



United Methodist Messenger

OCTOBER 2014

Dear Friends in Groton & Conde

The Groton Church is in the midst of an expensive upgrade, and the reality is that our building, the center for the ministry that we provide, is in need of it. We have been in process of preparing for this work. We have had 3 contractors inspect the needed work of which we had 2 submit bids. The trustees after reviewing the bids obviously went with the

best choice and have arranged for some of the work to be done out of the congregation. Much like autumn, this is a season of change for all of us.

Windows are being replaced with new and improved windows made of modern glass that will help us greatly with moisture and heating/cooling problems. And I suspect that our heating and cooling bills will be greatly improved as well. In addition to the new windows, there will be work done on the outside of the church. Replacing soffits, and wrapping the beam extensions, so that, we may somewhat protect the existing wood from further moisture. We'll have new exit lights at all of our public entrances as well as security lights. And there will be cement work being done on our sidewalks and entrances. This will be a huge undertaking for us as a community but it is something that must be done not only for insurance purposes but also for upkeep and stewardship of our building.

In the midst of all this it is important to highlight that our church building is a

busy place. It does not sit empty like a lot of church buildings. Throughout the week we host a variety of meetings, some church related but others that are community related. Our church building is a witness to the community and it is an evangelism and hospitality tool. It is a good thing that we are active in using our building. I have had phone conversations and face to face conversations with individuals and they all agree that this work is a much needed and a good thing.

So as we gather for worship throughout the next couple of weeks, please consider the work that is being done, the ministry that has taken place including all the weddings and funerals that our building has hosted, and also the ministry that is taking place. Lastly, while we are in the midst of this season of work, may we also not forget our general operating fund for the ministry here through the United Methodist Church in Groton.

Changes are also taking place in Conde as well. Memorial funds were used for the sake of pouring a new cement patio which will include benches for the purpose of fellowship, study and hospitality. There are plans for a new storage shed as well as a new nativity set. In addition to all of this, work on the gutters and downspouts will be taking place.

I look forward to seeing you in church,

Pastor Matt



Monday 9 am - 4 pm

Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm

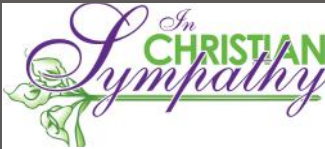
Wednesday 9 am - 3 pm followed by evening meetings

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

Friday and Sat - Off

Emergencies - Any time





Sympathies to the
family of
Charlotte Lange
Passed Away Aug 13

Sympathies to the
family of Eugene Luce
Passed Away Sept 20

October 12 Sunday Worship

Rev Jon Damaska
will be preaching. Pas-
tor Matt has been in-
vited to preach at St.
Thomas UMC in Glen
Ellyn, IL. St Thomas is
the church Pastor Matt
served while at semi-
nary in Chicago.

Thank you's

Dear United Methodist Church,
Words cannot express how grateful
we are for your generosity. Our
school is so blessed to be living in such
a giving and caring community! Thank
you for the supplies and thinking of our
students' needs. :) The 2nd Grade
Class, Mrs. Kroll & Mrs. Zoellner

Groton United Methodist Church,
Thank you so very much for the school
supplies you provided for our pre-
school! We will put it all to good use.
It is always nice to have some extras
on hand, especially for those kiddos
who are unable to bring them. It is
truly appreciated! Groton Special
Needs Preschool

Dear Mission Committee and
Methodist members, Thank you so
very much for your generous gifts to
Kindergarten! We will readily use the
crayons and paper bags. We are
thrilled with the Wal-Mart gift cards!
Your gifts will keep on giving all school
year! We truly appreciate your gener-
ous mission to our school! Many
thanks! Renee Swisher and Ann Gibbs
*Thanks also for the polar-fleece blan-

kets! We will find good homes for
them! :)

Thank you for supporting our
school! Thank you so much for always
thinking of our children! Emily Eichler,
1st Grade

Thank you for the generous dona-
tions of classroom supplies! We live in
a great community! Sue Fjeldheim &
Joel Guthmiller, Grade 4

Groton is blessed to have a com-
munity that cares so much for its
youth. Thanks for all your help. 5th
grade, Janel Lone & Shelby Hendrick-
son

Thank you so much for the useful
supplies for our students & classroom.
Your generosity is much appreciated!
Kristi Anderson & Deb Winburn
Grade 3

We all appreciate your efforts to
help out. I don't think it is said enough
as we get tremendous support from a
variety of groups. Thank you very
much for your donations of time and
supplies. It really helps out! Dan Dal-
chow, Principal.



