



# United Methodist Messenger

JULY 2016

GROTON/CONDE PARISHES

## Conde Community VBS

During the week of May 30-June 3, The UM church was alive with sounds of spelunkers as they participated in Cave Quest VBS. The church building was decorated with many wonderful cave sights, such as stalactites and stalagmites, glowing lights, and areas of darkness. The crew spelunkers were on a quest to learn to follow Jesus, who is the light of the world, using our map the Bible.

Each morning they gathered together for Sing and Play celebration where they learned the Bible Point, Bible verse and the Bible Buddy for the day. The crew members traveled to the various stations throughout the day always being reminded of the message of Jesus for that day. Crews went to the Deep Bible Quest where they experienced the daily Bible story in a hands on way. At the Cavern Café, one crew would prepare the Bible based snacks for the rest of the crews. During their time at Imagination Station, they dove into exciting experiments that connected to the Bible story for the day. Kid-Vid Cinema was time to reinforce the daily Bible verse as they crew members watched and discussed a true story. Everyone enjoyed the Spelunker Sports &

Games where games were played that connected with the Bible story and Bible Point for the day. The Closing time was a time to review the activities of the day and engaging in an object lesson to help the crew members apply the daily lessons to their life.

Friday evening was a time of sharing with parents, grandparents, and friends all the had been done throughout the week. Many friendships were renewed and new friends made as they participated in learning the Jesus is the light and the guide needed for our lives.

Thanks go to:

Crew helpers; Tomlyn Toy, Haiden Grandpre, Teagan Jost, and Caycee Schneider. Station leaders; Doreen Dirksen, Cindy Smith, Mary Ann Taylor, Belva Lacher, Greg Peterson, Darleen Dirksen, Donna Hearnen, and Pat Siefken.

A special thanks to Doreen for all her decoration expertise and all the others that helped to make this a great time for the participates!



# Conde VBS



# Conde Spring Fling

On Wednesday, May 11th the Conde UMW had their "Spring Fling". There was a nice crowd and everyone seemed to enjoy the food, fellowship, and the crazy little skit, entitled "Shoes R Us". The skit pertained to certain shoes for a special job or occasion. A lady, portrayed by Donna Hearnen, goes shoe shopping with her husband, Jane Worlie, and for anyone who has taken their husband on a shopping trip, you know how they react. The customer wants a special shoe to walk with Jesus, and Patty Knoll, the shop manager, and her helpers bring out many types of shoes that will help Donna walk with Jesus. The helpers included Betty Geist, Michelle Hildebrant, Pat Siefken, Cindy Smith, Donna Walter, Dorothy Sanderson, and Michelle also played the part of an angel. Following the program, there was a salad lunch. The free will offering that was taken will be used for Shoes for SD Children Mission. There are several different places that have this type of mission, and which one the ladies use will be decided later. Most of these take place in late summer just before school starts.

**PICTURES**

Group - Betty Geist, Michelle Hildebrant, Pat Siefken, Cindy Smith, Donna Walter, Jane Worlie, Dorothy Sanderson, Donna Hearnen, and Patty Knoll.

Sales Lady - Patty Knoll

Display of shoes

Centerpiece - Child's boot with artificial flowers



# Emmett Edward Morehouse



Emmett was born May 27 to Julie and Jesse and brothers Wyatt and Jacob. Emmett weighed 7 lbs 6 oz and was 20 inches long.

**Conde UMW  
No July Meeting**

Please attend  
Mission U



Thank you to Don & Joy Walter for the egress windows and covers on the parsonage basement.

Dear Groton United Methodist Church, I want to thank you for helping me go to Bible Camp. I am so excited to go and I'm sure it will be lots of fun. This is my first Bible Camp and I can't wait to go. I will be sure to tell you how it went. Thank you again; this truly means a lot to me. Sincerely, Stella Meier

To my church family: Thank you for the many beautiful 80th birthday cards. The hugs, phone calls, and special recognition in church. It truly was a special event and one I will always remember. I am very blest to be part of such a loving church family. God Bless each of you, Pat Dahlquist.



Sympathies to  
the family of  
Reta Washnok  
who died  
June 21st



## CHURCH INFORMATION

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Groton  
UMW  
No July  
Meeting

Reading  
Program  
Due Aug 1st

## Pastor's 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



## Groton Youth Mission Trip

Our trip was a week jam packed full of many activities. Pastor Thomas kept us busy with water parks, shopping malls, new adventures, great food, and so much more.

Sunday morning, we met at the church, ready to take on the week. With the van packed to brim, we headed to the Dells. The drive is a long one, but while getting to know each other and sharing many laughs, it made it go by fast.

