



UMC Messenger

NOVEMBER 2016

GROTON/CONDE

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



From Pastor Thomas' Desk

Greeting Friends,

With November here, that means Thanksgiving is right around the corner. As I began to think about all the things I'm thankful to God for, my heart began to be overwhelmed with joy and gratefulness.

I'm grateful for two awesome church families. Some people don't have a church family. I'm grateful for my home that keeps me warm. Some people don't have a home at all. I'm grateful for having a healthy wife. Some people don't have anyone. I'm grateful for the food that I eat. Some people are not able to eat because they don't have food!

As I reflected on this though of gratefulness Psalms 107:8-9 can to mind.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Psalms 107:8-9

As I thought about all that the Lord has blessed me with, I could not help but give thanks to God for his unfailing love and that HIS love satisfies me filling my hungry heart with gratitude. HIS love for me, you, and the whole world makes my soul want to sing. I encourage you to take some time over the next 30 days to stop and give thanks to God for the things he has blessed you with.

For this month "One Thing Challenge" both church will be collecting blue diamond dog food (you can find this at Runnings) for the Brown County Humane Society.

May God Richly Bless you thins Thanksgiving season!

Pastor Thomas Carlson

Always Thankful

Martin Rinkart, a German Lutheran minister, wrote the hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" in 1636. At the time, the Thirty Years' War was ravaging central Europe, claiming millions of lives. Rinkart served as pastor in Eilenburg, a walled town that became a crowded refuge for starving fugitives. Although Rinkart was struggling to provide for his own family, he opened his own home to people in need.

After the plague entered Eilenburg, Rinkart conducted up to 50 funerals a day — including services for his wife and the only other two pastors in town. Amid the despair, he wrote many hymns, including "Now Thank We All Our God." Originally intended as a table prayer, it's now sung at Thanksgiving to remember God's "countless gifts of love" — even during hardships.



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

*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.

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Groton UMW No Bake - Bake Sale

A bit of news we have today
 A No-Bake Bake Sale is on the way.
 These busy days, who has the time to bake
 Pies, cookies, or even a cake?
 We've thought of a plan that's truly grand,
 And feel quite sure that you'll understand.
 In an envelope please put the price
 Of a pie, or cake or something nice.
 No fuss or bother, you've done your part,
 This is the end of our little tale,
 Help make a success of our
NO-BAKE BAKE SALE!

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Fundraiser sponsored by  
 Groton United Methodist Women  
 Please make checks payable to:  
 UMW  
 And mail to:  
 Jeanne Wanous  
 PO Box 654  
 Groton, SD 57445  
 or place your donation  
 in the "Mixing Bowl"  
 found in the sanctuary  
**on Oct 30 & Nov. 6!!**

## All Church Decorating

All members of the Groton Church are asked to help decorate the church for Christmas. We will be working on this November 20th at 9 am till done. The coffee will be on!



## Thank You

Thank you to Don and Joy Walter for the 2016 church lawn mowing and weed eating.



Sympathies

Sympathies to the family of  
 Twila Ruden  
 died October 9th



Sympathies

Sympathies to the family of  
 Audrey Thurston  
 died October 25th

## Conde UMW - October

The UMW met at 10:00 on October 19th. Donna Hearnen had the lesson entitled, "Being a Blessing to the Persecuted". It was based on the Beatitude Matthew 5:10. There was discussion on who we feel are persecuted and how we can help them. The new term of "Bullying" was discussed, and how the one doing the bullying and the one who is bullied both suffer lasting behavior traits.

Tentative plans for the December meeting is to have a special meal and present the little skit that was prepared for last year when a blizzard squelched the event. It will probably be held in the morning on December 7th. Guests will be invited. Instead of sending money or buying Christmas gifts for

children who are selected by the Good Samaritan Center in Redfield, it was decided to use the Angel Tree in Aberdeen. The UMW will still be paying for the gifts, but different people will choose a card and purchase the things on the "Childs Wish List". Following the meeting, the ladies enjoyed a lunch prepared by Patty Knoll.

The November meeting will be at 10:00, Wednesday, November 16th. Jane Worlie will have the Thank Offering lesson and Cindy Smith will provide the noon lunch.

Bible Study will be at 7:00 on Wednesday, November 2. The discussion will be on Chapters 3&4.

### Conde UMW

Nov 16  
10 am

World Thank  
Offering by  
Jane Worlie

Noon Lunch  
by Cindy  
Smith



## Conde Ad Council - October

The Conde Administrative Council met at 6:30 on Monday October 3. The yearly budget was discussed and approved along with nominations for some of the Committees. Cindy Smith has found a replacement to do the church cleaning. The "Give An Item" project is beginning in October. The congregation is encouraged to bring either toilet paper or paper towels, and these items will be given to Safe Harbor in Aber-

deen. In the month of November, it will be a different item and a different recipient. It is also time to collect items or cash for the Christmas Shoebox project. The items will be taken up to North Highland Church for them to put together the boxes and deliver them to the Enemy Swim School. Following the meeting, the UMW ladies planned the lunch for the Dale Busing funeral which was on October 6th.

### Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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



# THANKSGIVING!

# Groton UMW - October

Ten members of the UMW met on October 20. The program was on the annual World Thank Offering. Jeanne Wanous shared with the group that in 2015 the United Methodist Women members raised over \$1,170,000 world-wide through the World Thank Offering. Jeanne shared information about a very successful mission in Camden, NJ supported by United Methodist Women's mission funds. It is the Neighborhood Center of Camden. Children can come to this center from early morning to late at night so many of their single mothers can work and further their education. In addition it is hoped that on the way they will find Christ. After Jeanne's presentation the annual World Thank Offering was collected. Jeanne gave each member a monthly World Thank Offering calendar to take home sharing daily reminders of things we have to be thankful for.

President, Jolene Townsend then opened the regular business meeting and members recited the UMW Purpose. Previous minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was given with an ending balance of \$1,119.38.

Old Business: Jolene reviewed the recent UMW Sunday and asked for comments. Kay Daly purchased five bar spatulas with money donated to UMW in memory of Audrey Padfield. Jeanne will mark the spatulas so they won't be mistaken as someone's personal item and be taken home. Gloria Pharis passed around the 2017 program book and asked ladies to sign up for programs and hostess.

New Business: It was decided to renew our practice of sending "Thinking of You" or "Get Well" cards to UMW members. It was also decided to hold our fall fundraiser "No-Bake Bake Sale" on October 30 and November 6. Kay Daly shared an opportunity with the group to make solar oven pot holders to be sent to Haiti. As a last item of business, Jolene reminded the group that the UMW would be sponsoring an entry in the Trunk or Treat event on October 31. Ladies were given the opportunity to donate money toward the purchase of candy for the event.

The meeting was adjourned and the ladies went as a group to the Dairy Queen for refreshments.

Secretary, Jeanne Wanous

**Groton UMW**  
**Nov 17th**  
**1:30 pm**  
**Program**  
**"An M&M**  
**Christmas"**  
**by Kay Daly**  
**Hostess**  
**Marjorie**  
**Overacker**

**Bring Coffee Cans**  
**to get ready for**  
**December!**



Kid Zone

# Groton UMW Award Recipients

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION – 2016

Each year our UMW group honors one or two people in our congregation with a special recognition pin and certificate, along with sending a monetary gift amount to our national office to be used in mission work around the world. These pins offer a meaningful way to honor individuals who have dedicated so much time and effort to service in our church. Please come forward and receive your pin as I call your name.



### Marjae Schinkel:

Marjae has been a life-long member of our Groton United Methodist Church. She was both baptized and confirmed in this church. Following in her mother's footsteps, Marjae has been a dedicated and active member here in Groton. She has played an active role in our youth activities including Vacation Bible School, Sunday school, MYF, Confirmation, and Kids Zone. In addition, Marjae can always be counted on to donate to missions, help work at and contribute baked goods and snacks for fund raisers, various group meetings, Sunday coffee hour, potlucks, and funerals. Marjae we thank you for your many years of faithfully supporting our church and especially for setting a great example for our youth.

### Lon Gellhaus:

For at least 20 years Lon has served on our Administrative Council. He has served on our Finance Committee, our Pastor/Parish Committee, and our Permanent Endowment Fund Board. During many of the past 20 years Lon has had the leadership role on these committees. In addition, Lon is an active participant in the annual Men's Dinner, he has participated in the church choir when it was active, and has been our liaison in securing many years of annual donations from the



Green Foundation to support our youth camping activities. Lon, today we take time to thank you for your faithful leadership and active participation in the mission of our Groton United Methodist Church.

## Jewel of a Woman – 2016

The next award is "Jewel of a Woman". This is a very special award given by the UWM group to show our appreciation to one woman each year for their service to our mission and our church. Like the special recognition awards, this recipient is given a special pin and a monetary gift to missions is given by the UMW in honor of this special lady. This year's honoree often works in the background where her many talents and hours of preparation for an event may go un-noticed by our congregation. However, we UMW members know how valuable she is. We have come to count on her many years of food service experience to help make our events successful. She has taken a lead role in planning, grocery shopping, and food preparation for our annual May Breakfast and is still helping and planning for our May Salad Luncheons. She has served as chair of the kitchen committee many times for these spring events.