Festival of Bands

Friday morning, October 10, will be
the 2nd annual parade of bands in
Groton. We will be having a conces-
sion stand in which the proceeds will be
going half to the GHS Band and half to
playground equipment for the city of
Groton. Please volunteer to help us !
Call Kim at 380-7817 or Pastor Matt.



Baptism



Kaelee Morehouse was baptized September 14th.
Daughter of Justin and Amanda Morehouse.



Jacob Dale Morehouse was baptized August 24. Son of Jesse & Julie Morehouse. Brother Wyatt.



New Address

August 23 we bid Clare Brotherton Farewell as she moved closer to her family in California.

Please note Clare's new address here and keep in touch with cards and letters and emails.

6710 Pecan Street, Moorpark, CA 93021

ceebee445@gmail.com



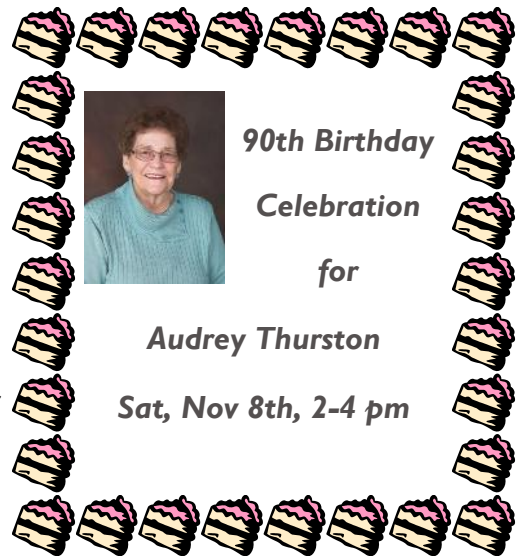
Our Church Celebrations

Groton

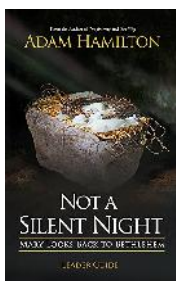
Oct 1 Turner Thompson
 Oct 2 Winifred Fawcett
 Oct 4 Fred Wolken
 Josh Atherton
 Malerie Yeaton
 Rick Hofer
 Oct 5 Jeanne Wanous
 Oct 7 Allen Walter
 Oct 8 Gloria Pharis
 Lars & Kelli Hanson
 Oct 9 London Bahr
 Oct 10 Charity & Scott Hinman
 Dan & Marjae Schinkel
 Megan Erickson
 Oct 12 Charles & Sabrina Padfield
 Marc & Jane Johnson
 Oct 13 Carna Atherton-Pray
 Oct 14 Grady O'Neill
 Oct 15 Brad Morehouse
 Jaymie Overacker
 Russell Davidson
 Oct 17 Jackson Bahr
 Oct 21 Gary Heitmann



Oct 22 Kara Pharis
 Oct 23 Kassie Dunbar
 Randy Stanley
 Oct 24 Karla Davidson
 Oct 25 Lars Hanson
 Alan Bell
 Oct 26 Harry & Gloria Pharis
 Oct 29 Connie Nilsson
 Oct 30 Breslyn Hinman
 Holden Sippel
 Sarah Hofer
 Oct 31 Dawsyn Dinger
Conde
 Oct 9 Joseph Smith
 Oct 21 Kathleen Engel
 Tony Lyren
 Oct 22 Nathaniel Geist
 Janice Hanson
 Sherry Hanson
 Shane Haskell
 Oct 29 Marcene Bruckner
 Oct 31 Andee Geist

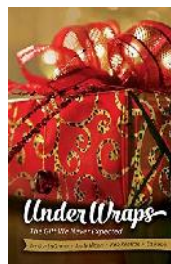


Tuesday 10 AM Bible Study



October 7 we are starting a new study, Adam Hamilton's new "Not a Silent Night." This Christmas Study looks at Mary and starts with her at the Cross and we will be working our way backwards towards Christmas and the birth of Christ. Join Us!

This is a 5 week Study.



Then on Nov 11 (provided we have no weeks missed) we will start a 4 week Christmas Study called "Under Wraps: The Gift We Never Expected." This is an advent experience that explore the character of God described in the Old Testament and then revealed through Jesus Christ.

Groton UMW - Sept

UMW began with Chris Nyberg giving the program on what our expectations are of Christians. Members also did an interesting activity that went through the different stages of life from childhood to adulthood.

Vice-president Gloria Pharis presided over the meeting beginning with the fourteen members reciting the Purpose. The minutes and financial reports were given. Correspondence was a thank-you from Audrey Thurston for the food that was sent over to Rosewood Court that was leftovers from the party for Clare Brotherton. It was greatly enjoyed and appreciated. Marge Overacker read Devotions that focused on immigration and as Americans we should be aware of the contributions these people have made to our soci-

ety.

