



# United Methodist Messenger

AUGUST 2016

GROTON/CONDE PARISHES

## From Pastor Thomas' Desk

Greeting Friends!

I can't believe school is already here! Where did summer go? With the school year already under way, there is some great stuff around the corner! I cannot help but think about Matthew 19:14 where Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." May our herd and efforts be focused on our children and youth this month!

In Groton, we will be starting the "One Thing Challenge". We will be collecting one item a month for a specific organization. This month we are collecting packs of granola bars for the B.A.G.S. program for Groton Area Schools. This great challenge is being lead by our missions committee. It is our goal to collect 50 boxes of granola bars. You can place your boxes of granola bars in the grocery cart in the entry way of the church.

We will be launching our youth and children ministries. First; for kids ministry, we will be having our back to school Sunday School registration, blessings of the backpacks and praying for our schools and Sunday school teachers and leaders. Kids Zone will begin the first Wednesday in October. It will be held right after school until 5:00pm. This amazing ministry will happen every Wednesday this year, who else is excited about this change?

Our middle school youth group (confirmation program) will start on with a student and parent meeting on September 14 at 7:30. This is a great time to get your

questions asked as well as find out the fun and awesome things we have planned for this year's confirmation. Confirmation will start September 21 from 6:00 to 7:30.

Our youth group kick off is on September 18 from 5:00 to 7:00. We will grilling out and electing this year's advisory board. This is an exciting year for children, middle (confirmation) and high school youth group.

In Conde, we will be blessing the backpacks on September 18, so have your children bring their backpack to church. We will also be meeting on September 13 at 7:00pm for our Administrative Council meeting. Please be thinking of God-sized ideas, passions, and dream of what we can do together in and through the Conde church. We will be taking some time to focus and start to dream together of what God has planned for Conde United Methodist Church!

May God richly bless each and every one of you!

Pastor Thomas

### 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



# World Communion Sunday - Oct 2



Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God

has gifted to learn and to serve.

## Will You Equip World-Changers?

Will you give generously on World Communion Sunday to make education and vocational impact possible for more students, like Mary Grace? Will you equip gifted and qualified students from around the globe to become the world-changers God created them to be?

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." And because the people of The United Methodist Church believe that all of God's children have been created and gifted to build the kingdom Jesus ushered in, we're resourcing them to do just that. Because of your giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands.

## Offering

### Envelopes

If you use them in Groton and wish to continue or would like them please contact Myndi Kampa

## One Thing Challenge

### Granola Bars

For September

B.A.G.S. program at Groton School

Place boxes of Granola Bars in the grocery cart by front entrance

Goal: 50 Boxes!

Thank you. Missions Committee



### 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



## Baptism

Emmett Morehouse was Baptized August 14th. Parents are Jesse and Julie.

### Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

\*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.

# Groton UMW

The Groton UMW met on Thursday, August 18 at 1:30 pm with 10 members in attendance. Jolene Townsend opened the meeting by having the members recite the UMW Purpose. She then asked each member to share highlights of their summer. Jeanne Wanous shared the minutes from the June meeting and gave an updated Treasurer's Report. Both reports were approved.

Old Business included a review of the June visit to the Golden Living Center and the group agreed that we should include this as part of our 2017 program agenda.

New Business: It was decided that since we don't have a hostess for our October meeting, we will adjourn after our meeting and enjoy a dessert at the Dairy Queen. It was also decided that we would have a No-Bake Bake Sale again this fall for a fund raiser.

The date for this and for UMW Sunday still need to be finalized. Jolene announced that Gloria Pharis had completed Plan 2 of the Reading Program and Jolene completed Plan 1. A few possibilities for local group donations were discussed and Jeanne Wanous will investigate to see what their needs are before making the donations.

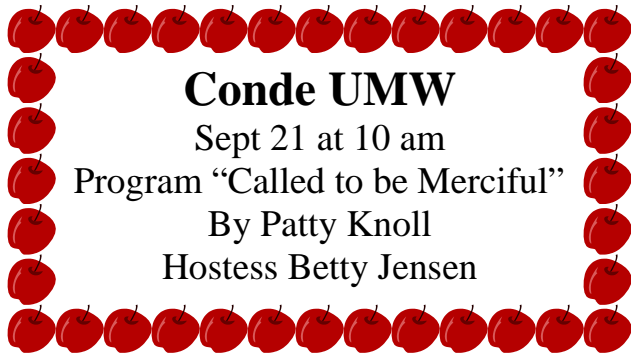
The business meeting was closed and Jeanne Wanous led an Adult Coloring Activity for the group. She talked about the benefits of coloring, about the enjoyment of starting a coloring group that meets regularly, and about the benefits of this activity for those confined to nursing homes. Jeanne provided the ladies with Christian based pages to color. Following this activity Caralee Heitmann and JoAnn Krueger served a lovely lunch for all.



