



UMC Messenger

NOVEMBER 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 OUR
PASTOR

From Pastor Thomas' Desk

Greeting Friends,

As we look forward to Thanksgiving and our season of gratitude. I was reflecting on the things that I'm thankful for in my life. I'm thankful for the love and grace that Jesus Christ has blessed my family with every day. I'm also thankful that I have a healthy wife that supports me and encourages me every day. I'm grateful to have a wonderful family that blesses me with grace, mercy, and love. I'm honored to have two churches that allow me to use my gifts in ministry to bless others.

I was reminded of a couple scriptures that draw me into this season of thanksgiving.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

I Chronicles 16:34

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! Psalm 95:2

I want to invite you to join me in sharing and focusing each day of November on the ways in which we are blessed and thankful. May our heart and minds be filled with love, joy, and gratitude this Thanksgiving season. May we share with others how we have been blessed by the Lord's steadfast love and His presence of grace and gratitude.

Thanks be to God that we have each other to share our blessings and the way in which we are grateful this Thanksgiving season.

Holding you in the light!

Pastor Thomas Carlson





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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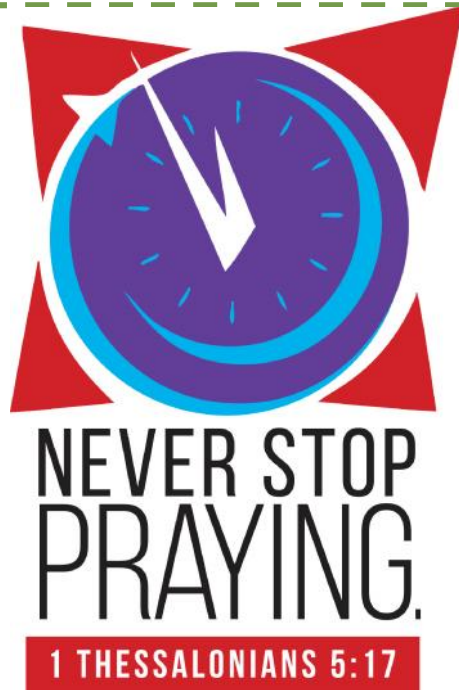
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Give Us This Day

Lord, give us this day the other person's point of view. Teach us to respect what another may say, even if it is directly opposed to our own opinions. Teach us not to interrupt, and lead us out of the temptation to look down our noses at those who are unlike us. Forgive us our arrogance, and help us forgive those who are arrogant against us. For thine is the righteousness - not just ours, nor just theirs. Help us to understand that we shall all agree with thee ... by and by. Amen. -Nuggets



will be November 3rd at 9:30 am at the Groton United Methodist Church. Contact Karen Rose at 460-0750. We have a play date! Join us for constructive and open play, small snack, and a devotional with other parents!



for all the wonderful Birthday Cards and flower bouquet and balloons and cake that I received for my 85th birthday! Each and everyone of you made my day very special
 --Marge Townsend



Gerald "Jerry" Rix
 Passed away September 27th



Groton UMC Kid Zone

All preschool– 5th graders welcome to join us!
Weds 3:30– 4:45! Snacks, games, lessons, service projects, and guest speakers!!



Kid Zone’s service project this month was cleaning up the apples from the apple tree at the nursing home. We cleaned up the apples so they could get the yard cleaned up for winter! When asked if we could help do anything this was the first need! We had a great time together picking up the apples! 15 kids joined in on this Service Project! Thank you for helping!

Our guest speaker was Pam Hanson! Pam works at the Nursing Home and shared with us on how she serves others. She brought an activity for the kids to do. The kids decorated a mug to put on the dining room tables at the nursing home. Then they had a little time and made popcorn hands! We had 14 kids attending!!

Our theme this year is Learn & Serve! We have worked on this through service projects, guest speakers, and our lessons. Jolene is teaching the Christmas this year, getting the most out of the Christmas story!



