



United Methodist Messenger

GROTON/CONDE PARISHES

March 2016

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From Pastor Thomas' Desk

Greetings, Friends,

I'm reminded that spring is right around the corner. Which also means that Easter and the celebration of our Risen Lord is soon approaching. My hope for all of you is that you are searching deep into your heart and soul as you focus on strengthening your relationship with Jesus Christ.

As I reflected on this very thought and searched deep into my own heart and soul. I was reminded of the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman. The Samaritan woman and Jesus are at the country-side well. Where this conversation takes place:

Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink. "He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink? "Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water." "But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?" Jesus re-

plied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." (John 4:7-14)

Sometimes in our own personal journeys we will have times where we need to come to the well because we are thirsty, tired, worn out and simply need to be rejuvenated. I strongly encourage you to come to the well and meet Jesus as you search deep into your heart and soul.

Blessings!

Pastor Thomas Carlson



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

living
waters



Blessings Shower

**BLESSINGS
WEDDING
SHOWER FOR
TRACI DAVIES AND
DALE KRAMER
APRIL 10TH
DURING COFFEE
HOUR
BY THE GROTON
UMC FAMILY**

**REGISTERED AT
TARGET**

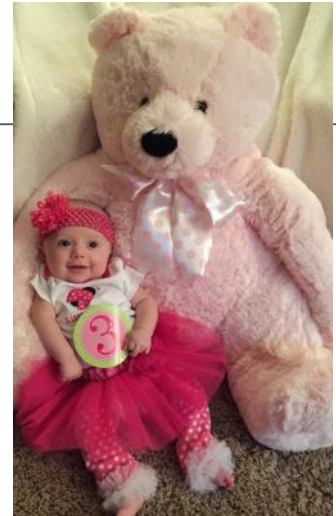
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Blessings Shower

Blessings Shower for Calli Lyn Wilkinson on March 6 during coffee hour hosted by the Groton UMC. Calli is the daughter of Sydney Erickson and Blake Wilkinson. Calli was born Nov 22 and will be wearing about size 6 months clothing this summer.



Thank You

Thank you to the Groton School and Administration, the school cooks and servers, the Groton Community, the Groton United Methodist Church for your kind support and thoughtfulness during Mickey's illness and passing. We greatly appreciate all the food, phone calls and flowers during this difficult time. Thank you for the



sandwiches and bars at the prayer service and thank you to the ladies of

the Church for a wonderful meal. Special thank you to Pastor Carlson for all his prayers, support, guidance and words of comfort to Mickey and our family. Special thank you to Andrea at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel for all her help in the funeral service. Thank you to all people who donate to the benefit. Words cannot express our thanks to this wonderful community we live in.

Chuck Padfield
Joey and Sabrina Padfield
Randy, Rebecca and Peyton Padfield.

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!

**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*

Groton UMW - February

Pres. Jolene welcomed fifteen members & guests to the February 18th evening meeting. Devotions were read from the Dakotas Conference Devotional Guide taken from Psalm 24:1-2. The UMW Purpose was recited by all. No business was conducted.

Britni Carlson was introduced as our program leader and an "ice breaker" game was played to help us get to know each other. Britni shared with us her passion of creating greeting cards for any occasion. She brought numerous stamps, paper, tools and adornments for us to choose

from. She demonstrated and assisted all of us in making one or two greeting cards of our choice. Fun and fellowship was had by all and we hope to have Britni present this program again.

Gloria Pharis served dessert and coffee to conclude the evening.

Our next meeting will be Thursday March 17th at 1:30 p.m. Chris Nyberg will present the program and Marjorie Overacker will be the hostess.



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday is March 20 and in Groton the Sunday School Kids will be singing in church.

Maunder Thursday is March 24 with a service at noon at Conde UMC and a 5:30 service at the Groton UMC

Good Friday is March 25 with a 2 pm service at Conde UMC and a 6:30 service at the Groton UMC.

