



# United Methodist Messenger

GROTON/CONDE PARISHES

June 2016

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## Kids Ministry

Kids Ministry really has grown in the past year! We have so many exciting things happening in our Church! I believe we will continue to grow! We could not have had such an amazing growth without our volunteers! It takes a village to raise a child! In this case, we have support from a wonderful Church family!

Our Kids Ministry has started a **Craft Time** before Sunday School. We averaged about 10 kids for this! They listened to an interactive bible story and did a hands on craft to help remember the story! We had a blast in Sunday School. I was the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and we learned how to look up Bible verses in our new Bibles! This was not an easy task at times but by the end everyone could find a Bible verse! I also had "Bible Bucks" in my classroom! My kids were so eager to participate and earn! They could then spend their bucks on prizes! We plan to have a great adventure next year in Sunday School and learn even more!

Our biggest start was our Wednesday **Kid Zone!** The kids had so much fun and didn't want it to end! We had an average of 20-25 kids each Wednesday. We learned the fruits of the spirit and the Arrrrmor of God! We had a snack and played games for great fellowship! It is so nice to see the kids more comfortable with God! We had such an amazing time and cannot wait to start again next year! We hope everyone can keep the fun going

at Kid Zone Camp in June!

Our **VBS** was definitely a great success! Every day we averaged about 55 kids! Over half of those kids were from our Church! We got to hang out at the Surf Shack and shine God's love all over!

We hope these kids take what they have learned and share with everyone! I know my kids can't wait to go back to the Surf Shack next year!

**MOMs Group** was started this year! We had a few great moms meeting for support and fellowship! We have all really enjoyed getting to know moms in our community! MOMs Group will continue to grow with faith, love, and friendship.

Next year can only get better! We have such great things happening in our Church! Growth in a way that may not be noticeable to some! We are always looking for people that are interested in being a part of Kids Ministry! You're not helping me when you volunteer for Kids Ministry; you are changing the lives of our children! Their futures, the Church's future, and even your own future! You may have to be silly at times, play games, and even listen! It is so rewarding to be a part of a young child's journey to God! Together we can do anything!

Sunday School Superintendent  
Angela Dobbins



## Pastor's Office Hours And 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**

**VBS Surf Shack!**



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MISSION  
STATEMENT  
"ENRICHING  
SPIRITUAL LIVES  
THROUGH  
CHRIST."

# Kid Zone Camp

Join us this summer for a 4 day Kid Zone Camp!

**June 27- June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00-5:00pm**

**At Groton UMC**

We are going to have so much fun! Lessons, games, crafts, and a snack!

**Share the Fun... Bring a Friend!**

If interested or would like to help please let me know. Would need a couple people for snack and a couple people for crafts! The rest is taken care of!

*Please RSVP if you're able to join us:*

*Call/ txt Angela Dobbins*

*605-380-3870 or*

*E-mail grotonumckids@nvc.net*



Children's Ministry Volunteers Recognized During Worship



June 2016



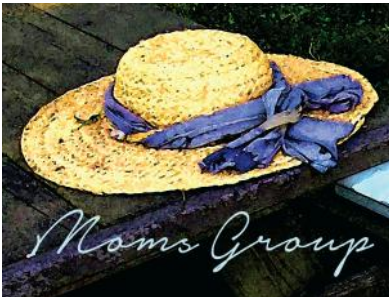
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FUN!



CHILDREN  
SINGING  
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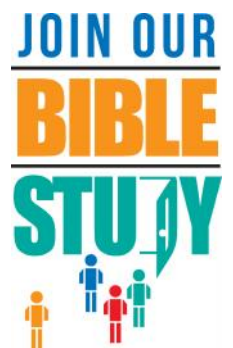
Groton UMC

- 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

### New Evening Bible Study - Groton

A new evening Bible Study Group is meeting on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. The first study is Adam Hamilton's "Making Sense of the Bible" Come and Join this new group and "grow your faith"

Please contact Valerie Baker at 541-653-1753 and Join Today!



\*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.



# CONFIRMED

*In Faith*



Diann Morehouse, Grady O'Neill, Dylan Graf, Kaycie Hawkins, Pastor Thomas, Austin Jones, Anthony Schinkel, and Linda Thurston.



