



# UMC Messenger

MARCH 2018

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 I was reflecting on our journey to the cross this Lenten season, I could not help but think about the way in which I'm allowing the things of the world to get in the way of my walk with Jesus!

As I take time to pray and seek the way in which I can become a better follower of Christ I was reminded of Galatians 2:19b-20

*"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."*

This scripture reminds us that as followers of Christ we must die to ourselves and live for Christ. This should be our focus as we make our way to the cross and come to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ on Easter morning!

As we continue to take time to self-examine our personal relationship with Jesus and our walk as a follower of Jesus,

may all of us seek a way in which we can better serve and point others to Jesus! It is my hope that others could see the love and light of Jesus reflecting through our words, actions and our whole life.

I'm reminded of a famous saying, *Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words.* ~ Francis of Assisi. I believe that as follower of Christ we should not have to announce to the world that we are Christians instead others should see from our life that we are followers of Christ.

I challenge you in this time of self-examination, prayer and meditating on God's word this Lenten season to find the way in which you can become a better disciple of Christ so that other lives can be transform and forever changed!

Holding you in the light!

Pastor Thomas Carlson





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- Darlys Kampa 395-6996
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\*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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# BAPTISM

**Max Emery Erickson**



Baptism will be March 4th during Worship. Blessings Shower will be at 10 am during coffee hour. Max was born Aug 2, 2017 and into size 12-18 months. Max is the son of Seth & Megan Erickson joining sister Haley.

**Beau Daniel Bahr**



Baptism will be March 11th during Worship. Beau was born May 25, 2017. Beau is the son of Dion and Samantha Bahr joining siblings Ashtyn and Jase.

## In Christian Sympathy



**Clare Brotherton**  
 Died February 2nd

Family address: 6710 Pecan Street  
 Moorpark, CA 93021



**Winifred Fawcett**  
 died February 19th

Mother of Anita & John Lowary

# Groton UMW Feb Mtg

The Groton UMW held their first meeting of the new year on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm with 10 members present. Kay Daly presented an interactive program titled "Seasons" based on the scripture Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8. The seasons of life are constantly changing. These constant changes can bring a wide variety of emotions and stresses into our lives. We must remember that even though our "seasons" may seesaw back and forth, God is never threatened by chaos.

President Jolene called the meeting to order. Members recited the UMW Purpose and Pat D. read the devotions based on John 3:16. No secretary/treasurer report was available. Thank you notes were read for many Christmas goodies. (52 cans were delivered)

Our UMW Pledge drive was explained by Jolene and each member is encouraged to participate in order to send our annual pledge to the conference and to financially support so many projects in our community. Please give your pledge to Marjorie Overacker or Jolene by March 30, 2018.

**Our 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of our UMW Community Coffee Hour will be celebrated**

**March 7<sup>th</sup>. Free coffee and donuts!!** We will continue this ministry as so many friends are attending and enjoying the fellowship. If you have not stopped by yet, please do so, every Wednesday from 9 am to 10:30 am.

Groton UMW will be hosting the Northeast District Focus Day on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm. Gloria P and Kelli H. will chair. Morning coffee and roll along with a salad luncheon will be served for \$8.00. Please plan on attending this educational day.

Valerie Baker will serve our unit as chair of Education and Interpretation. Thank you Val.

Our May Luncheon is scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Secret Angel packets were distributed. The 2018 Reading Program was reviewed.

After a closing prayer the meeting was adjourned.

Marjory and Jolene Townsend served peach pie and ice cream.

Next meeting will be hosted by Sharon Wheeting and Pastor Thomas will present the program on Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.

**Groton UMW  
March 15th  
1:30 pm**

**Program  
Pastor Thomas**

**Hostess  
Sharon  
Wheeting**



**UMW Focus  
Days  
at the Groton  
UMC  
Saturday  
April 7th  
8 am - 4 pm**

## Rewoven

After Jen Hatmaker's dog shredded an heirloom baby blanket, she piled up the dirty yarn and asked her mother-in-law to somehow reassemble the original. In *Of Mess and Moxie* (Nelson Books), Hatmaker explains how this is a picture of God's sovereign work.

When our lives are tattered by sin and suffering, God doesn't start from scratch or create a replica. Instead, he uses the original threads to reweave a stronger version and to restore beauty. (Interestingly, when Joseph tells his broth-

ers in Genesis 50:20 [ESV], "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good," the word meant is Hebrew for wove.)

