



# UMC Messenger

OCTOBER 2016

GROTON/CONDE

## From Pastor Thomas' Desk

Greeting Friends,

As I glance out the office window I'm reminded of the season change. Fall is my favorite time of the year. I look forward to seeing just how marvelous our God is by the beautiful scenery around us. This time of the year we get to bust out our sweat-shirts, hot chocolate, and apple cider.

This time of the year children and youth are settling into the swing of being back at school. The many school activities are already well under way. We have soccer, football, volley ball games, and before you know it basketball season will be fast approaching. I look forward to supporting our children and youth through the many school activities.

As the leaves begin to blow passed my window, I'm also reminded of our farmers who are getting started in the field with harvest. I was reading an article the other day that shared a farmers prayer that I would like us to say this harvest season as our farmers get busy in the field.

*As I rise with the dawn,  
I drink in the morning.  
I taste the goodness of your creation  
and smell the crispness  
of new beginnings.  
I sense you beside me,  
my good shepherd watching over me  
as I care for the farm.  
I whistle a tune of praise  
as I go about my work.  
I feel blessed to walk  
in the long lived rhythms of sowing,  
feeding and reaping.  
Fill me anew today Lord  
with your Spirit.  
Give me strength and health  
when I feel tired or weary.  
I release my anxious thoughts to you,  
Knowing that you hear my prayer.  
Please bless my farm,  
my home, my family.  
Please bless the work of my hands.  
Please remind me each morning  
To give thanks to you anew,  
my Lord and Savior.  
Amen.*

May God richly bless each and every farmer and their families in our church and congregation. May their harvest bring an over abundance of blessings.

God's Blessings from our family to yours.

Pastor Thomas Carlson

## 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





**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.

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Youth Event—Grades 6-12

**FOCUS**

H E B R E W S 1 2 : 2

worship w/ **VOTA**  
 master illusionist **HARRIS THE III**  
 water is life **HANNAH FOUST**  
 DAKyouth speakers **NEAL BOWES**  
**BISHOP BRUCE OUGH**  
**PEGGY STEMPSON**  
**KORI LEHRKAMP**

November 11 — 13

Aberdeen FUMC  
 502 S Lincoln St  
 Aberdeen, SD 57401

For more information and to register head to [www.dakoyouth.com](http://www.dakoyouth.com)

Advance tickets \$60 w/tshirt  
 Tickets at door \$65, tshirt not included

Register by October 27 to receive tshirt.

**WHITE HOUSE INN**  
 \$53.10 A NIGHT  
 605-225-6000

**GROTON UMC**  
 CONTACT PASTOR CARLSON  
 701-226-2596

**RAMKOTA HOTEL**  
 \$94.99 A NIGHT  
 605-277-9344



Mention DakYouth when Calling

<http://www.nealbowes.com/> | <https://harrisiii.com/about-harris-iii/>  
<https://hannahmayfoust.wordpress.com/> | <http://www.votaband.com/>



**In communion**

In 1936, a group of pastors launched World-Wide Communion Day. Amid the Great Depression, they were looking for a way to meet people’s spiritual needs and unite Christians in their dedication to Christ.

The observance, now known as World Communion Sunday, is held on the first Sunday of October. For eight decades, it has served as a reminder that Christians around the globe share the same meal in remembrance of Jesus.

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# Groton UMW - September

The Groton UMW met on Thursday, September 16 at 1:30 pm with 9 members in attendance. Vice- President, Gloria Pharis, opened the meeting by having the members recite the UMW Purpose. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Jeanne Wanous gave a treasurer's report stating that our current balance was \$1,519.38. A thank you note from Dan & Trista Telkamp Thennis was read which thanked the UMW for use of table clothes for their wedding reception.

Old Business included a discussion of various local groups who might benefit from financial donations from our UMW group. On a motion by Sharon Wheeting and a second by Marlys Rodman, it was agreed that we would contribute \$200 to the Groton Crisis Fund and \$200 to the Groton Senior Meals. Jeanne will do some further checking on various other suggestions made by the group.