Easter Sunday is March 27th with a 7:30 am Sunrise Service at Groton UMC which will be followed by a breakfast and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children through 5th grade. Conde UMC worship will be at 9 am and the Groton UMC worship will be at 11 am.

Please join us!

"I am the resurrection and the life."
JOHN 11:25



GROTON UMW
MARCH 17
1:30 PM
THURSDAY

PROGRAM BY
CHRIS NYBERG
HOSTESS
MARJORIE
OVERACKER



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.

Conde Ad Board - February

The Conde Administrative Board met after the Ash Wednesday Service on February 10th. We will continue having Lenten services at noon every Wednesday. There was a schedule made up for different ladies to fix a light lunch. At about 12:20, after we have eaten, Pastor Thomas will have a service. If it is not convenient for some people to come and share in the meal and fellowship, they can just come for the spiritual time of the gathering. The schedule for preparing the lunches is as follows:

- February 24 - Cindy Smith
- March 2 ----- Patty Knoll
- March 9 ----- Donna Walter
- March 16 ---- Donna Hearnen
- March 23 ---- Jane Worlie

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be taken on Sunday, March 6th. This offering pays the administrative costs of handling the UMCOR Kits and other mission projects. There has been a sheet in the last two bulletins with an activity of counting items you have in your house that are included in the Health and School Kits. This can be used as a

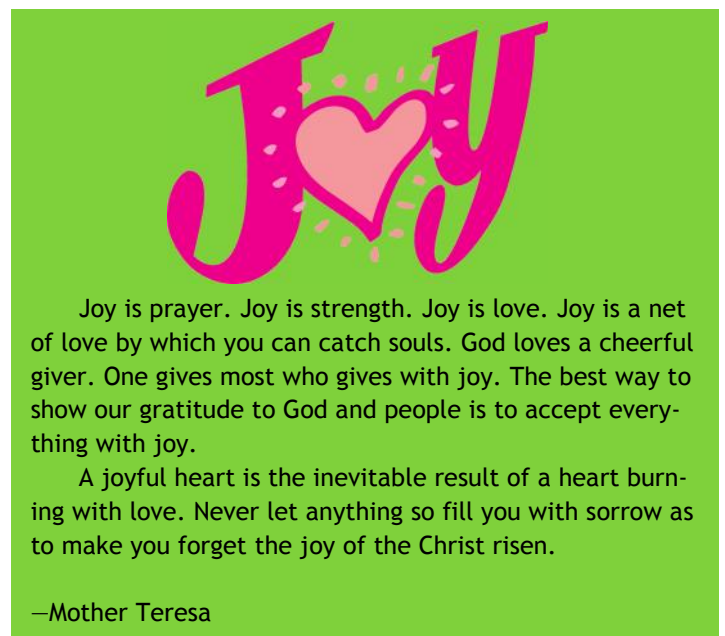
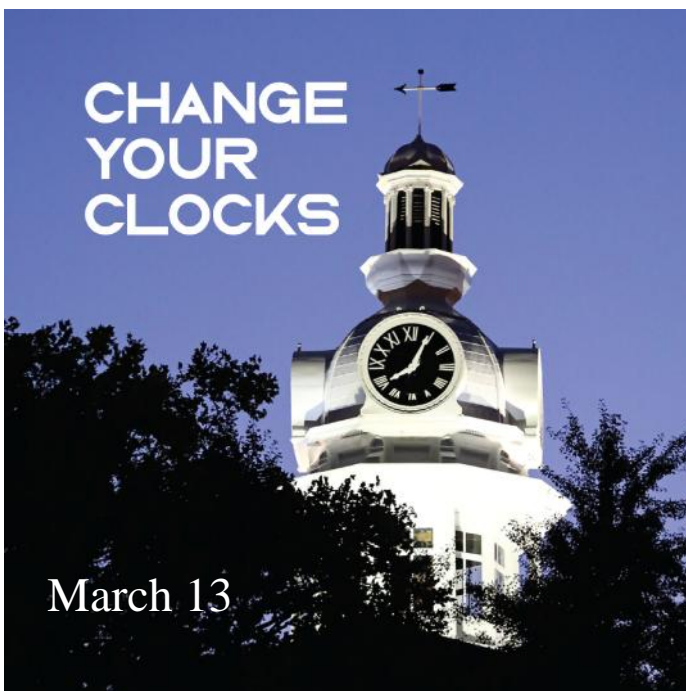
guide line for your offering, or if you don't want to participate in this activity, just give whatever you would like. During March we will also be collecting items for the Health Kits.

