



# United Methodist Messenger

AUGUST 2016

GROTON/CONDE PARISHES

## From Pastor Thomas' Desk

Greeting Friends,

Summer has come and gone. It seems like just yesterday that 8 youth and 2 other adults were getting in a van and heading out for our end of the school year youth trip. All of us were forever changed by Sharing and Caring Hands which is a ministry in Minneapolis that focus' on those who are poor and in need of food, shelter, and some financial assistance at times. We served at their soup kitchen and met some neat and awesome people.

I also had the joy of spending time at two wonderful week long camps. The first was High Point which is a camp gear for High School Students focus on taking their faith to Higher Points through missions. We spent a couple days serving the homeless and less fortunate at the Corner Stone Rescue Mission. The second camp was The Rock that Doesn't Roll which is a camp that focus on challenges Middle School Students have. They also dig deep in their faith by examining media and culture and how it affects our relationships to each other, our family, our church and our God. Both these camps were at Storm Mountain Camp located just outside of Rapid City.

A few weeks ago I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Young Preacher Festival at the Church of The Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. I took in a lot of excellent information that will not only help me be a better preacher but also an all around better pastor! This festival has

forever changed me as a person, pastor, and follower of Christ.

As I was reflecting on all these awesome times over the last few months, I thought about (Colossians 2:6-7 *So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*) This speaks of how we need to be rooted and built up in Christ. It is my hope and prayer that every student that went to camp will be forever changed. I also hope that we are challenging and digging deeper into Christ so that we have a firm foundation.

May God Richly Bless you!

Pastor Thomas



## OFFICE HOURS



### Pastor's Schedule

#### Monday

in office 10 am - noon  
and 1 -3:30 pm

#### Tuesday

Sermon Writing Day

#### Wednesday

in office 12 - 3:30 pm

#### Thursday

available by appt  
10 am-5 pm

#### Friday and Saturday

Days Off

#### Emergency Calls

24/7



Audrey Padfield died July 8  
and  
Donald Walter died July 10

## Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful 80th Birthday cards. It truly was a special event. One I will remember. God Bless you all.. Ida Hannon

We would like to thank our Church community for helping us go to camp!

Jaden has gone to camp for 3 years and this is Toby's 2nd year. They look forward to it each and every summer. Their sister can't wait and talks about going soon! This means so much to me as a parent. I love that my kids get to make a great foundation

with God and make sure wonderful

memories! It makes the summer so exciting! What an exciting way to learn and grow in their faith! Thank You for making these precious memories a life long lasting foundation with our faith! Angela, Jaden, & Toby Dobbins

Dear Pastor Thomas & GUMC, I had a really fantastic time at camp. I learned a lot about myself and my relationship with God. Thank you for the letter, it made me smile. Everyone at camp was very nice and I want to go again next year. Thank you again for helping me go to camp. Sincerely, Stella Meier



## Open House Bridal Shower

**Aug 13 Open House Bridal Shower** for Sydney Erickson (bride-to-be to Blake Wilkinson) from 9:30 - 11:30 am at the Groton UMC. Registered at Herbergers and Target. Wedding is Oct 15th. There will be NO Sunday morning Blessings Shower so please attend this one put on by friends and family.

## Baptism & Blessings Shower

**Aug 14 Baptism & Blessings Shower** for Emmett Morehouse. Parents are Jesse & Julie. Emmett was born May 27th. Shower during coffee hour by Groton UMC Members.



# Groton UMW - June

The Groton UMW members met at the Golden Living Center at 1:30 pm for their June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Pam Hanson gave a short presentation to the women explaining some of the daily and monthly activities that are planned for the residents at the Golden Living Center. Pam serves as the activities director which gives her the honor of helping all the residents have a joyful and fulfilling day. She has a very important job, as we witnessed a very busy day for all the residents.

Marlys Rodman read the devotions and a brief general discussion was held, but no business meeting was conducted.

The women then divided into small groups and visited all the residents for the remainder of the afternoon. The residents were very welcoming to all of us. We concluded the day with joining the residents during their "Snack & Chat" time. Gloria and Jolene provided homemade cookies for all the residents and guests. We all had a great time and will visit again soon.

The Groton UMW had NO Meeting in July.

The August 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting will be at 1:30 with JoAnn Kruger & Caralee Heitmann as hostesses. President, Jolene Townsend



## Groton UMW Meeting August 18th

at 1:30 pm with JoAnn Krueger & Caralee Heitmann as hostesses.

### Executive Mtg at 3 pm

Continue Date Book Plans 2017,  
Budget Plans, Newsletter Updates,  
Plan UMW Sunday

Save Coffee Cans

Nominations Committee to meet.

Love Ribbon Grant due to Conference  
by Sept 15th.

## Groton Missions

## Committee Meeting

August 14 at 7:30 pm. This includes Karla Pasteur, Becky Diegel, Merrie Atherton, Kami Lipp, Sue Stanley, and Jessica Morehouse.

