

United Methodist Messenger

FEBRUARY 2016

GROTON/CONDE PARISHES

Pastor Thomas' Schedule

Mon - in office 10 am - 2 pm

Tues - working on sermon

Weds - in office 2 - 3:30 pm

Thurs - available by appt 10am-5 pm

Friday and Sat - Days Off

Emergency Calls 24/7



From Pastor Thomas' Desk

Greetings Friends,

I was reminded the other day that Easter is right around the corner. As we prepare our hearts for Lent and make our Journey to the Cross. I encourage you to begin to focus on the importance of what a great sacrifice Jesus Christ did for all of us. I would challenge you to reflect through your devotion and prayer. I invite you to bring a friend as we join together on this great journey.

I'm pleased to announce our Lenten service times for both Conde and Groton Churches.

Lenten services for Conde:

- Ash Wednesday February 10 we will meet at noon for Service and Communion followed by a time of reflection and prayer.
- Every Wednesday at Noon from February 17 to March 23 we will be sharing a light lunch with a short service.
- Maundy Thursday March 24 will be at noon.
- Good Friday March 25 will be at 2:00.
- Easter Sunday March 27 at 9:00 am

Lenten services for Groton:

- Ash Wednesday February 10 we will be sharing a Soup and Sandwich supper at 5:30 pm followed by a time of reflection and prayer at 6 pm.
- Every Wednesday from February 17 to March 23 we will continue to have a light soup and sandwich supper followed by a service.
- Maundy Thursday March 24 at 5:30.
- Good Friday March 25 at 6:30.
- Easter Sunday March 27 with a Sunrise service at 7:30 am with breakfast and 11:00 am worship service.

Together in Christ!

Pastor Thomas Carlson

Lent
BEGINS



Groton Baptism

Jaeden Emma Morehouse was baptized Dec 13th and honored at a Blessings Shower during coffee hour by our church members. She was born on Oct 26th to Justin and Amanda.

**Coffee
and
Prayers**

**Every Monday at 9 am
Every Thursday at 7 pm
At the Groton UMC**
*coffee may not always be available but
feel free to bring a cup along*

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Open House Bridal Shower

Traci Davies
Bride-to-be of Dale Kramer
Feb 20 - 11 am to 2 pm

Hosted by Friends and Family

April 16th wedding is
planned.

Sympathies to the family of
Michele Padfield who passed
away January 9, 2016.

Groton UMW - Jan

Happy New Year!

“Growing in Blessedness” is the UMW theme for 2016. The 1st UMW meeting was held Thursday, January 21st at 1:30 pm with 15 members present. (UMW will now be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month)

The UMW annual Pledge Service entitled “Burn a Candle” was given by Jolene Townsend. The Pledge Service is a reminder that without our prayers and money the needs of women, children and youth may not be met. Without our prayers and money the work of injustice might not get done, the UMW agencies we support would struggle to exist and that our passion for mission is supported with prayer and giving. The scripture reading from 2Corinthians 9:6-15 reminds us that “whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” At the conclusion of the program the UMW members made their annual pledge. The UMW meeting was called to order by Pres. Jolene Townsend. The January UMW devotions were read by Marjory Townsend. The UMW purpose was recited by all members. The business meeting included discussion of the 40 cans of Christmas goodies delivered and many thank you cards were read.

“Thank you” to all who donated goodies and to those of you who delivered them, we consider this one of our best mission projects. It was decided to purchase a new 100 cup coffee pot for the kitchen. Our “Spring Luncheon” date was set for May 4th. Grocery receipts and pop tabs were delivered to the school. Volunteers are needed to call bingo at the Golden Living Center each Saturday, call Pam Hanson for more information. Focus Day (workshop/leadership training for UMW) will be in April. We look forward to next month’s evening meeting with Britni Carlson leading a workshop on creating greeting cards. We hope many can attend. Jolene closed with a prayer from the Response magazine. A delicious lunch and coffee was served by Diann Morehouse and Deloris Knoll. Fellowship was enjoyed by all.

The next UMW meeting will be held Thursday February 18th at 7:00 pm with Britni Carlson leading a greeting card workshop, with all of us making a card. Please feel free to bring a friend. This will be a lot of fun! The hostess will be Gloria Pharis.

May all of you be blessed as you continue to listen not only with your ears but your heart as well.

UMW Meeting
February 18
7 pm

Britni Carlson
leading a
greeting card
workshop with
everyone
making a card.

Bring a Friend!

Hostess is
Gloria Pharis



An Ash Wednesday Prayer

Dear righteous Lord, we enter the holy season of Lent confessing our many sins that separate us from you. We’re sincerely sorry for offending you repeatedly through our thoughts, our words and our actions – and often through our inactions, too.

Forgive us, Lord, and show us your tender mercy. Restore and strengthen us to become your faithful and faith-filled servants. During our Lenten journey, remind us to show mercy to other people, just as you’ve shown mercy to us. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Groton Sunday School Feb Happenings

I am so excited about our Kid's Ministry. We have a wonderful program in our church. Our Sunday School has goals set for 2016 and we can't wait for you to see them reached! Our kids get a chance to hear God's story and relate that with a craft project every Sunday morning before Sunday School. We use the "Bible app for Kids" to listen to a story and then they get to interact with the story and watch things happen on the pages! After we learn about the story by making a craft project that they can take home and share! Thank You to everyone for the donations of paper towel and toilet paper tubes. Come join us 9:30-10 before Sunday School class starts! Feel free to check out what we have done so far in the Sunday School room hallway!

