



UMC Messenger

FEBRUARY 2017

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 the Lay Leader

Greetings Friends,

As many of you know, this year I have been named Lay Leader of our church. First off I would like to offer my appreciation to Carna Atherton-Pray for all of her years of dedication being our Lay Leader for as long as I can remember; my role is much easier following a terrific leader like her.

I have decided to take this opportunity to speak to the congregation at large and express some of my hopes and goals for the coming year in the Church. While looking forward it is also right to look back at some of the successes of the last year that has made our church better. We have a very vibrant children's ministry in place, we have welcomed some new families to our congregation, and we have other groups such as "MOMs" and Cub Scouts meeting regularly at our church. Our church is becoming home to a lot of people.

Looking forward I intend to take an active role in the life and ministry of our Church. I will also keep the Church and all of you in my prayers every day as we strive to keep God at the center of our Church. I am currently reading "Change the World" by Mike Slaughter, in it he speaks of The Great Commission: *All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disci-*

ples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you (Matt 25:18-20). I have been thinking a lot about what it means to be a true disciple and follower of Christ. It may not be the easiest path all the time but is guaranteed to be the most rewarding. I encourage each of you to take a few moments today and think about what being a disciple means to you. I strongly believe that if we focus our attention on our discipleship and serving our risen Lord Jesus Christ that our church will not only survive but will thrive. My hope for the future is that our church becomes known in our community for our hospitality, generosity and welcoming nature. As a means to this end on the occasions I have the opportunity to speak to you from the pulpit my messages will revolve around service to others and being the hands and feet of God.

So as winter slowly loosens its grip and gives way to the renewal of spring. Let us loosen our grip on our old habits and ways and allow Christ in to renew us and make us into the disciples he would have us be.

May God Bless each and every one of you
Dale Kramer, Lay Leader





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- 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.



Moms Group

**Join Us Every Month
On the First Friday**



St. Valentine's sacrifice

Every February 14, we celebrate the loved ones in our lives with cards, flowers and chocolate. But Valentine's Day has another meaning that's been lost.

First declared a holiday by King Henry VIII of England in 1537, it commemorates the beheading of St. Valentine on February 14, 270 A.D. His crime? Performing wedding ceremonies after Roman Emperor Claudius II had outlawed marriage.

Valentine was martyred for faithfully doing the work God had given him. Although it's good to celebrate love and marriage, let's also remember the courage of a man who gave his life following his convictions



Jed Daniel Morehouse born January 23, 8 lbs 5 oz and 20.5 inches long. Parents are Jessica and Brent



Anthony 'Tony' Bruckner
Died January 20

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Groton UMW - Jan

The Groton United Methodist Women met on Thursday, Jan 19 at 1:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Jolene Townsend, president called the meeting to order. The purpose was recited. Prayers for our departed church members were raised.

The group voted to match the Love Ribbon Grant to Kid Zone and the MOM's group. Certificates were given out for being a 5 star unit, 3 flame awards, and the reading program. Thank you notes from several people were read.

The Pledge Service Program for 2017

was given by Jolene Townsend entitled "The UMW Vision" UMW pledges may be given to Marjorie Overacker. UMW reminders will be in the Sunday Morning Bulletins.

New Secret Angels were assigned and Kay Daly will print labels for each Angel. The meeting closed with prayer. Jolene Townsend served a delicious dessert to close the afternoon.

The next meeting will be on February 16, 2017 with Marjorie Overacker as hostess and the program by Caralee Heitmann.

Groton UMW

February 16

1:30 pm

Thursday

Program by

Caralee

Heitmann

Hostess Marjorie

Overacker

Valentine's Day Fundraiser

Drop off the kids at Groton UMC for a night without the kids.

We will have supper and a movie while you are away.

Preschool—5th Grade

Kids are able to bring homework if need to. They will be able to work on it.

Tuesday-February 14, 2017

5:00– 8:00pm

\$5/Child or \$12/family



This is a fundraiser for our Kids Ministry program!

Please RSVP if able.