Jeanne Wanous presented the 2015 proposed budget and Linda Thurston made a motion to accept it and Jan Raap seconded it. Jeanne also went over the results of the recent UMW survey. There is still interest in having the May Breakfast and the Fall Bazaar, but perhaps in a different format.

Marge Overacker read a prayer to end the meeting that reminded us that we are the hands and feet of Jesus. A delicious dessert was served by Linda Thurston. Jeanne Wanous will give the program at the next meeting on the World Thank Offering. Hostesses are Gloria Pharis and Betty Strom for the Oct. 15 meeting.

Groton October UMW Meeting

October 15th at 1:30 pm

Program is World Thank Offering by Jeanne Wanous

Hostesses are Betty Strom & Gloria Pharis

Upcoming Events are the 2015 Slate of Officers, reading Program, and be Saving Coffee Cans



World
Thank
Offering

*Annual UMW
World Thank
Offering will be
collected at our
October 15th
Meeting with a
Program*



Conde UMW

The October 15th meeting is at 10 am. The Program Focus is "Calling to Work for Children" with Leader Patty Knoll and Hostess Jane Worlie

Conference Annual Meeting is Oct 3-4 in Bismarck, ND

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

October 5th Special Offering

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God

has gifted to learn and to serve.

Equipping Disciples Like Mary Grace to Serve in Jesus' Name

As a small child Mary Grace Galapon labored as a housemaid in exchange for food and clothing. Yet, allowed to attend church, she found hope. As a member of the United Methodist Church, your giving on World Communion Sunday has allowed this deaconess, of the Mindanao Phillipines Annual Conference, to pursue an education that is now changing her community as she works to eliminate poverty.

Mary Grace's work, and the impact of hundreds more like her, are possible because you give.



Groton Missions Committee

The Missions Committee met on Sept 21 to discuss projects for the rest of this year. A 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off came up and is scheduled for October 26th. A sign-up sheet is on the kitchen counter or you may email or call Kay Brandt that you will be bringing a crock-pot of chili. Chili will be judged by local judges from another church starting at 10:30 am so please have your chili there at 10 am so we may get them numbered and organized. Chili will be judged on aroma, color, consistency, taste, and after-taste. The winner will be announced at the end of the church service with the apron presentation just before we all get to enjoy them for our potluck. Hotdogs will also be served as an alternate. The Congregation is asked to bring a dish to pass for the potluck. Dona-



CHILI COOK- OFF

tions for this event

will go towards our Angel Tree. Each year we have some cards that are not taken off the tree and then we go shopping to fulfill them for all children. The Angel Tree will be put up the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

The Missions Committee will not be raising funds this year for the Thanksgiving Gift Certificates. We are instead encouraging you to give generously to our church building fund for the repairs to our building so that the mission of our church may continue.

The pie auction/bake sale will be held just before Easter.

BAGS

Building Academic Groton Students
for tomorrow...

Received an update on the program from Dan Dalchow now that school has resumed. They had 33 students receiving BAGS weekly as of Sept 25th. The numbers are increasing as this program is catching on. With the addition of more bags being utilized every week, please keep this program in mind for monetary donations.

BAGS did find a new home in the old home. We did move out of the vacant area where Constructive Chaos was but as Groton Ag re-modeled the area for their use they had an extra office that was accessible and usable for us to move back in. Thank you Groton Ag for a place to store and organize BAGS.

Thank you all in such a supportive community always caring for our kids! Kay Brandt



Don't forget that our church website has an up-to-date calendar on the web! Just go to www.grotonumc.org and click on Calendar! I do try to keep it up-to-date so if you find missing events or errors just let me know and I will get them fixed. Thanks Kay



Groton Backpack Blessing during Worship



September 7th - Rally Sunday




UMYF

Jr High UMYF (grades 6-8) meet from 6:30-7:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of each month. Melissa Gilbert and Dale Kramer will be leading.

Sr High UMYF (grades 9-12) meet from 7-8 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday's of each month. Fran Sippel, Kami Lipp, and Carol Knecht will be leading

Sunday School Schedule


- Oct 5 Sunday School
- Oct 12 No Sunday School
- Oct 19 Sunday School
- Oct 26 Sunday School - Sing in Church
- Nov 2 Sunday School
- Nov 9 Sunday School - Christmas Parts Handed Out
- Nov 16 Sunday School
- Nov 23 Sunday School
- Nov 30 Sunday School Christmas Program Practice
- Dec 7 Sunday School Christmas Program Practice
- Dec 14 Sunday School - Christmas Program During Church with Potluck Following
- Dec 21 Sunday School Craft Day
- Dec 28 No Sunday School
- Jan 4 No Sunday School






A promise to the earth


After the flood in Genesis, God promised to "never again ... destroy all living creatures" (Genesis 8:21, NIV).