- 1 hand towel (15 x 25" to 17 x 27")
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 comb (sturdy and longer than 6 inches)
- 1 metal nail file or nail clippers
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (no Ivory or Dove)
- 1 adult tooth brush in original packaging
- 6 adhesive bandages (3/4 to 1 inch)
- \$1 for tooth paste

It was decided that we would schedule Board Meetings as needed with a minimum of four a year. Several people have requested resuming the schedule of having Communion on the first Sunday of every month. This was agreed on by the Board. There were some Chairmanships and Committee member positions that had to be replaced. These changes were made and approved by the members present.

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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



March 2016

Conde UMW - Feb

The UMW met on Wednesday, February 17. This was also the day for a Lenten Service. Pastor Thomas gave the sermon that was intended for Sunday when we had to cancel church because of snow cover. Pat Siefken and Joan Fahrenwald served a delicious lunch. Pat also gave the UMW lesson "Foundations of Blessedness". It was based on the words of Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount.

Cards were sent to Betty Taylor, Betty Jensen, and Darrel & Joyce Haskell.

The date of May 11th has been set for Friendship Night. The plan is to go back to the type of event that we have had in the past. For various reasons, there has not been an evening salad lunch for a few years. We have had some Christmas and Fall programs, but not the traditional gathering at a time that working ladies can attend. The plans for the Christmas gathering this year had to be canceled because of bad weather. In May that shouldn't be a problem, and the event will be at 6:30, so ladies that don't

like to be out in the evening can be home before the complete "dark of night".

The March 16th meeting will be at 10:00 am. Patty Knoll will have the lesson on CALL TO PRAYER & SELF-DENIAL - "Women at Work: Economic Justice & Empowerment". Donna Hearnen will prepare the lunch which will be served at noon. This is also for those people attending the Lenten Service which will follow at around 12:20 - 12:30.

In April, the UMW meeting will be held in the afternoon at 2:00. Donna Hearnen will lead the lesson and Pat Siefken will serve a dessert lunch.

The Bible Study MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE has been very interesting and after the session on Tuesday, February 23rd there will be another one on Tuesday, March 8th. If we have not completed the book at this time, there will be another session on March 22nd

CONDE UMW

MARCH 16
10 AM

PROGRAM CALL
TO PRAYER &
SELF-DENIAL
"WOMEN AT
WORK:
ECONOMIC
JUSTICE AND
EMPOWERMENT"
BY PATTY KNOLL

HOSTESS
DONNA
HEARNEN

Egg-stra facts

- Although Easter eggs were once part of pagan spring festivals, they've become Christian symbols of new life. A cracked-open shell also represents Jesus' empty tomb on Easter morning.
- The early Christians of Mesopotamia began staining eggs red in honor of Jesus' blood shed on the cross. Red eggs remain part of Greek Orthodox celebrations today.
- For Lent, some families used to give up eggs and dairy, so they prepared a pancake feast on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. They solved the egg surplus by hard-boiling them in various broths, which led to colored eggs.
- In medieval times, churches held "egg-throwing" festivals. The priest threw a hard-boiled egg toward the choir boys, who tossed it back and forth. When the clock struck 12, whoever was holding the egg got to keep it.
- In some European countries, children go from house to house to collect Easter eggs.
- Each year, the PAAS Dye Co. sells more than 10 million egg-coloring kits, which consumers use to decorate 180 million eggs.
- The tallest chocolate Easter egg ever produced weighed 16,000 pounds — more than an elephant!