Contact Angela Dobbins 605-380-3870 or
e-mail grotonumckids@nyc.net

Sunday School

Schedule

- Feb 5 NO Sunday School
(Communion in Church)
- Feb 12 Sunday School
And sing in church
- Feb 19 Sunday School
- Feb 26 Sunday School
- Mar 5 NO Sunday School
(Communion in Church)
- Mar 12 Sunday School
- Mar 19 NO Sunday School
- Mar 26 Sunday School
- Apr 2 NO Sunday School
(Communion in Church)
- Apr 9 Sunday School
- Apr 16 NO Sunday School
- Apr 23 Sunday School
- Apr 30 Sunday School
- May 7 NO Sunday School
(Communion in Church)
- May 14 Sunday School

8th Grade Confirmation Students Only - Since we have turned the calendars, mentors are asked to be at Confirmation on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, starting Feb 8th. Please contact your mentor with this information. Thank you.

8th Graders Only going on the Denver Trip there will be a parent meeting on Feb 8th at 7 pm to discuss this trip



- Feb 1 Confirmation 6-7:30
- Feb 8 Confirmation 6-7:30
- Feb 15 Confirmation 6-7:30
- Feb 16-19 Denver Trip
- Feb 22 Confirmation 6-7:30
- Mar 1 No Class Spring Break
- Mar 8 Confirmation 6-7:30
- Mar 15 Confirmation 6-7:30
- Mar 22 Confirmation 6-7:30
- Mar 29 Confirmation 6-7:30
- Apr 5 Confirmation 6-7:30
- Apr 12 No Class Holy Week
- Apr 13 Maundy Thurs
- Apr 14 Good Friday
- Apr 19 Confirmation 6-7:30
- Apr 26 Confirmation 6-7:30
- May 3 Confirmation 6-7:30
- May 6 Confirmation Saturday
- May 7 Confirmation Sunday



**Kid Zone
Photos
Join Us on
Wednesdays
After School
Preschool - 5th
Grade**

**Groton
Community
Teen Fun Night**

When: Friday, February 3rd
Time: 6:00 PM – Midnight
Where: United Methodist Church
Grades: 6th – 12th

Enjoy pizza, snacks, songs, a movie, games and more! Come have some fun and bring your friends!

Please bring a couple of dollars to help chip in for the pizza!

WARNING: PREPARE TO HAVE FUN

www.preachit.org

In All His Glory

On the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, many Christian churches celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord. After telling his shocked, uncomprehending disciples that he would die and rise again, Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain. Suddenly Jesus appeared to be glowing! “He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light” (Matthew 17:2, ESV).

Moses and Elijah appeared, and a voice said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I

am well pleased; listen to him” (verse 5). Jesus’ disciples fell to the ground, overcome by fear. But Jesus touched them, told them not to be afraid and led them down the mountain.

The disciples witnessed firsthand the glory and Godhood of Jesus, who would soon die for the sins of the world and rise again to give us life.



TRANSFIGURATION

Our Church Celebrations

Groton

- Feb 4 KayLynn Overacker
Tim Olson
- Feb 5 Scott Eisenbeisz
Todd Thurston
- Feb 7 Gary Voss
- Feb 8 Gage Sippel
Larry Wheeting
- Feb 10 Alan & Jolene Townsend
Andrea & Scott Eisenbeisz
Brenda Madsen
Dion Bahr
June Thompson
Nori Hinman
- Feb 11 Oliver Anderson
- Feb 12 Skyler Kramer
Yvonne Lorenz
- Feb 14 Diane Nissen
- Feb 16 Pernell Graf
- Feb 19 Gaylene Voss
Robin O'Neill
- Feb 20 Darin Gubin
Jim & Judy Zeck
Michael Wells

- Feb 21 Joe Nelson
Wyatt Morehouse
- Feb 22 Anthony Schinkel
- Feb 23 Karl Rekow (80th)
PO Box 644, Groton
- Feb 25 Brent Morehouse
Greg Heitmann

Conde

- Feb 4 Donna Walter
- Feb 5 Richard Sanderson
- Feb 9 Vicki Stark
- Feb 10 Greg & Vicki Stark
- Feb 15 Tim & Betty Geist
- Feb 19 Tyler Stark
- Feb 22 Horace Walter



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



Giving Credit where Due?

