



United Methodist Messenger

MAY 2015

GROTON/CONDE UMC

Dear Friends

Where has time gone? It seems like just yesterday when I had arrived and hit the ground running here in Groton and Conde. The next few months will be filled with change. And I know that bright things are on the horizon for all of us. I am truly blessed to have served you these last 5 years. I have learned and grown as a pastor and that is always a good thing when pastors and congregations are able to grow together.

As I pack up belongings and prepare for the moving truck, my thoughts and prayers will be for you all to find the grace of God in the midst of all that is taking place. It can be a stressful time and it's important to keep things in perspective and work with the future in mind. And all of this is taking place during a very busy time of year for all of us. Confirmation and Graduation, Mother's Day, VBS in

Groton, Memorial Day, all the Birthdays and all the professional and personal business that is all intertwined, the month of May is a very busy time! Hopefully all of us can keep our heads on a swivel.

I wish to thank the Staff-Parish Relations Committee for all of their work during this time and for making the transition smooth not only for me but also for the next pastor coming in. It is a very short window of move time and anything that any of you can do will help make this as smooth and as swift as possible. As I move forward I will always count my time here in Groton and Conde as a time when deep learning took place. Grace and Peace!

See you in Church,
Pastor Matt



Monday 9 am - 4 pm

Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm

Wednesday 9 am - 3 pm followed by evening mtgs

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

Friday and Sat - Off

Emergencies - Any time



A Memory for Memorial Day

There is a cemetery in Okinawa where many American military men are buried. Near the entrance to the burial ground, visitors find a thought-provoking statement that we might recall on Memorial Day. The sign reads: "We gave our todays in order that you might have your tomorrows."

—Albert L. Zobell in Speaker's Handbook



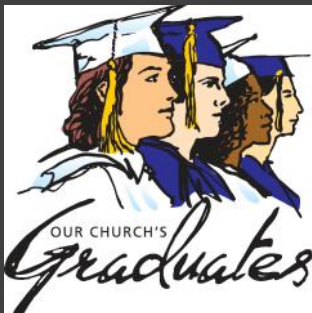
Baptism Blessings

Nori Lynn Hinman was baptized April 19. Parents are Charity & Scott Hinman. Also in photo are Karsten and Breslyn.



Groton Lawn Mowing

Monthly family work groups are responsible for mowing the church yard each week. Don Walter previously did the mowing, who we need to thank for all of his time and work. Chair families need to delegate who will mow each week. Thank you. Marjorie, Trustee Chair



No Potluck
in May at
Groton UMC

Groton Graduates

Graduates will be honored on May 10th during coffee hour and worship.

- Kyler Ell
- Danielle Schinkel
- Kaitlin O'Neill
- Spencer Knecht
- Jocelyn Peterson
- Chance Strom
- Dylan Vogel

Groton Confirmation

Confirmation Sunday is May 3. Confirmation Students will be honored during coffee hour and Confirmed during worship.

- Treyton Diegel
- Caroline Graf
- Claire Davidson
- Hannah Fischbach



Our Church Celebrations

Groton

- May 1 Don Bartz
 May 3 Kim Weber
 May 4 Desiree Foltz
 Evan Erickson
 Tom Strom
 May 5 Gary Thurston
 Marlee Jones
 Tony & Brenda Madsen
 May 6 Dick Ruden
 Clint Jacobson
 May 7 Gabbie Kramer
 Rebecca 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 13 Doris Strom
 Leroy Severson
 May 14 Henry Pharis
 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

- 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
 Randy & Rebecca Padfield

Conde

- May 3 Janette Imsland
 May 7 Eric & Ann Menzia
 Jane Worlie
 May 10 Marion Jensen
 May 12 Diane Taylor
 May 16 Dwight Lyren
 May 25 Greg Bonn
 Floyd & Carol Smith
 May 27 Malcolm Knoll
 May 28 Grant & Janice Hanson
 May 30 Curtis & Cindy Haskell



Anniversaries
and Birthdays

90th Birthdays Coming Up in May

Audrey Padfield
May 11th

Celebrate with Audrey
May 10th

Open House 1-3 pm
at Groton UMC
and/or Coffee at
Golden Living Center

at 3:30pm

1106 N 2nd St, Groton, SD
57445

&

Doris Strom
May 13th

Celebrate with Doris
May 17th

during Coffee Hour

PO Box 433, Groton, SD 57445

*Gift Bags for Cards are on the
kitchen counter at the church.*

If you wish to send Clare Brotherton a birthday greeting, her address is
The Palms at Bonaventure
 111 N Wells Rd Apt 210
 Ventura, CA 93004

Groton UMW

May Luncheon

Wednesday, May 6th



Serving from 11 am - 1 pm
No Reservation Required

Men & Women \$8 - Children 6 and under free

**Come and join us for lunch OR Make your own lunch to go
at the Groton United Methodist Church**

Groton UMW

May 20th at 1:30 pm
No Program
Hostesses Pat Dahlquist & Sharon Wheeting

Upcoming Events
Reading Program due Aug 1
Register "Mission U"



Groton UMC

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| 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.