Our Church Celebrations

Groton

- Mar 3 Tristan Kampa
- Mar 4 Britni Carlson
Christina Zoellner
Kale Pharis
Kay Daly
- Mar 5 Chance Strom
- Mar 7 Brian Bahr
Dale Strom
Richard & JoAnn Krueger
- Mar 8 Linsey & Tom Tietz
- Mar 9 Betty Strom
- Mar 14 Mendy Jones
Sydney Erickson
- Mar 15 Samantha Weber
- Mar 16 Lane Tietz
- Mar 18 Ron Gubin
- Mar 21 Kaelee Morehouse
- Mar 22 Don Walter
- Mar 24 Emerlee Jones
- Mar 25 Laurel McNickle
Murdock McNickle

- Mar 26 Clarie Davidson
Chloe Crosby
Clayton Kurtz
Justin Morehouse
Mark Thompson

- Mar 27 Dwight Strom
Michelle Walter

- Mar 29 Sharon Wheeting
Zara Maag

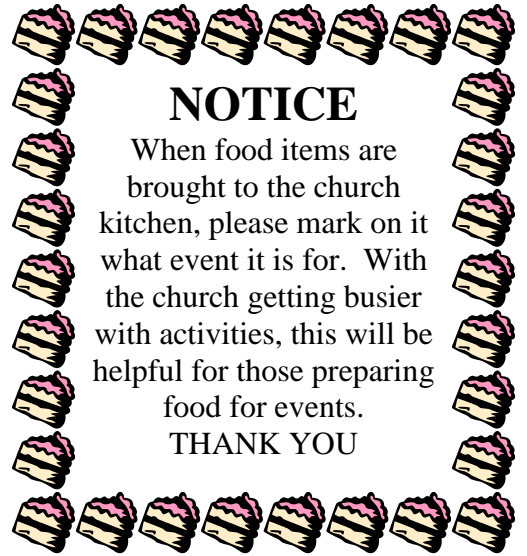
- Mar 31 Aiden Strom
Caralee Heitmann

Conde

- Mar 6 Stacey Bonn
- Mar 14 Katie Lyren
- Mar 17 Myron Fahrenwald
- Mar 23 Greg Peterson
Greg Stark
- Mar 27 Cindy Haskell
- Mar 31 Renee Hanlon



Anniversaries and Birthdays



NOTICE

When food items are brought to the church kitchen, please mark on it what event it is for. With the church getting busier with activities, this will be helpful for those preparing food for events.

THANK YOU

Deliver Us

We sing and say “hosanna” every Palm Sunday but hardly ever in between. So what does that word mean?

That first Palm Sunday, crowds spread their cloaks before Jesus as people had before Jehu to proclaim him king (2 Kings 9:13). They waved palm branches in greeting — a traditional sign of celebration (Leviticus 23:40). And, of course, they shouted, “Hosanna!”

This was an exclamation of “a people in distress [addressing] their king or their god,” explains Bible scholar William Barclay. Drawn from Psalm 118:25, *hosanna* is Aramaic for “save now.” By the time of Jesus’ Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, Barclay says, *hosanna* may have “become to some extent only a cry of welcome and of acclamation, like ‘Hail!’; but essentially it is a people’s cry for deliverance and for help in the day of their trouble.”

“Hosanna!” is the plea of an oppressed people to the one they recognize as their true king: Jesus, their Savior.

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!



MARK 11:10

Easter possibilities

The message of Easter is not only that Christ is risen, not only that suffering is not the last word, not only that God gives new life, but this: Nothing is impossible with God.

—The Rev. James Martin, S.J.

March 2016

Groton Youth Ministry

Hello, this is Brandon Bicek, and I am now working with the High Schoolers! Youth group has been going very well! They just raised some money, and right now we are planning a youth trip to the Wisconsin Dells, in addition we are planning on doing some mission work in Minneapolis! It will be a lot of fun and I truly believe everyone that is going to go will love it!