Running late for a meeting, a man circled the block, looking for a place to park. Desperately, he raised his eyes toward heaven and prayed, “Lord, if you’ll find me a parking spot, I promise I’ll start going to church again.”

Just then, a car pulled out of a space right in front of the man. “Never mind,” he said to God. “I found one!”



Parking

The Significance of Lent

Lent is the fourth season of the Christian year. Its length is the 40 days preceding Easter Day, not counting Sundays. This means Lent always begins on a Wednesday, known as Ash Wednesday.

Lent commemorates Jesus' fast and temptation in the wilderness of Judea Province, which, according to the Gospel, lasted 40 days. Just as Jesus confronted his temptations during these 40 days, Lent helps Christians focus on our most basic need as sinners:

forgiveness.

The only way our Lord's forgiving power can become effective in our lives is by our taking the initiative to confront our sins, confess them and repent of them. In short, Lent is a season of penitence.

Some Christians fast during Lent. This denial of bodily comforts can help encourage self-reflection about the need for Jesus' forgiveness.

**March 1
2017**

Lent
B E G I N S

Ashes

On Ash Wednesday, as Lent begins, worshippers' foreheads are often marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes traditionally come from burning palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. In Old Testament days, ashes were a sign of mourning and repentance. Today, some worshippers wipe off the ashes before leaving church, to symbolize being cleansed from sin

by Jesus' death; others wear the ashes the rest of the day, carrying the cross of Christ into the world. The speaking of Genesis 3:19 often accompanies the placement of ashes: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

**Watch the
Bulletin and
Online
Calendar for
more
information.**

An Ash Wednesday Prayer

Dear righteous Lord, we enter the holy season of Lent confessing our many sins that separate us from you. We're sincerely sorry for offending you repeatedly through our thoughts, our words and our actions – and often through our inactions, too.

Forgive us, Lord, and show us your tender mercy. Restore and strengthen us to become your faithful and faith-filled servants. During our Lenten journey, remind us to show mercy to other people, just as you've shown mercy to us. In Jesus' name, amen.



Groton March Family Committee

Chris & Sherwin Nyberg

Gloria & Harry Pharis

Valerie Baker

JoAnn & Richard Krueger

Chuck Padfield

Joey & Sabrina Padfield

Randy & Rebecca Padfield

Harlan & Peggy Place

Crystal Strom

Joyce & Allen Walter

Kent Webb, Turner

Jim & Judy Zeck

Honorary Members

) Ruby Luce

) Richard Voss

) Jean Walter

) Marjory Townsend

) Marie McClintic & Larry Schnaidt

) Pat Dahlquist

March 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
-) Shovel snow from doorways before Church
-) Potluck 2nd Sunday - give church secretary details for bulletin
-) Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons
-) Serve Lenten Supper on March 15th.

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Groton Stewardship Report Jan 2017	
Average Wkly Giving	\$1,498
Needed Wkly for Church Mission	\$2,305
Average Weekly Attendance Sunday	65
Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs	\$215

Groton Lenten Suppers/Service

- March 1 - January Committee
- March 8 - February Committee
- March 15 - March Committee
- March 22 - April Committee
- March 29 - May Committee
- April 5 - June Committee

Each work committee is responsible to prepare, serve, and cleanup one Lenten supper. Soup and Sandwiches are typically served but other choices are optional.

Prepare for 50 people

Meal is served during time set by Pastor and Ad Council.

Take free-will offering which should be turned over to the church financial secretary or treasurer. It will help defray cost of the meal. The proceeds will be used as ad council determines.

Groceries may be charged or receipts given to church treasurer for reimbursement.



Our Church Happenings

- Feb 3 Groton MOMs Group 9:30 am
- Feb 3 Teen Fun Night 6 pm - midnight
- Feb 8 Denver Trip Meeting at 7 pm for parents of 8th Graders Only
- Feb 12 Groton Sunday School singing in church
- Feb 14 Groton SS Valentine's Day Fundraiser 5-8 pm. RSVP
- Feb 15 Groton Ad Council 7:30 pm
- Feb 16 Groton UMW Mtg at 1:30 pm
- Feb 19 Newsletter Items due
- Feb 26 Transfiguration Sunday
- Mar 1 Ash Wednesday

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