*Celebrating*  
OUR GRADUATES

Brady Graf, Kari Hanson, Hannah Webb, Tia Thompson, Marlee Jones, Emily Raap, and Zara Maag,



### Our Church Celebrations

**Groton**

- Jun 1 Anita Lowary
- Jun 2 Doug Daly
- Jun 3 Donald Nissen  
Cheri & Tom Strom
- Jun 4 Janice Raap  
Jay Johnson  
Gary & Caralee Heitmann
- Jun 6 Bailee Zoellner
- Jun 7 Peyton Padfield
- Jun 8 Lacey Voss
- Jun 10 Jacob Morehouse
- Jun 11 Jim & Mendy Jones
- Jun 13 Roger Rix  
Zachary & Stephanie Townsend
- Jun 14 Roger Overacker  
Danielle Schinkel
- Jun 15 Eugenia Strom  
Jesse & Jaymie Overacker  
Leroy & Lynette Severson
- Jun 16 Gavin Voss  
Harry Pharis Jr.
- Jun 17 Jesse Morehouse  
Kristopher Oleson
- Jun 18 Nick Strom
- Jun 19 Pat Dahlquist (80)  
Garrett & Sindi Heitmann
- Jun 20 Harlan & Peggy Place
- Jun 21 Ben & Kristi Peterson  
Gary & Linda Thurston
- Jun 22 Angela Dobbins
- Jun 23 Chesney Weber

- Easton Weber
- Kaycie Hawkins
- Shaylee Peterson
- Twila Ruden
- Jun 24 Jeremy weber  
Mark & June Thompson
- Jun 25 Carol Knecht  
Tanae Lipp  
Mavrik Severson
- Jun 26 Judy Fell
- Jun 27 Elaine Wolken  
Peggy Place
- Jun 28 Sindi Heitmann
- Jun 29 Carly Gilbert  
Derick Furman  
John & Meri Erickson
- Jun 30 Spencer Knecht

**Conde**

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



**JUNE 19TH**

CARDS MAY BE SENT TO:

**PAT DAHLQUIST**

407 N GARFIELD ST #9  
GROTON, SD 57445

### Little Free Library - Summer

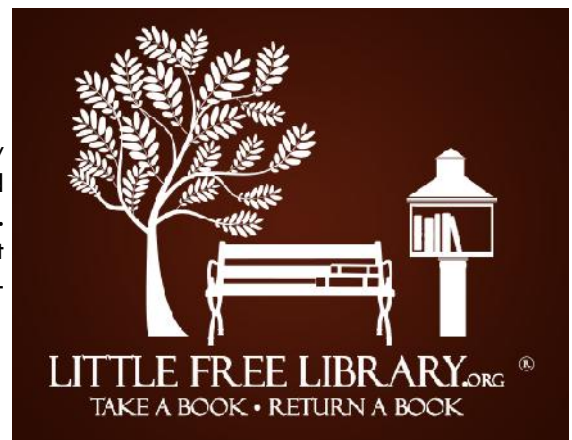
Little Free Library will soon be full of books again! Summer Story time will be at 9:30 am on Thursday June 9th through July 28th.

New this year is a battery operated candle inside that will automatically turn on to light our library in the evenings!

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. Thank you. Kim



UMW May Luncheon



We would like to thank everyone who helped make the May Luncheon so special. Thanks for all the wonderful salads, for donating money, for all the help in the kitchen and dining room, and for each prayer that was said. Also for the great fellowship. The May Luncheon committee, Jolene and Diann





## Groton UMW - May

Vice President Gloria Pharis opened the meeting with 13 members in attendance. Gloria introduced Jeanne Wanous who shared information about the two-week UMC General Conference in Portland, OR. She explained that the conference is held every four years for the purpose of revising church law. UMW representatives in attendance include the UMW Board of Directors and Program Advisors who are elected as general delegates and key members of the UMW national office staff. UMW women gathered at the conference to mark their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coming in 2019. Jeanne shared that the UMW petitioned the General Conference with four new priority areas: 1) Climate Justice, 2) Maternal and Child Health, 3) Ending Mass Incarceration, and (4 Economic Inequality.

Following Jeanne's report, members recited the UMW Purpose followed by the business meeting.

Minutes from the April meeting were read & approved. There was no correspondence. Jeanne gave the Treasurer's Report showing an ending balance of \$2,978.63. She included a financial preliminary report of the May Luncheon which shows a profit of \$970. Advertising bills have not been received, but once paid the estimated profit will be \$915 compared to \$942 in 2015. A total of 111 luncheon plates were sold compared to 116 in 2015.