### Conde UMW Meeting

August 17

at 10 am

Program is Joyful Hunger Pangs

By Leader Donna Hearnen

Hostess is Patty Knoll

### Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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





# Outdoor MOVIE NIGHT



Families come join us for an outdoor movie night at **Groton United Methodist Church lawn!**

Bring your blankets/ chairs and lay under the stars for the movie Two by Two!

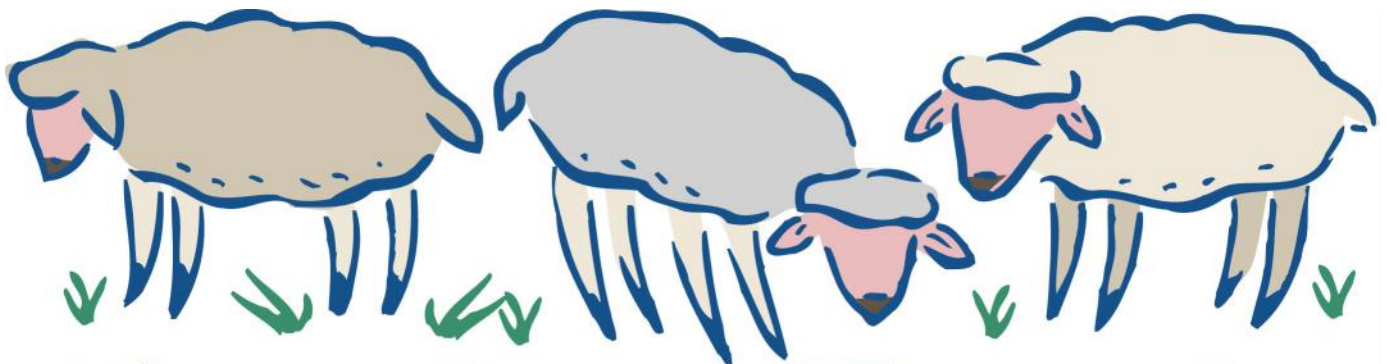
We will have popcorn, water, and snacks!

**Wednesday August 10th**

Come get ready at 8:30pm.

**Movie starts at 9:00pm!**

*If bad weather will be held inside UMC Church!*



# You Can Teach!

Call Angela Dobbins 605-380-3870 or Kim Weber 605-380-7148 and volunteer to teach Sunday School!

# Our Church Celebrations

## Groton

- | Aug 1 Bert Raap
- | Aug 2 David Strom
- | Dylan Graf
- | Jessica & Brent Morehouse
- | Aug 3 Lance & Kristie Hawkins
- | 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
- | Margaret & Clint Jacobson
- | 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 Rose Tewksbury
- | Jim Jones
- | Sam Furman
- | Jenna & Nick Strom

## Alissa & Michael Wells

- Aug 17 Chanda Nilsson
  - Aug 18 Hunter Maag
  - Aug 19 Jaeger Kampa
  - Sherwin & Christine Nyberg
  - Tia Johnson
  - William Zoellner
  - Aug 20 Marc Sippel
  - Aug 23 Haley Erickson
  - Lisa Pray
  - Aug 25 Justin & Amanda Morehouse
  - Aug 27 Ellianna Jacobson
  - Aug 28 Rob & Jeanne Wanous
  - Aug 29 Chuck Padfield
  - Aug 30 Emma Jo Schinkel
  - Jase Bahr
  - Nathan Atherton
  - Aug 31 Katelyn Hawkins
- ## Conde
- Aug 6 Loren & Pat Siefken
  - Aug 10 Cindy Smith
  - Aug 12 Cody Evans
  - Aug 20 Richard & Jane Worlie
  - Aug 26 Pamela Hanson
  - Aug 31 Collin Ragels



## Groton UMC

- Marlys Rodman 397-4570
- Pat Dahlquist 397-2616
- Doris Zoellner 397-2417
- Marj 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 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.

# A Broken Body

The video for “Broken Together,” a contemporary Christian song by Casting Crowns, features a married couple struggling through a lifetime of faults and failings. But the song’s message applies to church families, as well, according to lead singer Mark Hall.

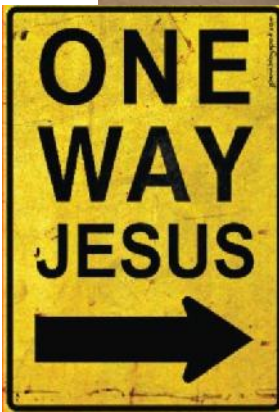
Instead of trying to appear perfect and put -together on Sundays, he says, Christians need to be real with one another in an honest, “broken together” community.

“In community,” Hall says, “we can tear the plastic off and just be ourselves. We can say, ‘You know what, we don’t have it all together at our house, and it’s kind of a mess. But Jesus lives in this mess, and he’s walking with us through it.’”





# Kid Zone



We had Kid Zone camp at the very end of July. We averaged about 24 kids that joined us for the afternoon fun! We had a snack, played games, sang songs, and had a great lesson! We learned that Jesus is the “One Way” to heaven! We had our small decorations up in the fellowship hall. We had great fellowship with these kids! We can’t wait to start Kid Zone this fall! If you would like to join our fun on Wednesdays please get a hold of me. This is a great community event that gets everyone excited about God!