Kid Zone kicked off the year with an exciting bowling and pizza party! We had 24 kids and 12 adults! What a great group! We can’t wait to share with other kids too. We talked about what is changing in Kid Zone and what to expect to keep this excitement going!!!



Kid Zone Kick-Off



Backpack Blessings

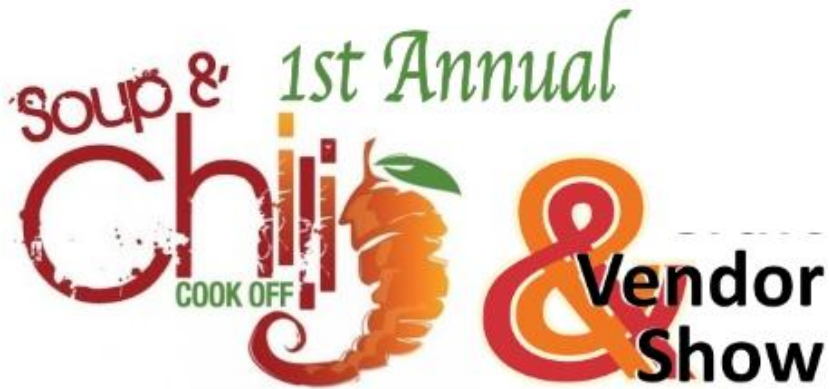


Confirmation Kids



Sunday School Update - Groton

We have had a great start to Sunday School. Our kids choir is singing 10-10:15am on Sundays. They will sing in Church for the first time Nov. 12th. Sunday School has great volunteers and been working hard. 3rd graders are learning how to use their Bibles they received! Kids are learning great stories! Jr. Youth Group is going great. We have some great conversations and great questions going on! Thank you for being a dedicated part of our Kids Ministry.



November 11, 2017

Vendor show starts at 10am-3pm

Chili/Soup Cook-off will begin at NOON!

Groton United Methodist Church

Shop for great holiday gifts and help judge our chili cook-off.
We will have kid's Activities & a Movie!

SimplyFun, Avon, DoTerra, Roden & Fields, Candles,
Norwex, Pampered Chef, Plunder Jewelry, LipScence,
Clever Container, Usborne Books, BK Designs, &
Cards with Britni (\$2 card class/card at 10:45am and 1:30pm)

Sign up to enter your soup/chili by Nov. 6th
Vendors set up 8:30am & ready by 9:45am
Angela Dobbins 605-380-3870 or grotonumckids@nvc.net

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Groton UMW

November 16th at 1:30 pm
Program "12 Days of Christmas"
by Kay Daly

Hostesses Marjorie Overacker

Conde UMW

November 15th at 10 am

Program "World Thank Offering"
By Jane Worlie

Hostess Cindy Smith

Groton UMW - October

Our monthly meeting, attended by 10 members, began with a program presented by Jeanne Wanous who explained the history of the UMW World Thank Offering. She also shared a world map showing colored dots where UMW missions help women, children, and youth. An explanation of UMW mission locations negatively affected by recent hurricanes was given as well as how UMW missions were able to help local people affected.

Jolene Townsend then opened the regular business meeting. Marjorie Overacker shared devotions and a prayer. Jeanne Wanous reviewed the meeting minutes and the Treasurer's report stating that we had expenses of \$559 leaving a balance of \$1536.04.

Old Business: Jolene stated that no date had been set yet for the Shepards visit. Jolene reported that she attended part of the recent UMW Dakotas Conference Annual Celebration at First UMC in Aberdeen on Oct. 6 & 7. Members were reminded that the UMW will sponsor a Trunk or Treat entry on Halloween and volunteers were asked for to help that evening or to purchase candy for the event.

New Business: Volunteers were asked for to take over for President, Vice-President, Secretary, & Treasurer for 2018. No one volunteered so the same slate of officers will again fulfill those duties in 2018. The same budget used in 2017 was approved for 2018. One member stated that they were interested in making lefse this fall. There was a discussion on relocating the greeting card cart to the library. There being no major objection, we will ok the cart to be relocated. However, members did think that we need to advertise better about the availability of cards for sale to all church members. Jolene reminded everyone to think of their secret angels during the upcoming holiday months. There was a short discussion of groups that would benefit from our donations yet this year. Final donations will need to be agreed on at our November meeting.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Jolene, followed by fellowship and a delicious prepared and served by Pat Dahlquist and Valerie Baker.