**Groton UMW**  
**September 15**  
**1:30 pm**

Hostesses  
 Darlys Kampa &  
 Rose Tewksbury

Nominations  
 Committee Meets  
 to prepare slate of  
 officers



## Conde UMW

Sept 21 at 10 am  
 Program "Called to be Merciful"  
 By Patty Knoll  
 Hostess Betty Jensen

## The Providence of God

The seed was sown long months ago,  
 And through the winter's cold and snow,  
 We trusted that God's care would bring  
 The green and tender blade in spring,  
 Which cherished by the sun and rain  
 Of summer, now has yielded grain  
 In autumn, when the reaper leaves  
 His cot to cut and bind the sheaves  
 ...  
 So God's great mercies thus abound;  
 His love still brings the seasons round;  
 His blessings fill our happy fields,  
 And all our land its increase yields:  
 So if we serve him as we should,  
 Our Lord will give us all things good;  
 And he who doth the ravens feed  
 Much more will give us all we need!

—Author unknown

## UMW Retreat & Annual

### Meeting

At Clear Lake UMC on Friday, Sept 23 at 6:15 pm through Sat Sept 24 till 3 pm. The Spiritual Retreat on Friday night will be led by Pat Siefken. Registration is \$8 and due Sept 17 if you plan to attend. Please call Jolene Townsend if interested.

### CHURCH INFORMATION

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**Don't miss the boat!**  
Put on your hiking boots,  
wear your adventure hat,  
and join us for our

# Back to Sunday School Bash

Groton United Methodist Church  
September 18, 2016

**11am-Noon- Church Service  
& Blessing of the backpacks**  
**Noon- Potluck (bring a dish to pass)**  
**Followed by kids Games-**  
**Sunday School Registration & Volunteer**  
**Sign-up Sunday School will begin the 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**During Church service. (after kid sermon till end of church)**

Come check out our Kids Ministry program!  
Sunday School, Kid Zone, and Monthly Activities  
all geared for our children! Registration will be  
available during the kickoff. Registration also  
available online! [www.grotonumc.org](http://www.grotonumc.org)



Our Wednesday program, Kid Zone that was started last year was a great success! I know the kids look forward to this fun worship time.

The biggest change we are making to this program is that it will be every Wednesday! Afterschool till 5pm we will do snacks, games, lessons, and new this year is crafts.

We could not have this program without the volunteers! Everyone makes a difference when helping out! Looking forward to starting Kid Zone in October!!!

## Changes in our Sunday School Program

I am excited for this year to start! We have so many great things happening with our Kids Ministry this year! Last year was good but lets make this year great!

The first big change we are incorporating is the time we have Sunday School. Sunday School will now be during Church! After the kids sermon the kids will be dismissed for Sunday School till Church gets out.

We will dismiss from service and have our own music worship with fun new songs. Then we will all stay together for a short lesson. After that everyone will get dismissed to

their classrooms. Preschool & Jr. Kindergarten will be a class. Kindergarten, 1st, & 2nd will be a class. 3rd, 4th, & 5th will be a class. Every classroom will do age appropriate activities about the lesson.

We have monthly Kids Ministry activities planned that will bring everyone together!

We have a new Parent and Volunteer packets available to everyone! These will give everyone the yearly information they need! This will let everyone know new things that are starting this year. Grab yours TODAY!!!