Conde UMW

May 20 at 10 am
Program
"Women of Welcome"
By Pat Siefken
Hostess Cindy Smith

Conde

MISSION STATEMENT

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

★ Emmanuel Lutheran & United Methodist Churches are joining forces for ★

God's Mighty Kingdom

Vacation Bible School

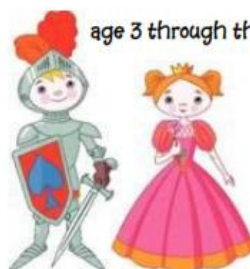
May 11-13 (Mon-Wed)



Sign Up Online at
www.grotonumc.org
 or with Carna (380-1742)
 or with Kim (380-7148)
 or with Lori (397-7777)

3:30 till 5:45

age 3 through the 5th grade



Meal/Program on Wednesday, May 13 at 5:45

VBS is at the Groton United Methodist Church

"Come and defend God's Kingdom!"

VBS Program

Everyone is invited to join us for a light supper and a short program
 Weds, May 13th
 5:45 pm

VBS Volunteers

Volunteers are Needed!
 Youth are invited to Volunteer too!!

VBS Meeting

May 6
 For all helping at 6:30 pm

Groton VBS - Sunday School

Additional items needed for Bible School: New Mason Jar rings and Ribbon. Looking for dress up clothes for prince, princess, kings, queens, and knights to borrow or be donated. Be sure to label if letting us borrow.

Wed., May 6, Bible School mtg. for all Methodist and Lutheran volunteers at 6:30 at our church.

May 10: Last day of Sunday School this school year. Sunday school sings, teachers honored and carnations handed out to Mothers during church. We will be setting up for Bible School at 4:00 that afternoon if anyone could help. We appreciate it.

Our Little Free Library will be kicking off Bible School week! We hope to have it

all set up by the tree we planted last year in Bible school. There will be a park bench and books to share! "Bring a book...take a book!" If anyone has any new or nearly new books to donate, please contact Kim at 380-7148. We are hoping to have a weekly story time this summer. Watch for info in June newsletter about that.

We are thinking ahead and will be needing education leaders and Sunday School teachers in the fall. Please let Carna or Kim know if you could be an important part of the education of the children in our church.



May 31st



YOUR GIFT ENCOURAGES PEACE.

Willisa J. Gaut treasured the opportunity to travel to a peace conference in Hiroshima, Japan, with her choir from Wiley College, Marshall, Texas.

“Being able to spread the good news of our Lord and Savior around the world,” she said, “was not only a humbling experience, but also one of the biggest steps I

have taken on my spiritual journey.” She is a member of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Marshall.

August 6, 2015 marks the 70th anniversary of the dropping of the world’s first atomic bomb, which decimated Hiroshima. Connecting with this historic event brought lessons to life for the students.

WE ARE ALL THE SAME.

Diamonique Jackson reflected on sharing the gospel tradition with Japanese school children. “No matter who you are and where you’re from, we are all the same.” She said the trip opened her eyes and her heart. “Traveling to share music ministry and to promote peace is not optional.” she said. “It is a priority.”

YOUR GIFT TODAY MATTERS

Your contribution encourages living a gospel of peace. The United Methodist Peace with Justice Sunday offering makes a difference through ministries in the United States and around the world. Thank you for your generous gift!

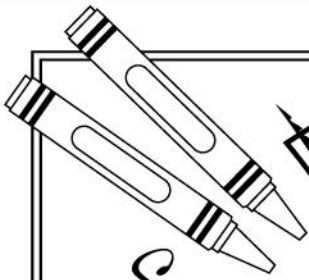


A Prayer for Mom

A young boy had been misbehaving, so his mother sent him to his room. Sometime later, he came out and told his mom he’d prayed about the matter. “That’s good,” she replied. “If you ask God for help to not misbehave, he’ll help you.”

“Oh, I didn’t pray for help behaving,” said the boy. “I prayed for God to help you put up with me.”





PUZZLE

Spring has sprung!

