



Pastor Thomas and Britni Carlson



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**JUNE 2015**

# UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER

## GROTON/CONDE PARISHES

### GREETING FRIENDS

My wife Britni and I are excited to partner with you in ministry as we become the new pastors of Groton and Conde this summer. We hope you are just as excited as we are! Some background on us: we've been married since 2009. Since this time I served as youth pastor both for middle and high school youth group in Bismarck, ND. In 2012, God lead us to a much different role as I began to serve as the Connection Pastor at Legacy United Methodist Church, where I worked with new folks coming into the church as well as being a presence in and through the community. In July of 2014, we received a call for a new appointment to serve as pastor of Wesley and Emmanuel United Methodist Churches in Edgeley and Ashley, ND. In this time Britni has spent more than seven years assisting adults with developmental disabilities and working as an entrepreneur in her free time. Britni has spent the last year only working from home with Young Living Essential Oils by educating families on how to incorporate innovative wellness into their lives and homes.

As we make this transition we look forward to new and exciting time in ministry with all of you. Some of the things I am very passionate about are the power of prayer, being hospitable to everyone and having a strong presence in the communities we serve. We also believe that God has called us to bring

healing and encouragement to people who are broken, lost and lonely so that they may find wholeness in Christ Jesus!

We enjoy opening our home while getting to know you through fellowship. It is also important to us to get to know the folks who are not able to come and be involved in the church like our friends in the nursing home or those who are shut-in to their homes. We are well on our way packing as we continue to build excitement about this new and exciting door the Lord has opened for us in Groton and Conde. We look forward to getting to know all of you and building a relationship with all of you so that we can create a lasting impact in the heart of God's children.

God's Blessings,  
Pastor Thomas and Britni Carlson



## WELCOME NOLAN JAMES ROSE



Nolan James Rose was born April 3 to Karen & Ian Rose and Rylie and Graham. Nolan weighed 8 lbs 3 oz and was 20 1/2 inches long.



## THANK YOU

Thank you to Lorraine Bartz memorial for altar cloth and runner.

Thank you to Eugene Luce memorial for hand held and lapel mic and banners.

Thank you to Marvel Johnson memorial for console table.

Thank you to all who contributed salads, worked at, or attended our May Luncheon. You all helped to make it very successful!

## PARSONAGE

Work at the parsonage will begin on June 8 at 9 am. Carpet removal and removal of basement shelves will begin this project. Please contact Marjie Overacker to volunteer to help.



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.

## GROTON DIRECTORY UPDATES

We will be working on updating the directory and correcting mistakes. It is now online and please check yours for corrections and we will be doing photo updates. With this being online, you will be able to take your own photo and it will publish after approval.

Angela Dobbins will be available to take photos outside during coffee hour on June 14th unless it is raining or windy. Watch for other dates to have her take your photo if you wish.

Your help to make this correct will be greatly appreciated and helpful to Pastor Thomas as he joins us.

The information will be on the website and you can obtain a password through email.

Kay Brandt



## GROTON UMW - MAY

President Jolene Townsend opened the meeting by asking the UMW members to recite the Purpose.

Program: Jolene Townsend presented a short program on the origin and birth of Memorial Day which was established in 1868. In 1971 Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by congress and is now observed on the last Monday in May. However, a number of southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead.

Correspondence: Jeanne Wanous read thank yous from Groton Transit for our donation and from Audrey Thurston for the donation of food following our May Luncheon.

Secretary & Treasurer's Report: The minutes from the April meeting were approved as read. Jeanne Wanous reviewed the current treasurer's report saying that we have an ending balance of \$1,839.24. She reported that all bills for the May Luncheon had been paid except for advertising.

Review of the May Luncheon: It was reported that after all bills are paid we will have a profit of approximately \$972, which is only \$232 less than last year with less work for our la-

dies. Overall we had positive comments from guests at the luncheon and from UMW members. Things to consider for next year are: Kiwanis meets on Wednesdays at noon; perhaps we could cut back on the number of salads solicited and instead solicit desserts from some UMW members; get our advertising out earlier. The luncheon committee was thanked for all their work and effort to make a successful event. We especially thank those young ladies who helped with the event; their energy seems never ending and they are full of great ideas.