Jeanne Wanous
UMW Secretary



Groton UMW - September

Our monthly meeting, attended by 13 members, began with a program presented by Chris Nyberg entitled "Be Prepared". Chris led attendees through a thoughtful exercise of how we either mentally or physical make lists of things in our lives to be prepared for. Each lady was provided with a small notebook for their lists. Lists discussed ranged from items in your purse for a trip to lists for your family in case of death.

The business meeting was then opened by President, Jolene Townsend with members reciting the UMW Purpose. Jolene shared devotions entitled Fruits of our Labor. The Treasurer reported that for the period between May 18 and September 20 we had expenses totaling \$957.40 and no income leaving a balance of \$2,095.04.

Members were reminded to participate in the annual reading program starting now. The book cart has been downsized and moved to the library. It was noted that our UMW Eastern Sunrise District will be renamed to the Northeast District. The annual UMW Dakotas Conference will be held in Aberdeen on Oct. 6 & 7. In addition we will be having a Shepherdess visit along with the Bath UMW.

Valerie Baker reported on the weekly community Table Talks each Wednesday held at St. John's Lutheran Church for grade 9-12 students. She explained that students receive a free lunch and listen to an inspira-

tional speaker each week. The talks are well attended and carry a great message for the youth. Average attendance has been between 75 – 90 students. Volunteers are needed to purchase paper products, napkins, silverware, beverages (milk, apple cider) and fruit. Products can be marked and left at St. John's kitchen. Monetary donations are also appreciated as well as help in food prep, serving, and cleanup. Those wishing to donate their time should plan to be at the St. John's from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Contact Vicki Stange with question or to volunteer. Table talks have been active for the last four years.

New Business:

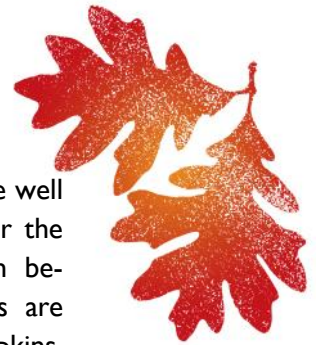
On a motion by JoAnn Krueger and 2nd by Marjorie Overacker, the UMW decided to donate \$300 to Table Talks. The group also discussed making a meal after harvest is complete.

A donation of \$150 was approved for the Carnival of Silver Skates

Jeanne Wanous volunteered to provide a Trunk or Treat entry on behalf of the UMW.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Jolene followed by a dessert lunch provided by Darlys Kampa, Rose Tewksbury, and Marlys Rodman.

Jeanne Wanous
UMW Secretary



UMW Sunday
November 12th
"Jewel of a Woman" Award
Special Recognition Awards
 During Worship at 11 am
No Bake - Bake Sale
 Donate Amount you would spend on ingredients
 or spend buying baked goods.
 For UMW Missions



United Methodist Student Day - Nov 26

Across the country, the people of The United Methodist Church are serving the people God loves in Jesus' name. We're doing it at home, but so often we'd like to do more.

) We want to serve those in other places who are suffering.

) We want to offer spiritual words of hope and life.

And we want to be well-equipped to do both!

But the reality for most of us is that our responsibilities—home, family, work—don't allow us to engage with every need we'd like to meet.

Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their

choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are support these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.

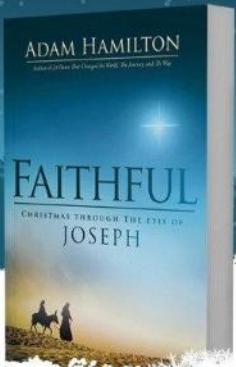
What no one person or congregation can do alone, we're doing together.

