Sunday School teachers will be honored on May 4<sup>th</sup>. On May 14<sup>th</sup>, the Conde UMW will host an 11:00 luncheon that will honor women. Joy was expressed that Clare Brotherton and Jeanne Wanous have returned from their winter travels. Cards were signed and will be sent to members who have experienced illness or those who are still away, but have been kept in our thoughts.

President Jolene Townsend ended the meeting with a prayer. A delicious dessert was served by Delores Knoll and Sharon Wheeting. Hostesses for the next on May 21 are Clare Brotherton and Marj Overacker.

## NEW UMW READING BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!

## Native American Ministries Sunday - May 4

your GIFT CONNECTS AND UNITES  
“Lots of urban Native Americans have lost connection with their culture, language and even identity, by choice or force,” says the Rev. Robert Pierce, Texas Annual Conference Committee on Native American Ministries chair.

To help counteract that loss, the Texas Annual Conference Committee on Native American Ministries introduced the Third Sunday Fellowship six years ago. On the third Sunday each month, Native Americans gather to worship in Houston to share their love for God.

CONNECTING RESULTS IN UNITED WORSHIP Native Americans worship God as they honor their heritage with a rotation of primarily Native American pastors. Musicians and the congregation sing traditional hymns in Native languages.

“We provide a safe place where people are

understood and accepted,” says Rose Brewer, a CONAM member. “People find solace,” adds Brewer. “They really enjoy being in community with one another.”

Your financial gift empowers local outreach and educates Native American seminary students to serve God faithfully. The United Methodist Native American Ministries Sunday offering also helps preserve a rich cultural heritage. Thank you for your generous gift.

Native American Ministries Sunday reminds United Methodists of the contributions made by Native Americans to our society. The special offering benefits Native American outreach within annual conferences and across the United States and provides seminary scholarships for Native Americans.

Ken's Grocery

Receipts dated

August 22 to May

22 and all labels for  
education are due to  
the elementary school  
or to the church  
kitchen by May 24th.

## Groton UMW

May 21st

1:30 pm Weds

Bring along your  
high school graduation  
photo for the  
lesson!

Hostesses are Clare  
Brotherton and  
Marjorie Overacker

NOW YOU ARE  
**GOD'S**  
**PEOPLE**

1 PETER 2:10, NRSV

# "Welcome to Paradise"

by Eugenia Strom

**Groton UMW May Breakfast**

**Wednesday, May 7th - Seating at 11:30 am and 1:15 pm**

**\$8.00 - Reservation Required**

Call Clare Brotherton at 397-8177 or Caralee Heitmann at 397-8634



**Meals may be picked up OR we will Deliver to Local Businesses**

To schedule a delivery please call Kay Brandt at 397-8389 Monday or Tuesday or before 10am on Weds, May 7th



**May Breakfast Kitchen  
Help Needed**

Monday thru  
Wednesday

May 5-7

Dining Room Help  
Needed on Wednesday

May 7

Sign-Up Sheet on the  
Kitchen Counter. Sign-  
Up Today!

Call and Make  
Your May Breakfast  
Reservation Today!

Call Clare at 397-  
8177 or Caralee at  
397-8634

OR

Call Kay at 397-  
8389 to have meals  
delivered to your  
Groton Work Place



★FUN★BIBLE LESSONS★DR. SEUSS COOKING★SNACKS★MUSIC★CRAFTS★GAMES★



You would not, could not, want to miss...

# Vacation Bible School

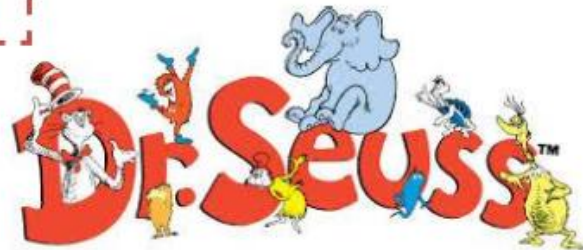
as fun as this!

May 19-21 (Mon-Wed)

3:15 till 5:30

Sign Up Online at  
[www.grotonumc.org](http://www.grotonumc.org)  
 or with Carna (380-1742)  
 or with Kim (380-7148)

Meal/Program on Wednesday, May 21  
 at the Groton United Methodist Church



"I am what I am! That's a great thing to be!"