Before closing, the group discussed a list of 50 ways to welcome new pastor. It was a great way to focus on the arrival of our new pastor and his wife and what we can do to make them feel welcomed.

Jolene closed the meeting with devotions and prayer regarding mothers and mother figures.

Pat Dalquist and Sharon Wheeting served a coffee and dessert after the meeting.

Secretary,  
Jeanne Wanous

### Groton UMW

June 17

1:30pm Weds

No Program

Hostess Darlys Kampa  
& Jan Raap

Officers & Program Resource Chairs meet at 1 pm to select recipient of Mission Recognition and Jewel of a Woman

### Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

CONDE UMW  
JUNE 17  
AT 10 AM

DAY OUT

## GROTON VBS



## OUR CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

### Groton

- June 1 Anita Lowary
- June 2 Doug Daly
- June 3 Donald Nissen  
Cheri & Tom Strom
- June 4 Jan Raap  
Jay Johnson  
Gary & Caralee Heitmann
- June 6 Bailee Zoellner
- June 7 Peyton Padfield
- June 8 Lacey Voss
- June 9 Madison Fischbach
- June 10 Jacob Morehouse
- June 11 Jim & Mendy jones
- June 13 Roger Rix  
Zachary & Stephanie Townsend
- June 14 Danielle Schinkel  
Roger Overacker
- June 15 Eugenia Strom  
Jesse & Jaymie Overacker  
Leroy & Lynette Severson
- June 16 Harry Pharis, Jr.  
Gavin Voss
- June 17 Jesse Morehouse  
Kristopher Oleson
- June 18 Nick Strom
- June 19 Garrett & Sindi Heitmann  
Pat Dahlquist
- June 20 Robert Snyder
- June 21 Ben & Kristi Peterson  
Gary & Linda Thurston
- June 22 Angela Dobbins
- June 23 Chesney Weber  
Easton Weber  
Kaycie Hawkins  
Shaylee Peterson  
Twila Ruden
- June 24 Jeremy Weber  
Mark & June Thompson
- June 25 Carol Knecht  
Tanae Lipp
- June 27 Elaine Wolken
- June 28 Sindi Heitmann

- June 29 Carly Gilbert  
Derick Furman  
John & Meri Erickson
- June 30 Spencer Knecht

### Conde

- June 4 Paxton Bonn  
Pat Siefken
- June 5 Norman & Cindy Smith
- June 6 Keith Hanlon
- June 13 Guy Hanlon  
Donna Hannon  
Dwight & Katy Lyren
- June 14 Betty Taylor
- June 20 Cary Bruckner
- June 22 Julie Bruckner
- June 26 Grant Hanson
- June 27 Lance Haskell
- June 30 Betty Barrie  
Marion & Betty Jensen



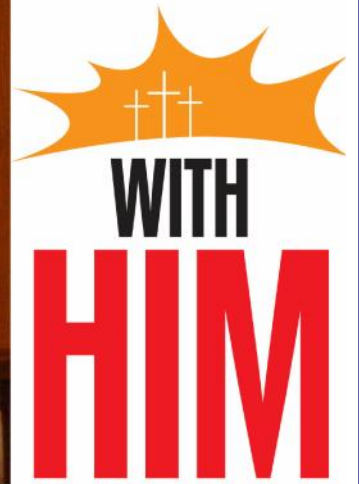
**TWILA RUDEN  
85TH BIRTHDAY  
JUNE 23**

A CARD BAG WILL BE  
ON THE KITCHEN  
COUNTER OR  
GREETINGS MAY BE  
SENT TO:  
1801 3RD AVE SE  
APT #10  
ABERDEEN, SD 57401

Special Music during Groton Worship was enjoyed by all for Audrey Padfield's Birthday Celebration.