In addition, she has participated in lefse making for many years, and I'm told was especially good at the lefse rolling step. She is always willing to help prepare for and serve Sunday coffee hour and at funerals. Her children, who were baptized in our church, shared what a caring person she has been to them and their children by providing day care, getting the children to and from school, and feeding them. In addition to her family she has been a helping hand to other children of family & friends. Her generosity and caring ways extend also to the elderly in our community, by taking one lady to bingo on a regular basis for a number of years.

A couple of hints if you haven't already guessed who our honoree is: She is a big bingo lover and a wonderful cook; having learned from her mother, Tillie, who ran Tillie's restaurant here in Groton for many years. **Rose Tewksbury**, we thank you for being a faithful UMW member and servant to our church, your family, and our community.





Gauge Robert Johnson was baptized October 30th Parents TJ and Samantha

## Solar Oven Partners Need Potholders

To protect hands when removing pans from a very hot oven we have begun including two uniformly made pocket potholders with each Solar Oven. So SOP is looking for volunteer sewers.

If you wish to commit to sewing potholders, contact SOP Director Rick Jost [rjost@brookings.net](mailto:rjost@brookings.net) or 605-692-3391 and state the number of potholders you are willing to sew and the date Rick can expect them to

be delivered. A total of 4,000 potholders are needed.

Just print out our pattern (or ask the church office), get the necessary materials, warm up your sewing machining and give Rick a call or shoot him an e-mail. Sewers, let's get busy!

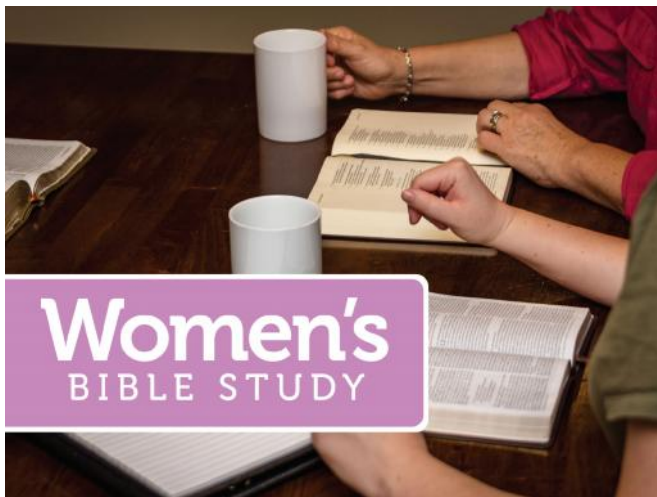
<http://www.solarovenpartnersumc.org/news-10-potholder-project.html>



Tuesday 10 AM Bible Study will start a Christmas study on November 8th by Max Lucado "Because of Bethlehem" All are welcome to join us.

The evening Bible Study is meeting on Wednesday Evenings at 7 pm.

All are welcome to grow your faith!



# Kids Ministry

## Looking for volunteers and donations for Family Festival event.

Volunteers: 3 game stations, face painting, and 2 kitchen.

Donations: Apple cider, hot cocoa, and corn kernels.

*Please call Angela 605-380-3870 and let me know what you can help with.*

### NO SUNDAY SCHOOL:

NOVEMBER 6TH-  
JOIN US FOR THE  
CURCH FALL DINNER!

NOVEMBER 27TH-  
HAVE A WONDERFUL  
THANKSGIVING!

### NO KID ZONE:

NOVEMBER 23RD-  
HAVE A GREAT HOLI-  
DAY.

CHANGE: NO SUNDAY  
SCHOOL 1ST SUNDAY  
OF THE MONTH.  
KIDS WILL JOIN  
CHURCH FOR COM-  
MUNION. THANK  
YOU!

# Family Fall Festival

## November 19, 2016 1-3pm

*At Groton United Methodist Church*

**Bobbing for Apples HANDPRINT PAINTING**

**CORN KERNEL MOSAICS FACE PAINTING**

**Thankful Pumpkins Pumpkin Games**

**Guessing games with prizes**

**HOT COCOA AND APPLE CIDER**

**Share the fun... Bring a friend!**



We have had a great turn out for both Sunday School and Kid Zone. Check out our attendance chart on the bulletin board. We have 3 Children with perfect attendance so far this year. Wesley & Colton Morehouse and Payton Padfield. They will receive the first prizes for attendance! Kid Zone we have average 15 kids each week. Sometimes more! We have a lot of fun in Kid Zone!

Wednesday the 26th the Kid Zone got to decorate pumpkins! We talked about the pumpkin prayer and had a great snack, Thank You to Carol Daly and Doug Daly farm for providing the pumpkins.





