



# UMC Messenger

JUNE 2017

GROTON/CONDE

## From Pastor Thomas' Desk

Greeting Friends,

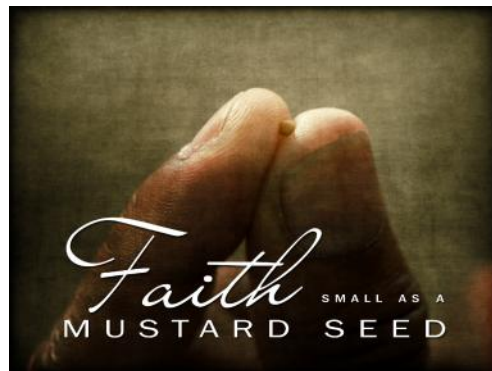
No matter where we look this time of the year, all around us there are tractors in the fields or making their way down the road ways. They are planting, spraying or doing field work. As I was driving down one of the back country roads and happened to pass by a tractor that was planting. A bible verse come to mind.

As I reflected on how our faith relates to a mustard seed. I could not help but think about how small a mustard is yet it can grow into a 9 foot tall plant. I don't know about you, but the thought of our mustard seed faith being challenged and growing into a huge 9 foot plant of faith was pretty encouraging.

It is my hope and prayer that each one of you would find new and exciting ways to stretch your faith.

Holding you in the light!

Pastor Thomas



*"You don't have enough faith," Jesus told them. "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible. Matthew 17:20 NLT"*

## 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



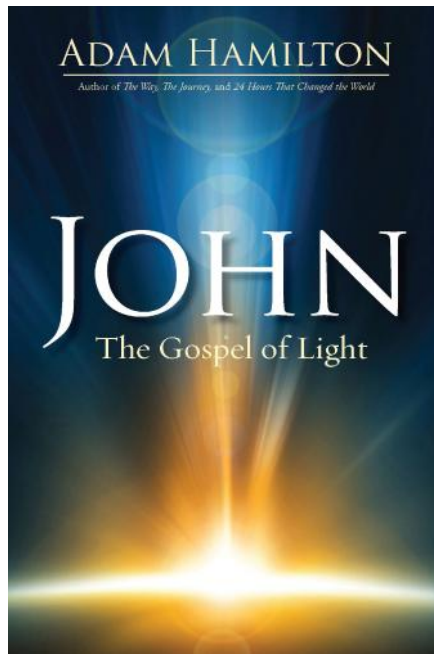


- Marlys Rodman 397-4570
- Pat Dahlquist 397-2616
- Doris Zoellner 397-2417
- Marj Townsend 298-5221
- Ann Rix 397-8478
- Darlys Kampa 395-6996
- DeLoris Knoll 397-2681
- Gloria Pharis 397-2375

\*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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**Bible Studies**

**Women's Bible Study** that meets each Tuesday at 10 AM is taking a summer break. July 11th we will start meeting again weekly with Adam Hamilton's book "John." If you need a book, ask Kay Daly.

**Evening Bible Study** is taking a summer break.

**Little Free Library**

**Little Free Library.** Since opening the Little Free Library at our church in 2015, our summer story time has grown. Summer 2017 story time for all ages will be on Weds starting June 7 at 10:30 am and run through July 26. There will be NO story time on Wed, July 5 and on any rainy days. The books we share often teach an important lesson to children. Each time we meet, the story is followed by



Consider yourselves dead to sin and

**ALIVE**  
 to **GOD** in  
**CHRIST**  
**JESUS.**

**ROMANS 6:11**

# Peace with Justice Sunday - June 11

In Arizona border towns, communities facing social challenges are dramatically divided. In Liberian villages, citizens' human rights are being violated. In local U.S. communities, women and girls are being bought and sold against their will.

Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice.

Although you, and possibly even your congregation, may lack the resources alone to effect change in a broken world, your giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds—and yielding fruit!—of peace.