The Sunday School kids do a project with their lesson on Sunday Morning. It helps them relate what they are working on to the lesson subject! The 3rd, 4th, & 5th Graders are working on using their Bibles they received. It is a learning process but we have fun exploring the Bible!

Our kids now have the advantage to praise and worship together every other Weds. and not just at Sunday School. This gives them the opportunity to bring friends and share in God's word! Kid Zone is so much fun with food, fellowship, and games! We are learning new songs and lessons. We have a snack and put our fruit up in the hallway. March 2nd will be our last Fruit of the Spirit lesson. We have gone through and learned about each one! Love, Joy, Goodness, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Self-control, Peace, Patience, & Kindness. We will be learning about the Armor of God next to finish out the year! Come

join the FUN!

A few February Happenings:

- February 3rd: Kid Zone 6-7:15pm
- February 14th: All room Sunday School Class with God's Love and Valentine project!
- February 17th: Kid Zone 3:30-5pm (Still need a couple helpers)
- February 21st: Kids sing in Church

Please watch for birthday cards! Sunday School is mailing out monthly birthday cards! Thank You to UMW for donating birthday cards! It is so nice to receive God's word on a birthday! Also Thank You to Dale & Joyce Grenz at Dairy Queen for donating ice cream tokens to put with the birthday cards!

We will always be striving to teach our children the word of God! What better way than to join us in Sunday School. We are still looking for a couple substitutes. If you're interested please let Kim or Angela know so we can get you some information. Or if you would like to be a part of the Kid's Ministry please let us know. We will embrace all of God's children to teach them, learn from them, and empower them!

If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact me: Angela Dobbins Cell (605) 380-3870 Home (605)228-9549 Or e-mail me: grotonumckids@nvc.net



We do not lose heart.
2 CORINTHIANS 4:1

Groton Lenten Schedule

Lent starts Feb 10 with Ash Wednesday. The Jan Family Committee will be serving a light meal from 5:30-6 pm followed by a short Lenten Service from 6 - 6:30 pm. This will continue each week during Lent with a different Family Committee.

March 2 will be the April Committee
March 9 will be the May Committee
March 16 will be the June Committee
Join us each week and bring a friend along!

Feb 17 will be the Feb Committee

Feb 24 will be the March Committee

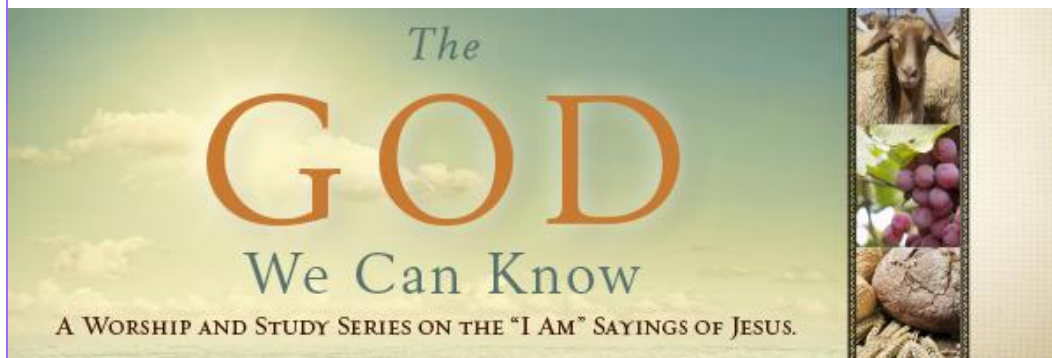


Tues 10 AM Bible Study will start a new 7 week study called "The God We Can Know" studying the "I AM" sayings of Jesus. February 9 will be our first lesson in this new study. Let Kay Daly know if you will be joining us to obtain a book.



Groton UMC

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- 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.

Conde UMW - February

The Conde UMW met at 1:30 on January 20th. Jane Worlie gave the lesson entitled, "The Blessedness of Giving" This was the Pledge Service for 2016. She did a good job of telling the ladies how the Pledge Money is used. Each person in the Conde Unit makes their own personal pledge, and this along with income that is received from serving events, are the sources of the Conference Pledge.

The original plan for the February meeting was to invite guests and have a special meal and program, but because of the Lenten

Meals, it was decided to just have a regular meeting after the Service.

Pat Siefken will have the lesson entitled, "Foundations of Blessedness". Joan Fahrenwald will serve a dessert lunch.

The attempt to have a Community Christmas Party with a skit and a nice meal had to be cancelled because of weather. It seems that winter is not a good time to plan something special. That was another reason for changing the February plans.

Conde UMW Meeting

UMW will be meeting Feb 17 after the Lenten Service with our program focus on Valentines/Hearts "Foundations of Blessedness" with Leader Pat Siefken. Joan Fahrenwald will serve a dessert lunch.