I am really looking forward to what the rest of this year has in store for all of us! I hope to teach people about Jesus as much as I possibly can! I can't wait to take on the rest of this year!
Blessings, Brandon!



March 18, 2016

Groton United Methodist Church

Everyone Welcome!!

7:00-9:00pm

We will have popcorn and drink!

Bring a pillow & blanket/ sleeping bag

*Door prizes: must be present to win!

JOIN US
for One Great Hour of Sharing.
Sunday, March 6, 2016

#OGHS #UMCOR



UMCOR
United Methodist Committee on Relief

www.umciving.org/oghs

March 2016



M.O.Ms

(Moms Offering Moms Support)

Starting March 4th, 2016

9:30am-10:30am

@ Groton United Methodist Church

Jaymie Overacker 605-228-1891

*First Friday of every month (April 6th & May 1st)

Parents of infants to kindergarteners are welcome!

**Jump
for JOY!**

Let's have a play date!
Join us for constructive and open play, small snack,
and socialization with other parents.



March 2016

Kids Ministry

Easter seems so early this year. I hope that it is warm out! We can only hope! We will be celebrating and learning the Easter story in Craft Time.

I know the kids get excited about spring since it is getting warmer outside to play. We are hoping to get outside soon with Kid Zone! Depending on how muddy it is! REMINDER: send a note and I'll walk

kids over to Kid Zone!

We have lots of wonderful input! We cannot wait to make our Kids Ministry even more amazing than it already is! If you feel called to help in any way with Kids Ministry we have a place for you! I am still looking for about 4 people to help with movie night! Please let me know if you are able to help!



Movie Night

We will be watching "The Good Dinosaur" which just came out on DVD! We are going to have a popcorn bar with popcorn and some fun things to add in! Juice to drink and a few door prizes (must be present to win)! Come join us for a great movie night experience! You are welcome to bring pillow and sleeping bag/blanket! Can't wait to see you there!



Sunday School Offering- Drake Dosch

For the remainder of the year and from January all of our Sunday School Offering will go to Drake (Myndi Kampa's Nephew). Here is a little about Drake... Drake Dosch from Columbia Parents are Jeremy Dosch and Kelsie Ehresmann. Drake was born 5-21-09 with Gastrochisis, which is a condition that causes your intestines to form outside your body. On 5-22-09 Drake has to have all his intestines removed in order to save his life. Drake was hospitalized for over a year in Sanford NICU. Drake was given a intestine transplant at the University of Minnesota on 7-4-11. Drake developed PTLD (Post Trans-

plant Lymphoproliferative Disease) in April 2012. Drake received Chemo-therapy until October 2012 and has been Cancer free since. Drake also has Autism and is somewhat non-verbal, but making progress everyday with his speech. Drake is currently doing well, but is still on 16 hours of IV medication a day and 18 doses of oral medication daily. Drake is currently receiving school through Groton at home, due to his low immune system. He is in Pre-k and really enjoys it. Drake also receives OT, PT, and speech therapies throughout the week.

March Activities:

March 4th: Mom's group 9:30-10:30am

March 18th- Movie Night 7:00-9:00pm

March 20th- Palm Sunday: Kids sing in Church

March 13th & 27th

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kid Zone:

March 2nd: Fruit of the Spirit Review 3:30-5:00pm

March 16th: Armor of God 1st lesson 3:30-5:00pm

Craft Time:

March 6th: The Donkey and the King: The Triumph entry

March 13th: It is finished: The Cross

March 20th: Happy Sunday: The empty tomb



March 2016

The legend of the sand dollar

There's a pretty little legend that I would like to tell
Of the birth and death of Jesus found in this lowly shell.

If you examine closely, you'll see that you find here
Four nail holes and a fifth hole, made by a Roman's spear.