## Groton VBS Information

You would not, could not want to miss... Bible School as fun as this! You are invited to join us for "Twice the Fun!" Bible lessons and Dr. Seuss cooking all in one! Monday, May 19 - Weds, May 21 after school till 5:30 during the last week of school. Someone will meet the children at the elementary school and walk them over. The Transit bus will be available if you should need to arrange rides from daycare. Sign-Up online at [grotonumc.org](http://grotonumc.org) or contact Carna at 380-1742 or Kim at 380-7148.

Bible School is FREE. We will

be taking an offering that will go to Little Free Library coming soon to our church! On Weds there will be a Meal and Program at 5:45. **We will need Bible School helpers, youth or adult.** Contact Kim or Carna if you can help any number of days.

[www.grotonumc.org](http://www.grotonumc.org)

Sign up  
Your Kids



## Groton VBS Donation List

Several items are needed for Bible School! We will be serving snacks after school as well as helping the children make some Dr. Seuss recipes that correlate with our Bible lessons. Please let Kim Weber 380-7148 or kimweber59@yahoo.com know what you plan to donate so we can cross it off the list or check to see what we still need. Items would need to be at the church by Friday, May 16. Bible school is free for the children, so we would appreciate your donations so much! Thanks!

- Juice Boxes
- Snack & Sandwich size Ziploc bags
- Pizza Sauce
- Individual Pudding Cups
- Mini Marshmallows
- Vanilla/Chocolate canned frosting
- Animal Crackers
- Marshmallow Cream
- Bugles
- Individual Cinnamon Applesauce Cup
- Milk
- Individual Microwave Mac & Cheese Cups
- Mini M & M's
- Ortega Mild Taco Sauce
- Black Olives
- Graham Crackers
- Granola Bars
- Small Pretzel Shapes or Sticks
- Almond Bark
- Various Gold Fish Crackers
- Raisins
- Bread
- Popsicle Sticks
- Cool Whip
- Shredded Pizza Cheese
- Refrigerator Biscuits
- Pre-Made Pie Crusts
- Frozen Bread Dough
- Cherry Pie Filling
- Apples
- Large Containers Vanilla or Cherry Yogurt
- Funfetti Cake Mix
- Donut Holes/Mini Donuts
- "O" shaped Cereals like Fruit Loops or Cheerios

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP!!!  
WE NEED YOU!!



## pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Clergy and Laity of the Dakotas and Minnesota Conferences are invited to join Bishop Bruce and Char Ough on a Holy Land Pilgrimage, January 7-16, 2015.

Deepen your faith and understanding of the scriptures, experience the landscape of the Bible, meet Palestinian Christians and learn of their work in the West Bank of Palestine and in Israel.

Registration information and daily itineraries will be sent to all clergy and congregations in the coming weeks.

Scholarships are available for clergy traveling to the Holy Land for the first time with Educational Opportunities Travel. Don't miss this spiritual pilgrimage of a lifetime. Save the date and start packing!







## Mothers in the Bible

Children have always had a special place in their mother's heart.

**Directions:** First, cover up the second column and see if you can name some of the mothers' children from the Bible. Then write the circled letters on the correct lines below to complete Proverbs 23:25, NIV.

### MOTHERS

Eve <sup>31</sup>	bore	Cain, Abel and Seth <sup>11</sup>
Sarah <sup>23</sup>	bore	Isaac <sup>18</sup>
Rebekah <sup>7</sup>	bore	Jacob and Esau <sup>15</sup>
Rachel <sup>13</sup>	bore	Benjamin and Joseph <sup>41</sup>
Leah <sup>12</sup>	bore	Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun and Dinah <sup>33</sup>
Zilpah <sup>44</sup>	bore	Gad and Asher <sup>38</sup>
Bilhah <sup>34</sup>	bore	Dan and Naphtali <sup>36</sup>
Jochebed <sup>19</sup>	bore	Moses <sup>29</sup>
Naomi <sup>2</sup>	bore	Mahlon and Kilion <sup>32</sup>
Ruth <sup>14</sup>	bore	Obed <sup>5</sup>
Hannah <sup>26</sup>	bore	Samuel <sup>21</sup>
Bathsheba <sup>10</sup>	bore	Solomon <sup>42</sup>
Elizabeth <sup>3</sup>	bore	John the Baptist <sup>37</sup>
Mary <sup>6</sup>	bore	Jesus <sup>16</sup>
Eunice <sup>3</sup>	bore	Timothy <sup>4</sup>