Angela Dobbins



# camp

# Conde Collecting for UMCOR School Kits

Items must be turned in by September 15th to be assembled for delivery.

## School Kit Materials

### 1 pair blunt scissors

Rounded tip only;  
No plastic scissors, please.

### 3 pads of paper

Spiral- or top-bound pads;  
150 sheets or less of loose-leaf paper can be substituted for 1 pad;  
Combination of spiral, top-bound, side-bound, or loose-leaf paper is acceptable;  
No composition books, please.

### 1 hand-held pencil sharpener

Must be at least 1 inch long;  
Remove from packaging.

### 1 30-centimeter ruler

Hard or flexible;  
Cartoon characters are acceptable;  
No advertisements please.

### 6 unsharpened pencils

No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, please;  
Cartoon characters are acceptable.

### 1 2-inch or larger-size eraser

No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, please;  
Cartoon characters are acceptable.

### 1 24-count box of crayons

Only 24-count boxes, please.

### 1 14x16 inch cloth bag

Homemade or purchased bags are both acceptable;  
Heavy-duty fabric only, such as denim, corduroy, drapery fabric, etc.;  
No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, please;  
Closures are optional but must be buttons, snaps, or Velcro sewn in middle of opening, if used.



**GOD  
SHINES  
FORTH.**  
PSALM 50:2



## The road of life

God of our life,  
there are days when the burdens we carry  
chafe our shoulders and weigh us down;  
when the road seems dreary and endless,  
the skies gray and threatening;  
when our lives have no music in them,  
and our hearts are lonely,  
and our souls have lost their courage.  
Flood the path with light,  
turn our eyes to where  
the skies are full of promise;  
tune our hearts to brave music;  
give us the sense of comradeship  
with heroes and saints of every age;  
and so quicken our spirits  
that we may be able to encourage  
the souls of all who journey with us  
on the road of life,  
to your honor and glory.

—St. Augustine



# Groton September Family Committee

**Erin & Damian Bahr**

**Alan & Jolene Townsend**

Karla & Russell Davidson, Claire

Caralee & Gary Heitmann

Charity Hinman

Curtis Krueger

AM & Laurie Mitchell

Justin & Amanda Morehouse

Kristi & Ben Peterson

Doug Sippel

Betty Strom

Carol & Luverne Strom

Cheri & Tom Strom

Mark & June Thompson

Anita & Gary Voss

Sharon & Larry Wheeting

**Honorary Members**

) Deloris Knoll

) Hazel McKittrick



**September 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
- ) Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons
- ) Take care of lawn as necessary
- ) Potluck 2nd Sunday (Rally Sunday) - give church secretary details for bulletin
- ) Gary & Caralee Heitmann change banners, altar cloths, and do the candle maintenance

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

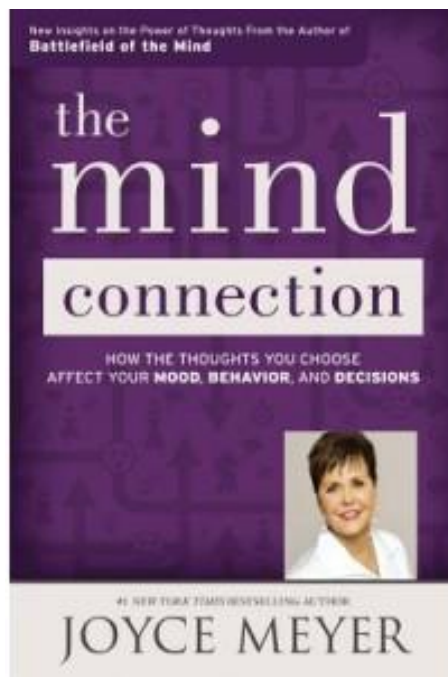
**Groton Stewardship Report July 2016**

Average Wkly Giving \$1,307  
 Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,347  
 Average Weekly Attendance Sunday 42  
 Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs \$15

## New Bible Study

The Thursday 7 pm Bible Study is starting a new study by Joyce Meyer called "The Mind Connection: How the thoughts you choose affect your Mood, Behavior, and Decisions" If you are interested please contact Val Baker at 541-653-1753 or Yvonne Lange at 605-397-8450.

The Tuesday 10 AM Bible Study is working on an Adam Hamilton study about Facing Issues that Divide. Come and learn what the Bible tells us about some of the big political issues happening now.



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# Our Church Happenings

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- Aug 13 Groton Open House Bridal Shower for Sydney Erickson 9:30-11:30
- Aug 14 Groton Baptism & Blessings Shower for Emmett Morehouse
- Aug 14 Groton Missions Committee Mtg 7:30 pm
- Aug 17 Conde UMW Mtg 10 am
- Aug 18 Groton UMW at 1:30 pm Executive Mtg at 3 pm
- Aug 21 Newsletter Items Due
- Aug 24 Groton Ad Council at 7:15 pm
- Sept 11 Groton Sunday School Begins.

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