God created all the seasons, and each brings unique visuals that remind us of him.

Directions: Unscramble each phrase to complete Song of Solomon 2:12, NIV. Use the pictures as hints.

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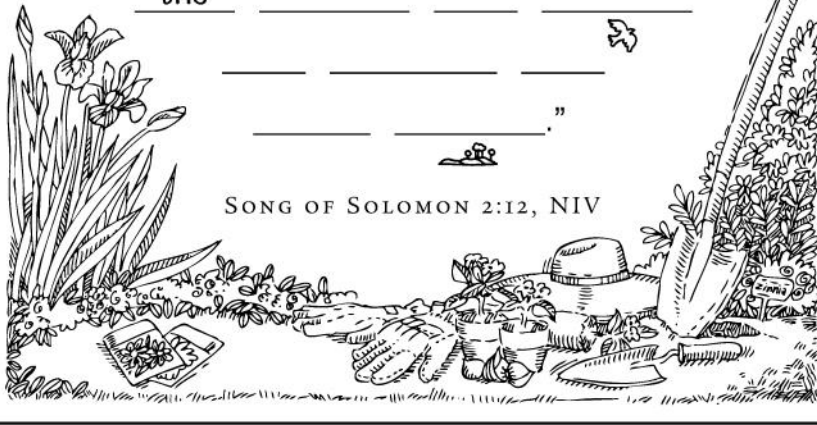
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the _____



SONG OF SOLOMON 2:12, NIV

Answers: "Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."

Advice for Grads

The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

May 10
Last Day of Sunday
School in Groton



Bring the Family



Groton Ad Council - April

Trustees: Richard Krueger has checked out the church lawn mower and had blades sharpened so that it is ready for monthly work committee families to use for lawn care needs.

Education: Plans are progressing for development of the Little Free Library. A bench has arrived and a pre-made library has been ordered. Sunday school attendance has been very low lately which is disappointing for all who work hard to prepare for the children's lessons. Vacation Bible School will be held May 11 – 13 from 3:30 – 5:45 pm for students from 3 years to 5th grade. VBS will be a com-

bined effort between both the Groton UMC and the Groton Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Missions: \$192 was raised recently from the dessert auction. The money will be used to help with Groton school supplies.

UMW: The group is busy planning the May Luncheon to be held on May 6 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

**Groton
Mission
Statement**
“Enriching
Spiritual lives
through
Christ.”

Groton June Family Committee

Justin & Amanda Morehouse

- Angela & Perryn Dobbins
- Corey & Jamie Mitchell
- Michelle Kramer
- Robin O’Neill, Kaitlin
- Marjorie & Roger Overacker
- Jesse & Jaymie Overacker
- Alan Strom
- Kay Brandt
- Marva & Lon Gellhaus
- Mary Ann Wehde
- Mendy & James Jones, Marlee
- Brent & Jessica Morehouse
- Andrea Bahr
- Randy & Sue Stanley

Honorary Members

- Dick Ruden
- Gerald & Ann Rix
- Don Walter
- Doris Strom
- Bob Wehde
- Bob & Carolyn Snyder

June 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
- 1 Greeter for each Sunday
- Straighten the Sanctuary Pews
- Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
- Serve at Golden Living Center - 2nd Sunday

June Extra Responsibilities

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

**Groton
Stewardship
Report Apr 2015**

Average
Wkly Giving
\$2,084

Needed Wkly for
Church Mission
\$2,206

Average Weekly
Attendance Sunday
80

Total Building Fund
Donations
for Repairs
\$62

LOVE GROW SERVE



June 2015						
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Our Church Happenings

May 2015						
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- May 3 Groton Confirmation Sunday
Confirmands honored during coffee hour
- May 6 Groton UMW May Luncheon 11 am - 1 pm
- May 6 VBS Meeting for all volunteers at 6:30 pm
- May 10 Groton Honor Graduates during coffee hour & in worship
- May 10 Sunday School Singing in Church
- May 10 Audrey Padfield 90th Birthday Celebration Open House 1-3pm
- May 10 VBS Setup at 4 pm - everyone welcome to help
- May 11-13 Groton VBS from 3:30-5:45 pm.
- May 13 Groton VBS program/supper at 5:45 - everyone welcome!
- May 17 Doris Strom 90th Birthday Celebration at 10 am Coffee Hour
- May 20 Conde UMW Meeting 10 am
- May 20 Groton UMW Meeting 1:30 pm
- May 20 Ad Council 8 pm
- May 24 Pentecost Sunday
- May 31 Peace with Justice Sunday Special Offering