New Business: It was decided to use a \$30 donation by Mary J Loll in memory of Audrey Padfield to our UMW to purchase spatulas specifically for removing baked bars from pans. Kay Daly volunteered to make the

purchase. There was discussion on continuing to appoint volunteers for next year's mission coordinators. There being no consensus, Gloria passed around the book and asked ladies to pencil in when they could lead a program or act as hostess. It was announced that UMW Sunday will be on October 16, at which time special recognition pins will be awarded. Trunk or Treat will again be held and Jeanne Wanous volunteered to prepare an entry on behalf of the UMW. Members were reminded that our October 20 meeting program would be our annual World Thank Offering day, followed by refreshments at the Dairy Queen.

The business meeting closed with a prayer by Jeanne and a special prayer by Kay Daly for those UMW members facing health issues.

Darlys Kampa and Rose Tewksbury served delicious banana splits and cookies after the meeting.

Secretary, Jeanne Wanous



**Groton UMW**  
**Members**  
*Please bring*  
**your World**  
**Thank**  
**Offering Boxes**  
**to the October**  
**UMW Meeting**

## Groton UMW

October 20  
 1:30 pm Thursday

Program  
 World Thank Offering  
 by Jeanne Wanous

Hostesses  
 Dairy Queen

## Conde UMW

**October 19 at 10 am**

Program Focus

“Being a Blessing  
 to the Persecuted”

With Leader Donna Hearnen

Hostess Jane Worlie

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



## Our Church Family Celebrations

### Groton

- Oct 1 Turner Thompson
- Oct 2 Winifred Fawcett
- Oct 4 Fred Wolken  
Josh Atherton  
Rick Hofer
- Oct 5 Jeanne Wanous
- Oct 7 Allen Walter
- Oct 8 Gloria Pharis  
Lars & Kelli Hanson
- Oct 9 London Bahr
- Oct 10 Dan & Marjae Schinkel  
Megan Erickson  
Charity & Scott Hinman
- Oct 12 Marc & Jane Johnson  
Charles & Sabrina Padfield
- Oct 13 Carna Atherton-Pray
- Oct 14 Grady O'Neill  
Lydia Meier
- Oct 15 Brad Morehouse  
Jaymie Overacker  
Russell Davidson

- Oct 17 Jackson Bahr
- Oct 21 Gary Heitmann
- Oct 22 Kara Pharis
- Oct 23 Randy Stanley
- Oct 24 Karla Davidson
- Oct 25 Lars Hanson
- Oct 26 Harry & Gloria Pharis  
Jaeden Morehouse
- Oct 29 Connie Nilsson
- Oct 30 Holden Sippel  
Sarah Hofer
- Oct 31 Dawsyn Dinger

### Conde

- Oct 22 Janice Hanson
- Oct 29 Marcene Bruckner
- Oct 31 Andee Geist



## Conde UMW - Sept

The Conde UMW met on Wednesday, September 21st at 2:00. A special guest was our Sheppardess Marge Alwin from Watertown. Patty Knoll gave a lesson entitled "Called To Be Merciful". This lesson was based on the Beatitude "Blessed are the merciful" Matthew 5:7. The group discussed how we could show mercy to others and how God shows mercy to all people. The business meeting was short, and the main subject was choosing a book for our Bible

Study group. The first session will be Wednesday, October 5th at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to participate. Patty Knoll has ordered several books, so if you didn't commit to attend there is still time. Joan Fahrenwald served a delicious dessert lunch. The next General Meeting will be October 19th at 2:00. Donna Hearnen will have the lesson, "Being a Blessing to the Persecuted", and Jane will be the hostess.