We arrived to our resort, The Polynesian, Sunday night and rested up a bit, but headed straight to the Kalahari Resort the next morning. We spent the morning and most of the afternoon at the indoor and outdoor water parks. We had dinner at Wisconsin's famous "Macs" and ended the night with go karts, laser tag, a ropes course, and rock climbing at the Kalahari theme park.

Tuesday morning started with the option of swimming at our resort's water park or relaxing in the rooms. Later we traveled to downtown for some shopping, only to get rained out shortly after arriving. Luckily, it cleared up for the famous "Tommy Bartlet Show" that afternoon. After the show we went back downtown for a group activity at Wizard Quest and finished the rest of our shopping.

By Wednesday we were all pretty tired,

but still had a full day ahead of us. It started at Bigfoot Zip line where we proceeded to do seven different zip lines over the course of two hours. Then we rode "The Ducks" and "The Wild Thing". That night we drove to Minneapolis and stayed at the Hennepin Avenue Church.

Our mission project was Thursday morning and I think I can speak for everyone and say it was our favorite part of the entire trip. We volunteered at Sharing and Caring Hands; we helped set up and prepare the meal, served hundreds of people and got a tour of their facility. We even received the opportunity to meet the woman who started it all, Mary Jo. It was a very heart breaking and eye opening experience. Once we were done, we went to the Mall of America for a couple hours and ate dinner at the Rain Forest Café.

On Friday we packed our bags and headed back home. Overall, the trip was a blast and I made many memories that I will never forget. I would like to thank everyone that donated their time and money to give all of us the opportunity to attend a trip like this. I would also like to give a special thanks to Pastor for planning and organizing the entire trip and making it one to remember.

Kari Hanson



# Groton Youth Mission Trip



# Groton UMC youth make a difference

Posted on March 14, 2016 Conference News

On March 5th, over 30 youth and adults from Groton, SD made meals for over 9000 families - in just 1.5 hours. The Groton UMC junior and senior high students partnered with Emmanuel Lutheran students and traveled to Aberdeen, SD to package meals at a satellite station of Kids Against Hunger (KAH). The 26 students and 6 adults planned the trip and were amazed at their own success. The KAH organization had a limit of the number of meals they could package that day, and the group hit that limit in just one and a half hours--9072 meals.

Pastor Thomas Carlson, Groton UMC, was very impressed with the determination and excitement his youth showed in planning for this event and cooperating with the youth group from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Groton. The pastors of both churches have been working together on ecumenical projects for kids of all ages. Pastor Carlson said, "It was very encouraging to me, to see the kids really pour their hearts into this, and even though it was hard work, seeing the kids struggling through some on it was a testament to their determination to reach out generously to all God's people."



## Running Blind



Years ago, I worked at a summer Bible camp with my cousin Erik. As an evening staff meeting concluded, a sprinkle suddenly became a downpour. Counselors sprinted off toward cabins, while Erik and I, who didn't supervise youngsters, debated whether to wait out the storm.

We opted to run for it, but being visually impaired, I soon realized the sheets of rain, added to the dark, hindered my view. "I can't see!" I yelled through the wind to Erik. Imme-

diately, he grabbed my hand, pulling me along. "It's okay!" he shouted back. "I can!"

The sensation of running blindly yet feeling so secure became a metaphor for me about what I can handle and accomplish through faith. When I let God grab my hand and guide me, even when I'm running through dark, stormy times, I experience peace. For though I cannot see what lies ahead, I know God can.

—Heidi Mann

# Our Church Celebrations

## Groton

- July 1 Charity Hinman  
Graham Rose
- July 4 Seth Erickson
- July 5 Allen & Joyce Walter  
Jasmine Schinkel
- July 7 Ida Hannon  
Julie Morehouse
- July 8 David Tewksbury  
Kelby Hawkins
- July 9 Jocelyn Peterson  
Jordan Voss
- July 10 Pernell & Noella Graf
- July 11 Roger & Marjorie Overacker  
Scott Hinman
- July 12 Ashtyn Bahr  
Corey Mitchell
- July 13 Jolene Townsend  
Stephanie Townsend  
Jeff Voss
- July 14 Ava Kramer  
Christine Nyberg
- July 15 Margaret Jacobson
- July 16 Linda Thurston  
Richard Voss
- July 17 Mackenzie Atherton
- July 18 Kaitlin O'Neill  
Kevin Pray  
Josh & Merrie Atherton  
Doug & Kay Daly
- July 19 Carol Strom
- July 22 Gabrielle Furman
- July 23 Chanda & Logan Nilsson

- Joyce Walter
- July 24 Maggie Oliver  
Roger & Pam Rix
- July 25 Hannah Webb
- July 26 Angela & Perryn Dobbins  
Laila Roberts  
Pat Knecht
- July 27 Damian & Erin Bahr  
Ryland Strom  
Tony Madsen
- July 28 Craig Weber
- July 29 Curtis Krueger
- July 30 Megan & Seth Erickson  
Judy Zeck
- July 31 Lynette Severson

## Conde

- July 3 Guy & Renee Hanlon
- July 6 Shanna Geist
- July 23 Patty Knoll
- July 27 Horace & Donna Walter



Celebrate summer with this tasty dessert pizza, using your favorite summer fruits as the toppings.