On one side the Easter lily, its center is the star
That appeared unto the shepherds and led them from afar.

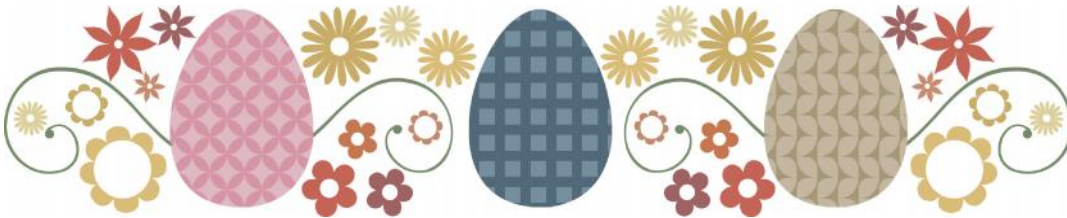
The Christmas poinsettia etched on the other side
Reminds us of his birthday, our happy Christmastide.

Now break the center open, and here you will release
The five white doves awaiting to spread good will and peace.

This simple little symbol, Christ left for you and me
To help us spread his Gospel, through all eternity.



—Author unknown



Groton Stewardship Report Feb 2016

Average
Wkly Giving
\$1,882

Needed Wkly for
Church Mission
\$2,347

Average Weekly
Attendance Sunday
73

Total Building Fund
Donations
for Repairs
\$215

GROTON
MISSION
STATEMENT
"ENRICHING
SPIRITUAL LIVES
THROUGH
CHRIST."

Groton April Family Committee

JoAnn & Richard Krueger

Roger & Pam Rix

Pat Dahlquist
Chris & Sherwin Nyberg
Chuck Padfield
Joey & Sabrina Padfield
Randy & Rebecca Padfield
Gloria & Harry Pharis
Crystal Strom
Joyce & Allen Walter
Kent Webb, Hannah,
Turner

April 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
- Potluck 2nd Sunday - give church secretary details for bulletin
- Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons
- Richard & JoAnn Krueger change banners, altar cloths, and do candle maintenance.
- Serve Lenten Supper on March 2nd

Honorary Members

- Ruby Luce
- Richard Voss
- Jean Walter
- Twila Ruden
- Marjory Townsend
- Marie McClintic & Larry Schnaidt

April 2016						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30



March 2016						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Our Church Happenings

- Mar 2 Conde Lenten Service at noon
- Mar 2 Groton Kid Zone 3:30 - 5 pm
- Mar 2 Groton Lenten Meal at 5:30 & Service at 6 pm
- Mar 4 Groton M.O.Ms 9:30-10:30 am
- Mar 6 Groton Blessings Shower for Calli Wilkinson
- Mar 6 One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday
- Mar 9 Conde Lenten Service at noon
- Mar 9 Groton Lenten Meal at 5:30 & Service at 6 pm
- Mar 13 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Mar 16 Conde UMW 10 am
- Mar 16 Conde Lenten Service at noon
- Mar 16 Groton Kid Zone 3:30 - 5 pm
- Mar 16 Groton Lenten Meal at 5:30 & Service at 6 pm
- Mar 16 Groton Ad Council 6:30 pm
- Mar 17 Groton UMW 1:30 pm
- Mar 18 Groton Movie Night 7 pm
- Mar 20 Groton Sunday School singing in church for Palm Sunday
- Mar 24 Conde Maundy Thursday Service at noon
- Mar 24 Groton Maundy Thursday Service at 5:30 pm
- Mar 25 Conde Good Friday Service at 2 pm
- Mar 25 Groton Good Friday Service at 6:30 pm
- Mar 27 Groton Sunrise Service at 7:30 am with breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt following**
- Mar 27 Conde Worship Service at 9 am**
- Mar 27 Groton Worship Service at 11 am**
- Mar 30 Kid Zone 6 - 7:15pm
- April 1 Groton M.O.Ms 9:30-10:30 am



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