# Groton Sunday School Schedule

Oct 2 - SS	Dec 11 - SS
Oct 9 - SS	Dec 11 - Christmas Program 5 pm
Oct 16 - SS	Dec 18 - SS
Oct 23 - SS	Dec 25 - No SS
Oct 30 - SS	Jan 1 - No SS
Nov 6 - SS	
Nov 13 - SS	
Nov 20 - SS	
Nov 27 - No SS	
Dec 4 - SS	



## Groton Confirmation 6-8 grade

Oct 5 - Confirmation 6-7:30	Nov 23 - NO CLASS Happy Thanksgiving
Oct 12 - Confirmation 6-7:30	Nov 30 - Confirmation 6-7:30
Oct 19 - Confirmation 6-7:30	Dec 7 - Confirmation 6-7:30
Oct 26 - Confirmation 6-7:30	Dec 14 - Confirmation 6-7:30
Nov 2 - Confirmation 6-7:30	Dec 21 - Confirmation 6-7:30
Nov 9 - Confirmation 6-7:30	Dec 28 - NO CLASS Christmas Break
Nov 11-13 DAK Youth Aberdeen	Jan 4 - NO CLASS Happy New Year!
Nov 16 - Confirmation 6-7:30	Jan 11 - Confirmation 6-7:30



## He's everywhere

A mother asked her little boy to please get the broom from the back porch. "But it's dark out there!" he protested.

"Don't be scared," Mom said. "Jesus is out there. He'll take care of you." When the child looked skeptical, his mother continued, "Jesus is everywhere. You'll be safe."

After a moment, the boy went to the back door and cracked it open. Peering into the dark, he called, "Jesus, if you're out there, will you please hand me the broom?"



ANGELA DOBBINS

# Kids Ministry

OCTOBER



## LIVE BIG.

Kid Zone starts October 5th  
Every Wednesday at 3:30-5pm  
Preschool-5th grade join us for snack, lesson, music, games, and crafts. We have so much fun and fellowship!

Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!  
We can walk kids over after school. Just write a note to walk over with us! Let me know if you have questions!

\* OUR \*  
**AMAZING**  
Volunteers

Next time you see a Church Volunteer tell them thanks for their commitment. It's the little things in life sometimes. Thank You so much to the people that help keep our Church great! Welcome all our 2016-2017 Volunteers!

Kim: For the years she has dedicate to helping our entire Sunday School program and the ones to come. She has helped decorate and organize for many events.

Britni: She has dedicated time to help me so much get everything going and organizing the SS office! She is helping with a major part of Kids Ministry. Also she is taking on crafts for Kid Zone! Thank You!

Myndi Kampa: She has dedicated her Sundays to teach our Preschool and Jr. Kindergarteners. She does a fantastic job as knowing what works best for our youngest of kids.

Julie Morehouse: We welcome Julie in teaching our Kindergarteners, first graders, and second graders. This will be a wonderful new adventure I know she will be amazing.

Dale Kramer: He has stepped up to help teach our third, fourth, and fifth graders. This will be so wonderful to have a active male in the Church for our young kids. They can see him helping and being a part of such a wonderful group. Thanks!

Valerie Baker: Val has graciously decided to help teach our third, fourth, and fifth graders also. This will be rotating with 3 people. I know she will be a wonderful help to our Sunday School. She has also stepped up in Kid Zone. She has volunteered to run the kitchen with snacks and get everything lined up for our hungry children after school!!

Meredith Gubin: We welcome back to helping with our third, fourth, and fifth grade classroom. She does a great job helping the kids understand God in their lives. Thank You!

Jolene Townsend: I have so much appreciation for this gal. She has helped me grow in my own journey in helping with Sunday School. She has helped with Kid Zone last year and has stepped up again this year to do our Kid Zone lessons. She does such a wonderful job teaching our children about God. I appreciate everything you do! Thanks.

### Community Trunk or Treat at UMC

### October 31, 2016 6pm-8pm

Join us for Safe trick-or-treating/games from the trunk of decorated vehicles around our church parking lot.

At Groton Methodist Church Parking Lot (inside if bad weather) Vehicles set up by 5:30 please.

If interested in sponsoring a vehicle, please contact Kim Weber (380-7148) or Pastor Thomas (277-8448) by Oct. 26.