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 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 ”

PROVERBS 23:25, NIV

Answer: “May your ... mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!” Proverbs 23:25, NIV



## "Mother and Child"

“I love you,”  
 said a great mother.  
 “I love you for what you are,  
 knowing so well what you are.  
 And I love you more yet, child,  
 deeper yet than ever, child,  
 for what you are going to be,  
 knowing so well you are going  
 far,  
 knowing your great works are  
 ahead,  
 ahead and beyond,  
 yonder and far over yet.”

—Carl Sandburg



## Groton June Family Committee

- Michelle & Chuck Padfield
- Joey & Sabrina Padfield

Joyce & Allen Walter  
 Randy & Rebecca Padfield  
 Rick & Sarah Hofer  
 Mary Ann Wehde  
 Darlys Kampa  
 JoAnn & Richard Krueger  
 Crystal Sippel  
 Pat Dahlquist  
 Gloria & Harry Pharis  
 Chris & Sherwin Nyberg

### Honorary Members

- Eugene & Ruby Luce
- Richard Voss
- Jean Walter
- Twila ruden
- Bob Wehde
- Marjory Townsend
- Bob & Carolyn Snyder
- Marie McClintic & Larry Schnaidt

### Extra Responsibilities

- Mow the Lawn Weekly
- 5th Sunday may buy donuts and give bill to Kay Brandt



## Groton Banners, Altar Cloths, and Candles

The Music & Worship Committee will now be changing the banners and altar cloths and candle maintenance. Following is the new schedule. Please update your committee books. Thank you.

January - Carna & Cliff Pray  
 February - Kelli & Lars Hanson  
 March - Carna & Cliff Pray

April - Roger Rix  
 May - Gary & Caralee Heitmann  
 June - Richard & JoAnn Krueger  
 July - Carna & Cliff Pray  
 August - Kelli & Lars Hanson  
 September - Carna & Cliff Pray  
 October - Roger Rix  
 November - Gary & Caralee Heitmann  
 December - Richard & JoAnn Krueger

June 2014						
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29	30					

### Groton Mission

#### Statement

"Enriching  
 Spiritual lives  
 through Christ."



### Groton Stewardship Report April 2014

Average  
 Wkly Giving  
 \$2,531

Needed Wkly for  
 Church Mission  
 \$2,125

Average Weekly  
 Attendance Sunday  
 86

Total Building Fund  
 Donations  
 \$315

## Our Church Happenings

May 2014						
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- May 3 Groton 95th Birthday Celebration for Dick Ruden
- May 4 Groton Confirmation Sunday
- May 4 Native American Ministries Sunday Special Offering
- May 7 Groton May Breakfast 11:30 & 1:15
- May 10 Conde Reservation Deadline for the May Tea, Call Today!
- May 10 UMW Focus Days at Webster UMC 9 am
- May 11 Groton Honor Senior Graduates during fellowship and church
- May 11 Groton Honoring Sunday School Teachers
- May 11 Groton Sunday School Singing in Church
- May 11 Groton Lipp Open House Showers from 1-3 pm
- May 14 Conde Community Women's May Tea at 11 am.
- May 17 Open House Wedding Shower for Townsend/Jung 9:30 am
- May 19-21 Groton VBS 3:15-5:30 Sign up Online Today!
- May 21 Pastor Matt's Birthday
- May 21 Conde UMW at 10 am
- May 21 Groton UMW at 1:30 pm
- May 21 Groton VBS Program/M meal 5:45 pm
- May 21 Groton Ad Council 8 pm
- May 27-30 Conde VBS
- June 4-7 Annual Conference in Rapid City
- June 15 Father's Day Extravaganza