# Our Church Celebrations

## Groton

Sept 2 Kylie Hawkins  
 Sept 6 Laurie & AM Mitchell  
 Perryn Dobbins  
 Sept 7 Alana Wolken  
 Sept 8 Pat & Carol Knecht  
 Laurel & Monte McNickle  
 Sept 9 Clint & Audrey Jacobson  
 Sept 10 Bryce Hanson  
 Sept 11 Audrey Jacobson  
 Sept 12 Tanner & Kayley Johnson  
 Ryder Daly  
 Cliff Pray  
 Alexa Nilsson  
 Sept 13 Karsten Hinman  
 Richard Krueger  
 Sept 14 Gerald & Ann Rix  
 Rick & Sarah Hofer  
 Sept 15 Karen Rose  
 Mason Madsen  
 Sept 16 Camille Sippel  
**Pastor Thomas Carlson**

Sept 17 Jackson Strom  
 Kyler Ell  
 Sept 19 Diann Morehouse  
 Jace Hofer  
**Pastor Thomas &  
 Britni Carlson**  
 Sept 20 Marjory Townsend  
 Sept 22 Madison McNickle  
 Sept 23 Carolyn Snyder  
 Sept 24 Jesse Overacker  
 Turner Webb  
 Sept 25 Joey Padfield  
 Sabrina Padfield  
 Sept 26 Alan Strom  
 Alejandra Heitmann

## Conde

Sept 7 Richard Worlie  
 Sept 8 Eva Lyren  
 Sept 13 Shane Bruckner  
 Sept 16 **Pastor Thomas Carlson**  
 Sept 19 **Pastor Thomas & Britni Carlson**  
 Sept 29 Bud & Julie Bruckner



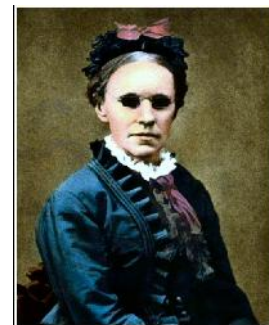
## Heavenly Vision

Known as the “queen of gospel song writers,” Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) wrote more than 9,000 Christian hymns, including “Blessed Assurance” and “Safe in the Arms of Jesus.” Blind from a young age, she developed a love for poetry and Scripture, memorizing about five chapters of the Bible each week. Crosby was the first woman to speak in the U.S. Senate, lobbying to support education for the blind. She also was an abolitionist

who made friends with several presidents.

A well-meaning pastor once told Crosby, “It is a great pity that the Master did not give you sight when he showered so many other gifts upon you.”

She responded that her blindness was a blessing she wouldn’t wish away. “When I get to heaven,” Crosby said, “the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior.”



# Kids are Free

A little boy in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates.

When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so everyone could hear: "Don't pay for me, Daddy. I'm under five."



<b>Groton Stewardship Report August 2016</b>	
Average Wkly Giving	\$1,793
Needed Wkly for Church Mission	\$2,347
Average Weekly Attendance Sunday	56
Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs	\$15

## Groton Oct Family Committee

### JoAnn & Richard Krueger

### Roger & Pam Rix (Oct)

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

### Honorary

### Members

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

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### October Responsibilities

- J Check Kitchen Supplies for the month
- J Check & Clean Oven and Fridge as necessary
- J Coffee Hour workers (make coffee, provide cookies, launder towels, and remove trash)
- J 2 Ushers for each Sunday
- J Pickup ritual of friendship sheets
- J Straighten the Sanctuary Pews
- J Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
- J Serve at Golden Living Center - 5th Sunday
- J Care for the lawn as needed
- J Potluck 2nd Sunday - give church secretary details for bulletin
- J Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons
- J 5th Sunday may buy donuts and give bill to church treasurer
- J Sherwin & Chris Nyberg change banners, altar cloths, and do the candle maintenance

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

**Oct Family Committee Meeting Sept 18 During Coffee Hour**

# Our Church Happenings



- Sept 13 Conde Ad Council 7 pm
- Sept 14 Groton Confirmation Students and Parents Mtg at 7:30 pm
- Sept 15 Groton UMW 1:30 pm
- Sept 15 Groton Nominations Committee Mtg 7 pm
- Sept 18 Conde blessing the backpacks during church
- Sept 18 Groton Back to Sunday School Bash 11 am - noon potluck - 1 pm games
- Sept 18 Groton Oct Family Committee Mtg during coffee hour
- Sept 18 Groton High School Youth Group kick off 5-7 pm with a grill out.
- Sept 21 Conde UMW 10 am
- Sept 21 Groton Confirmation Begins weekly 5-7:30 pm
- Sept 21 Groton Ad Council 7:15 pm
- Sept 25 Groton Sunday School Begins with children being dismissed after the children's sermon during church.
- Oct 5 Kid Zone begins weekly from after school till 5 pm

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