SPREAD the WORD!!!  
EVERYONE JOIN the FALL FUN!!!



I would like to give a huge hand of appreciation to our Kids Ministry Volunteers. They have taken time out of their busy lives to devote to our children. They have a very important role in shaping God in our children's lives.



# IT'S A GROTON COMMUNITY TRUNK-OR-TREAT!!!

**What:** Safe trick-or-treating/games from the trunk of decorated vehicles around our church parking lot.

**Where:** Groton Methodist Church Parking Lot (inside if bad weather)

**When:** Monday, Oct. 31, 6-8 pm  
(Vehicles set up by 5:30 please.)

If interested in sponsoring a vehicle, please contact Kim Weber (380-7148) or Pastor Thomas (277-8448) by Oct. 26.

(Kiwanis is NOT doing a party at the gym any more.)

**SPREAD the WORD!!! JOIN the FALL FUN!!!**



*"When I type in your name and 'sin,' sir, there are over 20 million results."*

## One Thing Challenge

**Groton & Conde  
UMC Collecting  
Paper Towels  
and/or**

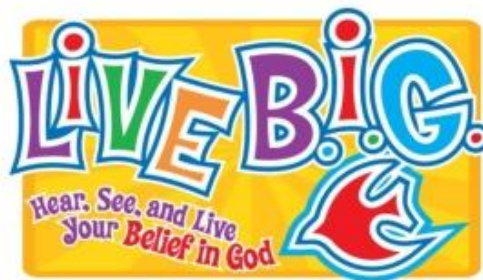
**Toilet Paper**

For Month of October  
Safe Harbor in Aberdeen

Thank you. Missions Committee



**Groton UMC  
Kid Zone**



Welcome back all preschool through 5th graders...

**Wednesday October 5, 2016**

Is our first Kid Zone of the year!

**Every Wednesday 3:30-5pm**

Bring your friends for a snack, lesson, games, & Crafts!

Everyone is welcome to join the fun!!

*(We can walk kids over from Elementary school, please send a note to walk with us.)*

## Conde Ad Council - September

The Conde Administrative Board met on Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00. Donna Hearnen reported that a total of 54 UMCOR Kits had been put in boxes and were ready for Pastor Thomas to take to the Conference Office in Mitchell. With generous donations from the congregation, Donna was able to buy supplies for 30 School Kits, 20 Health Kits, and 4 Layettes. The church will again collect items or cash to donate to the Christmas Shoebox Project. We have been working with the North Highland Church in Aberdeen on this project, and will do the same this year. Several other smaller churches also take their purchases up to the Aberdeen church, and they put together the boxes

that they deliver to the Enemy Swim Day School. Due date to have our items up there is November 23. If anyone has extra shoeboxes, give them to Donna or bring them to church. Another Mission project that the Board approved was collecting one non perishable food or paper product each month. The items for each month will change, and the recipient will change. In October the donations of toilet paper or paper towels will go to Safe Harbor in Aberdeen.

The Board also set up some other activity goals for the new year. Appointments for several committees were discussed, and these will be finalized at the next meeting, which will be Monday, October 3rd at 6:30.





# Join Cub Scouts!



## Conde Collecting for Shoebox Christmas

The church will again collect items or cash to donate to the Christmas Shoebox Project to be delivered to the Enemy Swim Day School. Due date for our items is November 23. If anyone has extra shoeboxes, give them to Donna or bring them to church.

**What's in a Shoebox?** Love. Shoebox Christmas gifts are built from love for children that might not otherwise get a Christmas gift. On the reservation, up to 70 percent of the children would not get a Christmas gift if not for the Shoebox Christmas Gift program and the generosity of the people that donate to this wonderful program. To start, wrap the bottom and top of the box separately (this

will allow us to insert the story of the birth of Jesus. If you have children, grand children, nieces or nephews, ask them what they would like for Christmas. Add that, a few more small gifts, some candy, a winter hat, mittens or gloves, place a rubber band around the box and the top, then put the age group and gender of the child on top of the box. You have just built a box of love. We are looking for the following age groups. Infant, Toddler, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, 13 and up. Please only add new toys and please don't put any clothing except the hats/gloves or mittens in the boxes.