### What you need:

- 1 tube slice-and-bake sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Round pizza pan
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sliced fruit
- Adult help

### What you do:

1. Cut the dough into slices 1/8-inch thick. Place slices on the pan, overlapping them slightly.
2. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes. Let cool.
3. Combine softened cream cheese, sugar and vanilla, mixing well. Spread this "frosting" over the baked-cookie "crust."
4. Arrange fruit on top of the pizza.
5. Slice and enjoy!



# Little Free Library - Summer

Little Free Library is full of books! Summer Story time will be at 9:30 am on Thursday June 9th through July 28th.

If you are interested in helping with story time. Please contact Kim at 380-7148.

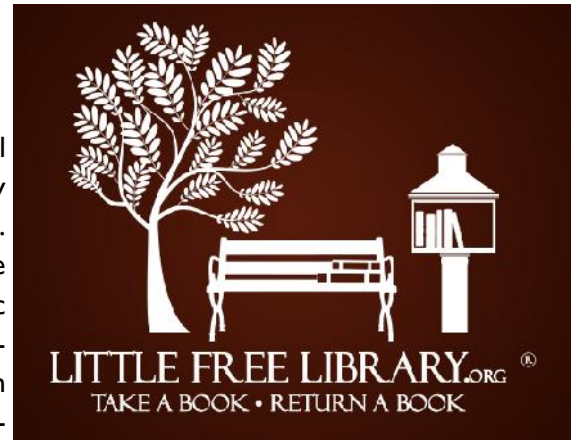
Any donations of new or nearly new books would be greatly appreciated. Donated books can be left in the Sunday School Office.

No Story Time on July 7.

July 28 Story Time will have a space theme story starting right at 9:30 am. Then we will go into the elementary school music room for a one hour web-cam (from 10-11 am) with an engineer from the Kennedy Space Center who is working on the Orion Spacecraft.

Join Us!

Thank you. Kim



## 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.

## Chicken Salad

*From the Gracious Gifts  
125th Anniversary Cookbook*

- 2 c cubed chicken
- 1 Tbs minced onion
- Salt to taste
- 1 c green grapes, halved
- 1 c diced celery
- 1 c mandarin oranges
- 1/2 c slivered almonds
- 1 c cooked macaroni rings
- 1 c Miracle Whip
- 1 c whipped cream

Cook macaroni; set aside to cool. Add chicken, onion and salt. Mix and refrigerate overnight. Add grapes, celery and oranges. When ready to use, mix all together and add sour cream, whipped cream and almonds

Submitted by Marjorie Overacker



# Groton August Family Committee

**Brian Bahr**

**Dion & Sam Bahr**

**Ron & Meredith Gubin**

Doug Bahr

Steve & Becky Diegel, Treyton

John & Meri Erickson

Adrienne & Tigh Fliehs

Ida Hannon

Scott & Myndi Kampa

Julie & Jesse Morehouse

Janice Raap

Karen & Ian Rose

Marjae & Dan Schinkel, Anthony & Jasmine

Jeanne Wanous

William Zoellner

**Honorary Members**

) Emery Sippel

) Bert Raap



**August 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
- ) Mow the lawn as necessary
- ) Meredith & Ron Gubin change banners, altar cloths, and do the candle maintenance

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

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

**A good place**

This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in.

—Theodore Roosevelt



**Groton Stewardship Report June 2016**

Average Wkly Giving \$1,787

Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,347

Average Weekly Attendance Sunday 54

Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs \$10

# Our Church Happenings

**Little Free Library** story time each Thursday in July at 9:30 am. July 28th story time will be special with a space theme. Then from 10 - 11 am we go to the school and use the web cam to talk to an engineer from the Kennedy Space Center. Join Us!

**Tuesday 10 AM Bible Study** is currently studying Angels in the Bible.

**Thursday 7 PM Bible Study** is currently studying Adam Hamilton's Making Sense of the Bible.

## July 24th - Newsletter Items Due

Take time this summer to check to make sure the church office has your correct contact information so we are able to keep you informed of the Happenings at Church.

# CONTACT information



July 2016						
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