Directions: Using the picture clues below, write each small word in the blanks to complete God's promise in Genesis 8:22, NIV.



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GENESIS 8:22, NIV

Answer: As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22, NIV

We could learn a lot from crayons: Some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors ... but they all exist very nicely together in the same box.
—Robert Fulghum





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.



The progression

Get to know Jesus well because the more you know him, the more you'll love him. And the more you love him, the more you'll want to follow him. And the more you follow him, the more you'll become like him. And the more you become like him, the more you become yourself.

—Ned Erickson

If Money Could Talk

At the end of their lives, a 100-dollar bill, a 20-dollar bill and a one-dollar bill met at the shredder. The 100 said, "I've seen the whole world. Why, I've been on cruises in the Caribbean, safaris in Africa and vacations in Europe."

The 20 said, "I haven't done quite as well, but I've been to Atlantic City, Disneyland and Starbucks." They both turned to the one-dollar bill and asked, "How about you?"

Not wanting to be outdone, the one-dollar bill said, "I've seen the whole country, as well. I've been from church to church to church ..."

Then the 100 asked, "What's a church?"

Can you top this?

When my sister was about 3, my mom overheard her talking with a neighborhood friend.

"My dad works for an insurance agency!" proclaimed the other girl.

Clearly pleased with her status as a pastor's kid, my sister responded haughtily, "Well, my dad works for God!"

—Heidi Mann

Groton Ad Council - Sept

The council gave it's OK to proceed with putting together a new church membership directory.

Trustees chairperson, Marge Overacker, reported on the Highway 12 road project that is scheduled to take place the summer of 2016. The whole block of our church owned property along Highway 37 will have a new boulevard and sidewalk at no cost to the church. Marge will continue to attend meetings to learn about specifics of the project.

Roger Rix reported that Fisher's

Cleaning has completed work in the church parsonage basement to remove water damaged areas and disinfect those areas. Recent installation of new window wells should alleviate further water issues. No replacement work is planned at this time.

Marge Overacker reported that work should begin soon on replacement windows. Once the work is completed we will be billed, so we need to be prepared to pay that bill.

Groton Stewardship Report Sept 2014

Average
Wkly Giving
\$1,472

Needed Wkly for
Church Mission
\$2,125

Average Weekly
Attendance Sunday
82

Total Building Fund
Donations for Repairs
\$3580

Groton November Family Committee

Cheri & Tom Strom

Kristi & Ben Peterson, Jocelyn

Karla & Russell Davidson, Alec Oleson

Zachary Townsend

AM & Laurie Mitchell

Erin & Damian Bahr

Charity Hinman

Doug Sippel

Curtis Krueger

Kim & Craig Weber

Jay & Linda Johnson

Anita & Gary Voss

Betty Strom

Carol & Luverne Strom

Caralee & Gary Heitmann

Sharon & Larry Wheeting

Alan & Jolene Townsend

Honorary Members

- Deloris Knoll
- Hazel McKittrick

November Extra Responsibilities

- Bring decorations in from the shed and fluff them so they are ready to put up. Check the lights on them as well.
- Put up church indoor and outdoor decorations with December committee and all church members (check date with Pastor)
- No Potluck if Men have their dinner
- Remind Gary & Caralee Heitmann from the Worship Committee to change the banners, altar cloths, and fill the candles.



November 2014							
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Groton Mission

Statement

"Enriching

Spiritual lives

through Christ."

October 2014						
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Our Church Happenings

- Oct 5 World Communion Sunday
- Oct 5 Groton 75th Birthday Celebration for Gloria Pharis during Coffee Hour
- Oct 7 Groton Worship Committee Mtg 7:30 pm
- Oct 10 Groton's "Festival of Bands" Fundraiser for park and community funds
- Oct 12 Groton No Sunday School
- Oct 15 Conde UMW 10 am
- Oct 15 Groton UMW 1:30 pm
- Oct 15 Groton Ad Council 8 pm
- Oct 16 PPR meets in Groton 7 pm
- Oct 26 Groton Chili Cook-off!
- Oct 26 Groton Sunday School Singing in Church
- Oct 26 Groton 3rd Grade Bible Presentation during church
- Oct 29 Groton Jr UMYF Food Drive Night
- Nov 8 Groton 90th Birthday Celebration for Audrey Thurston 2-4 pm
- Nov 9 Groton Fall Dinner
- Nov 17 Charge Conference 7 pm in Groton
- Dec 10 Groton Jr High UMYF Caroling
- Dec 14 Groton Sunday School Christmas Program with Potluck