**Groton United Methodist Church**  
**Fall Dinner**

Sunday, November 6, 2016  
11 am to 1:30 pm  
Roast Beef Dinner

Adults \$10    Children 6 - 10 \$5  
Children age 5 and under Free

Proceeds going towards Local Missions



**Fall  
Back**  
November 6



**Join us the first Friday of the month!**  
*(Starting November 4th)*

**9:30-10:30am**  
**At The United Methodist Church**

**Snack, kids project and mom devotional!**



# Our Church Celebrations

## Groton

- Nov 2 Andrea Eisenbeisz
- Nov 3 Jon & Gayleen Voss
- Nov 7 Marva Gellhaus  
Susan Odland
- Nov 11 Doug Sippel  
Ivan Schwan
- Nov 13 Lindsey Tietz
- Nov 15 Fred & Elaine Wolken  
Jack Oliver
- Nov 17 Delaney Atherton
- Nov 18 Luverne Strom
- Nov 19 Crystal Strom  
Garrett Heitmann  
Michael Krueger

- Nov 21 Ava Strom  
Trey Tietz  
Larry & Sharon Wheeting
- Nov 22 Calli Wilkinson
- Nov 23 Dwight & Eugenia Strom  
Fran Sippel
- Nov 24 Ian Rose  
Ian & Karen Rose
- Nov 25 Emery Sippel (95)  
Kari Hanson
- Nov 30 Tanner Johnson

## Conde

- Nov 8 Dorothy Sanderson
- Nov 25 Bud Bruckner
- Nov 25 Betty Geist



On November 25th  
Emery Sippel  
402 E 15th Ave  
Groton, SD 57445



## VETERANS DAY

November 11

## Conde Special Music in Oct



# Groton Ad Council - October

Administrative Council Meeting,  
October 19, 2016

Thirteen members were in attendance at the October 19 meeting. The financial report was reviewed showing that monthly giving is not keeping up with monthly expenses. After a brief discussion the board agreed that now was a good time to promote electronic giving. Kristi Peterson and Myndi Kampa volunteered to organize this. In addition 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter giving statements will be issued.

The Trustees shared options for securing our church building during evening hours. The board gave the Trustees permission to pursue an electronic door lock.

Pastor Thomas talked about the Confirmation program and expectations for students

to complete certain requirements including community service, church service, complete regular assignments, and attend one of two future large area youth group activities.

The board was happy to hear that Brad & Diann Morehouse would again volunteer to be committee chairs for the annual church fall Dinner. The board decided on November 6 for the event.

Annual committee and budgets for 2017 were reviewed and approved so that they can be submitted for approval at the Charge Conference to be held in Groton on Saturday, November 19 at 5:00 pm. All church members are welcome to attend.

## Groton Stewardship Report Oct 2016

Average Wkly Giving  
\$2,769

Needed Wkly for Church Mission  
\$2,347

Average Weekly Attendance Sunday  
94

Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs  
\$615

# Groton Dec Family Committee



### Anita & John Lowary

**Pernell & Noella Graf, Alex, Caroline, Dylan**

### John Padfield

Josh & Merrie Atherton

Melissa & Neil Gilbert

Kelli & Lars Hanson

Jane & Marc Johnson

Darlys Kampa

Yvonne Lorenz

Brenda & Tony Madsen

Tim Olson

Kevin & Kara Pharis

Lynette & Leroy Severson

Francine & Marc Sippel, Anthony

Carol & Pat Knecht

### December Responsibilities

- ) Check Kitchen Supplies for the month
- ) Coffee Hour workers (make coffee, pro-

vide cookies, launder towels, and remove trash)

- ) 2 Ushers for each Sunday
- ) 1 Greeter for each Sunday
- ) Straighten the Sanctuary Pews
- ) Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
- ) Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons
- ) Help decorate church with November Committee
- ) Check and make sure Christmas Eve candles are okay for the service early in the month in case we have to order new ones
- ) Prepare Candle table for Christmas Eve Service
- ) Shovel snow from doorways before Church
- ) Potluck 2nd Sunday - give church secretary details for bulletin
- ) Kelli & Lars Hanson change banners, altar cloths, and do the candle maintenance.

| December 2016 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 11            | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18            | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25            | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

# Our Church Happenings

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

- Nov 2 Conde Bible Study 7 pm
- Nov 6 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Nov 6 Worship at 9 am for both Groton & Conde in Groton!**
- Nov 6 UMW No Bake - Bake Sale
- Nov 6 No Groton Sunday School
- Nov 6 Groton Fall Dinner 11 am to 1:30 pm**
- Nov 11-13 DAK Youth in Aberdeen
- Nov 16 Conde UMW 10 am
- Nov 16 Groton Ad Council 7:30 pm
- Nov 17 Groton UMW 1:30 pm with Executive Meeting at 3 pm
- Nov 19 Groton Family Fall Festival 1-3 pm
- Nov 19 Annual Charge Conference 5 pm in Groton
- Nov 20 Groton All Church Decorating 9 am
- Nov 27 No Groton Sunday School
- Nov 27 Advent Begins