Together We're Raising Up Gifted Christian Leaders

When you support United Methodist Student Day, you make it possible for more students to serve the world God loves. So although you can't meet every need you'd like to, your giving allows members of Christ's body to do it in Jesus' name.



*Explore the life of Joseph
this Christmas season*



**NEW ADVENT STUDY
BY ADAM HAMILTON**

Learn more about Faithful at AdamHamilton.org

Tuesday 10 AM Bible Study
Starting Advent Study November 7th
All are welcome to Join Us!

Thanks
be to God
for his
incredible
gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

Our Church Celebrations

Groton

- Nov 2 Andrea Eisenbeisz
- Nov 3 Jon & Gayleen Voss
- Nov 7 Marva Gellhaus
Susan Odland
- Nov 8 Kodi Hinman
- Nov 11 Doug Sippel
- Nov 13 Lindsey Tietz
- Nov 15 Fred & Elaine Wolken
Jack Oliver
- Nov 17 Delaney Atherton
- Nov 18 Luverne Strom (80)
Roman Bahr
- Nov 19 Crystal Strom
Garrett Heitmann
Michael Krueger
- Nov 21 Ava Strom
Larry & Sharon Wheating
Trey Tietz

- Nov 22 Calli Wilkinson
- Nov 23 Dwight & Eugenia Strom
Francine Sippel
- Nov 24 Ian & Karen Rose
Ian Rose
- Nov 25 Emery Sippel
Kari Hanson
- Nov 29 Cheri Strom

Conde

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

**80th Birthday
November 18th**
Luverne Strom
5702 East Lockwood
Mesa, AZ 85215



December Family Committee - Groton

Diann & Brad Morehouse

Carna & Cliff Pray

- J Cheryl Hanson
- J Lance & Kristi Hawkins, Kelby, Kaycie
- J Rick & Sara Hofer
- J Jane & Marc Johnson
- J Dale & Traci Kramer
- J Yvonne Lange
- J Kami & Tom Lipp
- J Laurel & Monte McNickel
- J Karla Pasteur
- J Randy & Sue Stanley
- J Dwight & Eugenia Strom
- J Linda & Gary Thurston

Honorary Members

- J Doris Zoellner
- J Marlys Rodman
- J Susan Odland
- J Rose Tewksbury

December 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 1 Greeter for each Sunday
- J Straighten the Sanctuary Pews
- J Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
- J Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons
- J 5th Sunday May buy donuts and give bill to church treasurer
- J Serve at Golden Living Center - 5th Sunday
- J Help decorate church with November committee
- J **Check and make sure the Christmas Eve candles are okay for the service early in the month in case we have to order new ones.**
- J Prepare Candle Table for Christmas Eve Service
- J Setup table and lay out candles for Christmas Eve
- J Shovel snow from doorways before Church
- J Potluck 2nd Sunday - give church secretary details for bulletin

December 2017						
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Groton Stewardship Report Sept 2017

Average Wkly Giving \$1,992

Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,347

Average Weekly Attendance Sunday 53

Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs \$55



Happy Thanksgiving!



Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

Our Church Happenings



November 2017						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		



- Nov 1 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- Nov 2 Groton Prayer Group 7 pm
- Nov 3 Groton Moms Group 9:30 am
- Nov 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Nov 5 Service of Remembrance during Groton Worship
- Nov 7 Groton 10 AM Bible Study starting a new Advent Study
- Nov 8 Groton Youth Group 7 pm
- Nov 11 Groton Family Fall Festival & Chili Cook Off noon - 3 pm
- Nov 12 Groton UMW Sunday with No Bake - Bake Sale and UMW awards
- Nov 12 Groton Sunday School singing in church
- Nov 15 Conde UMW 10 am
- Nov 15 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- Nov 16 Groton UMW 1:30 pm
- Nov 22 No Confirmation or Kid Zone
- Nov 26 United Methodist Student Day Special Offering
- Nov 26 No Sunday School
- Nov 29 Groton Youth Group 7 pm (chgd because of Thanksgiving)