[http://www.spiritlakeministrycenter.org/whats\\_in\\_a\\_shoebox.aspx](http://www.spiritlakeministrycenter.org/whats_in_a_shoebox.aspx)



# Groton Nov Family Committee

**Angela & Perryn Dobbins**

**Mendy & James Jones, Marlee, Austin**

Andrea & Scott Eisenbeisz

Kay & Doug Daly

Marva & Lon Gellhaus

Jay & Linda Johnson

Corey & Jamie Mitchell

Brent & Jessica Morehouse

Robin O'Neill, Grady

Jesse & Jaymie Overacker

Randy & Sue Stanley

Alan Strom

Kim & Craig Weber

**Honorary Members**

) Dick Ruden

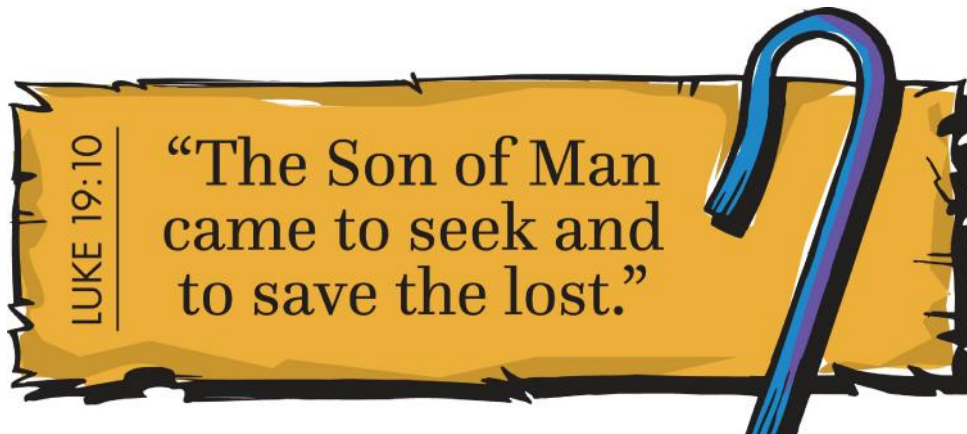
) Gerald & Ann Rix

) Doris Strom

**November 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
- ) Bring Christmas decorations in from the shed and fluff them so they are ready to put up. Check the lights on them as well.
- ) Put up church indoor and outdoor decorations with December committee and all church members (check date with Pastor)
- ) No Potluck if Men have their dinner
- ) Remind Richard & JoAnn Krueger to change banners, altar cloths, and do the candle maintenance

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Groton Stewardship Report Sept 2016	
Average Wkly Giving	\$1,722
Needed Wkly for Church Mission	\$2,347
Average Weekly Attendance Sunday	78
Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs	\$3,015

# Our Church Happenings

- Oct 2 World Communion Sunday
- Oct 3 Conde Ad Council 6:30 pm
- Oct 5 Kid Zone begins weekly from after school till 5 pm in Groton
- Oct 5 Groton Trustee meeting at 6:30 pm
- Oct 6 Conde Bible Study starts at 7 pm
- Oct 6 Groton Nominations meeting at 6 pm
- Oct 10 Cub Scouts 5 pm in Groton
- Oct 16 Groton Potluck at noon. Bring a dish to pass
- Oct 16 Groton UMW Sunday with special recognitions
- Oct 19 Conde UMW at 10 am
- Oct 19 Groton Ad Council 7:15 pm
- Oct 20 Groton UMW at 1:30 pm
- Every Weds we have Kid Zone after School and Confirmation at 6 pm
- Bible Studies every Tues at 10 am and Thurs at 7 pm
- Always check our online calendar at [grotonumc.org](http://grotonumc.org) for updates and events.

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