## Equipping The United Methodist Church to Do Justice in Jesus' Name

When you give on Peace with Justice Sunday, your gift makes possible our critical kingdom work in the world. Because you give:

Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities

United Methodists in Liberia are being equipped to implement the denomination's Social Principles to address social-justice is-

sue

Pennsylvania students are educating their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad

These initiatives, and hundreds of other ones, are possible because you give.

## Your Giving Makes Possible the Proclamation of Christ's Peace

Will you continue to support Peace with Justice Sunday? Will you empower local Christians—in Pennsylvania and Arizona and Liberia—to build the kingdom of peace that Jesus ushered in?

In Jesus' inaugural address, standing in his home synagogue in Nazareth, he detailed his game plan,

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."* (Luke 4:18-19)

Through your giving good news is proclaimed to—and experienced by—the poor.

Thanks be to God!

**Groton UMW  
No Meetings  
June  
And  
July**

**Conde UMW**

**June 21**

**10 am**

**Leader**

**Patty Knoll**

**Hostess**

**Jane Worlie**

## Doing Faith

Faith is better understood as a verb than as a noun, as a process than as a possession. It is on-again-off-again rather than once-and-for-all. Faith is not being sure where you're going, but going anyway. A journey without maps. [As theologian] Paul Tillich said ... doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith.

—Frederick Buechner





# Groton Palm Sunday



SUMMER  
BEGINS



# Groton Seniors - Congratulations!



Graduates were Doug Dobbins, Wyatt Kurtz, Macy Knect, Gabbie Kramer, and Frankie Wuestewald. Kelby Hawkins and Turner Webb (not in photo).

# Groton Confirmation Class



Confirmands were Brooklyn Gilbert, Chloe Crosby, Kale Pharis, Tanae Lipp, and Sage Mortenson, .

## A Wish

I'd like to be the sort of man the flag now typifies,  
 The kind of man we really want the flag to symbolize;  
 The loyal brother to a trust,  
 The big, unselfish soul and just,  
 The friend of every man oppressed,  
 The strong support of all that's best,  
 The sturdy chap the banner's meant  
 Where'er it flies, to represent.

—From Edgar Guest's poem "A Patriotic Wish"





# Groton UMW May Salad Luncheon



  
**Thanks,  
Everyone!**

Thank you to all UMW members for salads and working. Especially to Diann Morehouse for being the chairman of the salad luncheon. It was a great success. Jolene Townsend





Children Sang in Church



Kodi Jean Hinman  
daughter of Scotty &  
Charity baptized  
May 14th

# Mission: Kid Zone Camp

LEAD AGENTS: Angela Dobbins & CEF

MISSION: Your mission, should you accept it, is to join us for KID ZONE CAMP!

DATE: June 27th, 28th, & 29th

TIME: 7:00- 8:30pm

SCENE: Groton United Methodist Church

CONFIRMATION: Please call/ Text Angela Dobbins  
605-380-3870 OR  
e-mail [grotonumckids@nvc.net](mailto:grotonumckids@nvc.net)

**MISSION  
POSSIBLE**



# Cub Scouts Derby Car Races



**STAY  
CONNECTED  
TO  
CHURCH**



# Our Church Celebrations

## Groton

- Jun 1 Anita Lowary
- Jun 2 Doug Daly
- Jun 3 Don Nissen  
Tom & Cheri Strom
- Jun 4 Gary & Caralee Heitmann  
Janice Raap  
Jay Johnson
- Jun 6 Bailee Zoellner
- Jun 7 Peyton Padfield
- Jun 8 Lacey Voss
- Jun 10 Jacob Morehouse
- Jun 11 Jim & Mendy Jones
- Jun 13 Roger Rix  
Zachary & Stephanie Townsend
- Jun 14 Roger Overacker  
Danielle Schinkel
- Jun 15 Eugenia Strom  
Jesse & Jaymie Overacker  
Leroy & Lynette Severson
- Jun 16 Gavin Voss  
Harry Pharis, Jr.
- Jun 17 Jesse Morehouse  
Kristopher Oleson
- Jun 18 Nick Strom
- Jun 19 Garrett & Sindi Heitmann  
Pat Dahlquist
- Jun 20 Harlan & Peggy Place
- Jun 21 Gary & Linda Thurston