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



Our Church Celebrations

Groton

Feb 4 KayLynn Overacker

Tim Olson

Feb 5 Todd Thurston

Feb 7 Gary Voss

Feb 8 Gage Sippel

Larry Wheeting

Feb 10 Alan & Jolene Townsend

Brenda Madsen

Dion Bahr

June Thompson

Nori Hinman

Feb 11 Oliver Anderson

Feb 12 Skyler Kramer

Yvonne Lorenz

Feb 14 Diane Niessen

Feb 16 Pernell Graf

Feb 19 Gaylene Voss

Robin O'Neill

Feb 20 Darin Gubin

Michael Wells

Feb 21 Wyatt Morehouse

Feb 22 Anthony Schinkel

Feb 23 Karl Rekow

Feb 25 Brent Morehouse

Greg Heitmann

Feb 26 Mary Ann Wehde

Feb 28 Paisley Mitchell

Conde

Feb 4 Donna Walter

Feb 5 Richard Sanderson

Feb 9 Vicki Stark

Feb 10 Greg & Vicki Stark

Feb 15 Tim & Betty Geist

Feb 19 Tyler Stark

Feb 22 Betty Jensen

Horace Walter



Anniversaries
and Birthdays

Thank
You!

Thank You - Groton Teachers

Groton UMC, What an awesome gift! Thank you so much for thinking of our teachers and for your generous donation to the Junior Kindergarten class. We appreciate your kindness. Thanks again! Mrs. Krause & Jr Kindergarten Class

Dear Groton UMC, Thank you so much for the gift card for supplies! We are always looking for new ideas and with that, often comes some expense. It's a real treat to know we have a gift card to use as the need arises. The success of our school is due much to Groton's supportive community! We appreciate your Support :) Sincerely, Kristi Anderson & Deb Winburn 3rd

Dear UMC, Thank you so much for the Wal-Mart gift cards! It will be wonderful to have them throughout the school year. We will use them to buy needed supplies for our classrooms. Thanks especially for your kindness! It is so thoughtful of your church to assist with the education of our students! You are very much appreciated! Thank you. Renee Swisher & Ann Gibbs Kind

To the members of the UMC, Thank you so much for thinking of our classroom this fall. The Wal-Mart gift cards always come in very handy. Again, thank you for thinking of us. Emily Eichler & Julie Milbrandt 1st

Groton Ad Council - Jan

Anita Lowary explained how the Highway 37 project will affect our church property. The state will pay Groton UMC \$1385.00 for a temporary easement to raise the ditch and run drainage along our property. The state will also pay Groton UMC \$800 for property in the NW corner of our property to be used for installation of a water drain that will connect to the sewer. The board approved the easement proposal and sale pending approval by the Trustees.

Pastor Thomas explained that he is currently working on his under graduate degree and seminary. He also shared an itemized report of his visits and attendance at events for the board to review as well as outlined his goals for visits, contacts, and e-mails going forward.

Trustees: Marjorie Overacker reported that the stained glass windows have been appraised for insurance purposes with a replacement cost of \$45,500. She also reviewed the insurance company's requirement for locking certain doors and the need to lock up a few miscellaneous items within the church.

Kid's Ministry: Angela Dobbins reported that her three main goals are: organization, communication, and forming a list of students. Both Angela and Pastor Thomas want to see the Sunday school office cleaned & organized.

Funeral Setups: After discussion on the costs of using paper and plastic in place of china at funeral meals, the board voted that all funeral meals in the future will use paper & plastic products.

Groton Stewardship Report Jan 2016
Average Wkly Giving \$1,244
Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,347
Average Weekly Attendance Sunday 76
Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs \$165

Groton March 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

Cheri & Tom Strom

Anita & Gary Voss

Sharon & Larry Wheeting

Honorary Members

- Deloris Knoll
- Hazel McKittrick



March 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
- Shovel snow from doorways before Church
- Potluck 2nd Sunday - give church secretary details for bulletin
- Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons
- Gary & Caralee Heitmann change banners, altar cloths, and do candle maintenance

Groton Mission Statement
"Enriching Spiritual lives through Christ."

March 2016						
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Our Church Happenings

- Feb 3 Groton Kid Zone 6-7:15 pm
- Feb 9 Groton 10 AM Bible Study starting Lenten DVD Study
- Feb 10 Conde Ash Wednesday Service/Communion at noon
Ad Board following the Service
- Feb 10 Groton Ash Wednesday Meal 5:30 - 6 pm and Service 6 - 6:30 pm
Join Us each week during Lent at the same times!
- Feb 14 Groton All Room Sunday School with Valentine Project! No Craft Time.
- Feb 17 Groton Kid Zone 3:30 - 5 pm
- Feb 17 Groton Ad Council 7:15 pm
- Feb 17 Conde Lent Service at noon with Light Lunch followed by a time of prayer
Conde UMW will then follow after the service.
- Feb 18 Groton UMW at 7 pm - all are welcome to come for card making
- Feb 21 Groton Sunday School singing in church
- Mar 2 Groton Kid Zone 3:30 - 5 pm

February 2016						
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