CONGRATULATIONS GROTON CONFIRMANDS



CONGRATULATIONS GROTON SENIORS



PSALM 130:7, NRSV



# GROTON UMW MAY LUNCHEON



## GROTON SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNITION

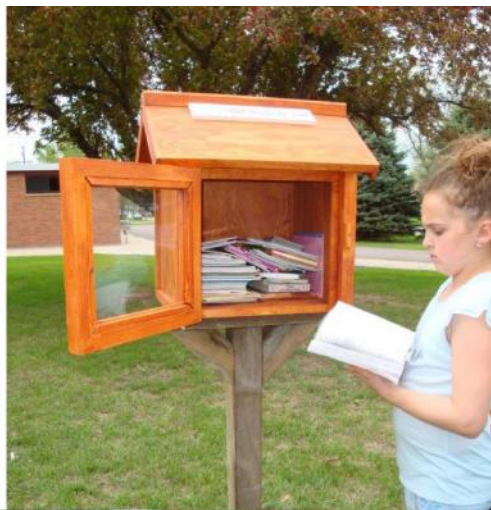


### GROTON LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Join Us every Thursday at 10 am during June and July to read a book at the Little Free Library. If anyone is interested in doing a story time, contact Kim Weber at 380-7148

Please encourage children to use the Little Free Library. "Bring a book... take a book!"

Books may be donated to refill our library. Contact Kim Weber with any questions.



Perfect Attendance for Groton Sunday School.

Rylie Rose

## GROTON AD COUNCIL - MAY

**Trustees:** Marjorie Overacker explained that work to ready the parsonage for the new pastor and his wife will begin on June 8. There are sign-up sheets on the church kitchen counter for those able to help.

**Education:** Carna Atherton-Pray was happy to share the news that over 50 children attended the May Vacation Bible School program sponsored by both the Groton United Methodist Church and the Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Both churches will work together again next year for VBS and it will be held at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

**Church Directory:** Kay Brandt shared

information on an electronic application that is for church directory information. The council gave her the go-ahead to start using this program and gathering updated member information for the directory.

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbooks:** The board approved a reduction in price for the remaining 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary cookbooks of \$5 each. In addition, any church group who wants to sell them can do so and keep the profits for their group as a fund raiser.

### Groton Stewardship Report May 2015

Average Wkly Giving \$1,660  
 Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,206  
 Average Weekly Attendance Sunday 79  
 Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs \$1070

## GROTON JULY FAMILY COMMITTEE

### Darlys Kampa

### Yvonne Lorenz

Lynette & Leroy Severson

Tim Olson

John Padfield

Pernell & Noella Graf, Brady, Alex

Kevin & Kara Pharis

Melissa & Neil Gilbert

Josh & Merrie Atherton

Francine & Marc Sippel, Anthony

Kelli & Lars Hanson, Kari

Carol & Pat Knecht, Spencer, Macy

Brenda & Tony Madsen

### Honorary Members

- Audrey Padfield
- Audrey Thurston

### July Responsibilities

- Check Kitchen Supplies for the month
- Check & Clean Oven and Fridge as necessary
- Coffee Hour workers (make coffee, provide cookies, launder towels, and remove trash)
- 2 Ushers for each Sunday
- Pickup ritual of friendship sheets
- Straighten the Sanctuary Pews
- Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
- Serve at Golden Living Center - 2nd Sunday
- Mow lawn each week
- Remind Carna & Cliff Pray to change banners and altar cloths

GROTON MISSION STATEMENT  
 "ENRICHING SPIRITUAL LIVES THROUGH CHRIST."

LOVE GROW SERVE



July 2015						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



June 2015						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



## OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- June 14 Groton Wedding Blessings Shower/Farewell  
for Pastor Matt & Karrie during coffee hour
- June 17 Conde UMW at 10 am - Day Out
- June 17 Groton UMW Officer & Program Resource Chairs Meet 1 pm
- June 17 Groton UMW at 1:30 pm
- June 17 Groton Ad Council 8 pm
- June 21 Pastor Matt's last Sunday of preaching
- June 25 Pastor Matt leaves Groton
- June 28 Conde World Hunger Sunday
- June 28 Newsletter Items Due
- July 1 Pastor Thomas & Britni Carlson arrive in Groton

Join Us for a Story Time every Thursday, 10 am, at the Little Free Library!

Join Us each Tuesday at 10 am for the Women's Bible Study.