Old Business: Discussion was held regarding the 2016 May Luncheon. Diane Morehouse and daughters-in-law were thanked for their decorations and dessert ideas. One suggestion made to attract more men to attend would be to invite the Kiwanis group to hold their meeting in one of our side rooms and they could partake of our salad luncheon at the same time. The group consensus was that the luncheon was a success and we should plan the salad luncheon again for 2017.

New Business: Jeanne shared the story of 7-year old Drake Dosch, son of Jeremy Dosch and Kelsie Ehresmann of Columbia, and nephew of Myndi Kampa, who has been dealing with years of health issues. A Go Fund Me effort has been started to help raise funds to build a School/Therapy House in Drake's yard. After hearing about this project Jan Raap motioned that our UMW donate \$100 toward the fundraiser. Valerie Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion carried.

The group approved sending our annual pledge to missions, a gift in memory to missions in honor Jean Lowary, and sending in our annual World Thank Offering. These are three of the Five-Star giving challenges for each UMW group.

Kay Daly shared a catalog of various cards that we can select to replenish the UMW card stock we currently have for sale. Kay will place an order soon, as the last replenishment was in 2014.

Gloria reviewed our upcoming meeting schedule and reminded all that our next meeting is scheduled to be held at the Golden Living Center with refreshments to follow at the Dairy Queen. Please watch bulletin announcements for confirmation of details.

The meeting ended with a prayer given by Jeanne Wanous asking that our children throughout the world may see the love of the Lord in the people around them and that they may experience his peace.

Fellowship followed the meeting with a rhubarb dessert and coffee served by Jan Raap and Jeanne Wanous.

Secretary,  
Jeanne Wanous



**Groton UMW Meeting**  
Thursday, June 16th  
1:30 pm

Program  
Visit Golden Living Center

Hostesses Go to DQ

Officers & Program Resource Chairmen meet at 3 pm



Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

**Groton Ad Council - May**

Six members of the administrative council met on May 18. They were pleased to hear that 65 children attended the recent Vacation Bible School held in conjunction with Emmanuel Lutheran Church, with over half of the children being United Methodist.

Kristi Peterson, our new church treasurer, and Pastor Thomas reported on their visit with the conference treasurer in Mitchell. A new format for the monthly treasurer's report was reviewed with the conference treasurer and approved. Kristi shared the new report with the Ad Council.

The council approved a 5-year financial commitment to the Thrive Campaign

of \$10/week over a 5-year period which will total \$2600.

The council discussed use of personal church member's recent donations of money for parsonage specific projects to include driveway improvements to prevent water leakage into the basement, installation of basement egress windows to adhere to insurance requirements, pouring of a back patio, and lawn care needs. Suggested projects will need to be approved by the Board of Trustees and the Pastor/Parish Committee.

Finally, the council voted to suspend regular monthly Ad Council meetings for June & July, with the next scheduled meeting to occur on August 17, 2016.

<b>Groton Stewardship Report May 2016</b>	
Average Wkly Giving	\$1,682
Needed Wkly for Church Mission	\$2,347
Average Weekly Attendance Sunday	73
Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs	\$245



**Groton July Family Committee**

**Cheryl Hanson**

**Dale Kramer, Gabrielle**

**Yvonne Lange**

Lance & Kristi Hawkins, Kelby, Kaycie

Kami & Tom Lipp

Laurel & Monte McNickel

Diann & Brad Morehouse

Karla Pasteur

Carna & Cliff Pray

Dwight & Eugenia Strom

Rose Tewksbury

Linda & Gary Thurston

**Honorary Members**

) Doris Zoellner

) Marlys Rodman

**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
- ) Straighten the sanctuary pews
- ) Maintain the altar flower arrangements
- ) Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons
- ) Mow lawn each week
- ) 5th Sunday may buy donuts and give bill to church treasurer
- ) Dale Kramer changes banners, altar cloths, and maintains candles.



July 2016						
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June 2016						
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## Our Church Happenings

**May 31-June 3 Conde VBS** 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

June 3 Conde VBS Program at 7 pm

June 15 Conde UMW at 10 am "The Face of Peace" by Patty Knoll  
Hostess Donna Walter

June 16 Groton UMW Meeting at 1:30 pm

June 19 Father's Day

**June 27-June 30 Groton Kid Zone Camp** 1-5 pm

June 9 - July 28th Little Free Library Story Time at 9:30 am

Tuesday 10 AM Bible Study meets each week. Please Join Us

Thursday 7 PM Bible Study meets each week. Join a Study Today!