- Jun 22 Angela Dobbins
- Jun 23 Kaycie Hawkins
- Jun 24 Jeremy Weber
- Jun 24 Mark & June Thompson
- Jun 25 Carol Knecht  
Tanae Lipp
- Jun 27 Elaine Wolken  
Peggy Place
- Jun 28 Sindi Heitmann
- Jun 29 Carly Gilbert  
Derick Furman  
John & Meri Erickson
- Jun 30 Spencer Knecht

## Conde

- Jun 4 Pat Siefken
- Jun 5 Norman & Cindy smith
- Jun 6 Keith Hanlon
- Jun 13 Guy Hanlon  
Dwight & Katy Lyren
- Jun 14 Betty Taylor  
(90)
- Jun 20 Cary Bruckner
- Jun 22 Julie Bruckner
- Jun 26 Grant Hanson
- Jun 27 Lance Haskell
- Jun 30 Betty Barrie

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



## The Best Father

Unlike an earthly prince, God didn't take a high-and-mighty title, notes 17th-century British preacher Thomas Watson. Instead, God calls himself Father to encourage us to pray to him.

But God isn't just any father. Watson offers these reasons why God is "the best Father":

- He is the most ancient (Daniel 7:9).
- He is perfect (Matthew 5:48).
- He is the wisest (Romans 16:27).
- He is the most loving (Zephaniah 3:17; 1 John 4:16).
- He has unsearchable riches (Ephesians 3:8).
- He can reform his children (Acts 9:11).
- He never dies (1 Timothy 6:16; Revelation 1:8).

# Groton July Family Committee

**John & Meri Erickson**

**Marjae & Dan Schinkel**, Jasmine, Anthony

Brian Bahr

Dion & Sam Bahr

Doug Bahr

Steve & Becky Diegel, Treyton

Adrienne & Tigh Flihs

Ron & Meredith Gubin

Scott & Myndi Kampa

Julie & Jesse Morehouse

Janice Raap

Karen & Ian Rose

William Zoellner

**Honorary Members**

) Emery Sippel

) Bert Raap

) Ida Hannon

**July 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
- ) Serve at Golden Living Center - 5th Sunday
- ) Mow lawn each week
- ) 5th Sunday may buy donuts and give bill to church treasurer
- ) Diann Morehouse and Carna Atherton-Pray will be taking care of the Banners, Altar Cloths, and Candle Maintenance.

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**Groton Stewardship Report May 2017**

Average Wkly Giving \$1,216

Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,347

Average Weekly Attendance Sunday 79

Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs \$100



**Community Coffee Hour**

Every Wednesday at the Groton United Methodist Church

in the fellowship hall From 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Free Coffee and Rolls Provided



Please notify the church office of any changes and/or updates you may have. Phone and Email are always needed!

**Conde MISSION STATEMENT**

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



# Our Church Happenings

- Jun 1 Groton Prayer Group 7 pm**
- Jun 1 PPRC Mtg in Conde at 7:30 pm**
- June 4 Pentecost Sunday - Wear Red**
- June 6-10 Dakotas Annual Conference in Bismark ND**
- Jun 13 Girl Scouts Meet at Groton Church 3:30 pm**
- Jun 14 Groton Finance Meeting 6 pm**
- Jun 14 Groton Ad Council 7:15 pm**
- Jun 15 No Groton UMW**
- Jun 18 Newsletter Items Due**
- Jun 19 Cub Scouts 7 pm at Groton Church**
- Jun 21 Conde UMW 10 am**
- Jun 27, 28, & 29 Kid Zone Camp! 7-8:30 pm Register Today! Details Inside...**

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