"Nothing bears a better witness than watching God resurrect someone's life," writes Hatmaker. "That is a God who folks want to know, a God worth his glory."





# Conde Bible Study

Seven Conde Church ladies and also one lady from the Catholic Church have been meeting on Tuesday evenings two times a month to have a Bible Study using the book entitled, "O Say Can You See?" by James W. Moore. This book is about Spiritual Blindness. Each chapter is about a different "blindness" and how it relates to our life today. There are several questions for each chapter which involves a lot of Bible reading

to help relate problems of today with those of Biblical times. The studies have been led by Pat Siefken, but with a lot of input from those attending. We also read and studied a book by this same author during the Advent season.

By meeting in the evening, we seem to be able to get more ladies involved. All seven ladies are not able to attend each session, but there is always at least four.

## Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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



When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti's 2010 earthquake or Typhoon Haiyan in 2013—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act.

Since 1940, when UMCOR's forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we've continued to respond to those in desperate need—today throughout more than eighty countries around the world.

The response of UMCOR isn't something "they" do, it's something "we" do.

That's because your generous giving to UMCOR Sunday (**formerly One Great Hour of Sharing**) is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

Because you give, the United Methodist

Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today:

- ) When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded
- ) When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded
- ) When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded
- ) And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond

Will you continue to give to UMCOR Sunday (**formerly One Great Hour of Sharing**)? Will you continue to meet the needs of the children, families and communities who've experienced devastation in the wake of disaster?

When we meet the needs of those who suffer we actually minister to Jesus, who said:

"I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me." (Mt. 25:35-36, CEB)



# Our Church Celebrations

## Groton

- Mar 3 Tristan Kampa
- Mar 4 Britni Carlson  
Kay Daly  
Kale Pharis  
Christina Zoellner
- Mar 5 Chance Strom
- Mar 7 Brian Bahr  
Richard & JoAnn Krueger  
Dale Strom
- Mar 8 Tom & Lindsey Tietz
- Mar 9 Betty Strom
- Mar 14 Mendy Jones  
Sydney Erickson
- Mar 15 Samantha Weber
- Mar 16 Lane Tietz
- Mar 18 Ron Gubin
- Mar 21 Harlan Place  
Kaelee Morehouse
- Mar 24 Emerlee Jones
- Mar 25 Laurel McNickle  
Murdock McNickle

- Mar 26 Chloe Crosby  
Claire Davidson  
Clayton Kurtz  
Justin Morehouse  
Mark Thompson
- Mar 27 Dwight Strom  
Michelle Walter
- Mar 29 Sharon Wheeting  
Zara Maag
- Mar 31 Aiden Strom  
Caralee Heitmann

## Conde

- Mar 4 Britni Carlson
- Mar 6 Stacey Bonn
- Mar 14 Katie Lyren
- Mar 17 Myron Fahrenwald
- Mar 23 Greg Peterson  
Greg Stark
- Mar 27 Cindy Haskell
- Mar 31 Renee Hanlon



March 11th

## Baptism Blessings

Robert Lee Voeller

February 26, 2018





**Lent Begins**

**Ash Wednesday - February 14th**  
 Groton UMC 6 pm and Conde UMC 3 pm

**Communion & Prayer - Every Wednesday**  
 February 21 - March 21 at 7 pm

**Holy Week**

**Good Friday Service - March 30**  
 Community Service at noon - Groton UMC  
 Groton UMC 7 pm and Conde UMC 5:30 pm

**Easter Sunday**

**Sunrise Service at Groton UMC 7 am**  
**Easter Worship - April 1**  
 Conde UMC 9 am and Groton UMC 11 am

*following Groton UMC Sunrise Service*





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<b>Wesley Acres Camp &amp; Retreat</b> 1821 115th Ave SE Dazey, ND 58429	<b>Storm Mountain Center</b> 23740 Storm Mt Rd. Rapid City, SD 57702	<b>Lake Poinsett Camp</b> 20 South Lake Drive Arlington, SD 57212
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**Early Bird Deadline  
April 30th  
Sign-Up Today!**

**Mission**  
Helping Campers to experience  
Christ, creation, & community  
through camp & retreat ministries



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# UMYF Schedule 2018

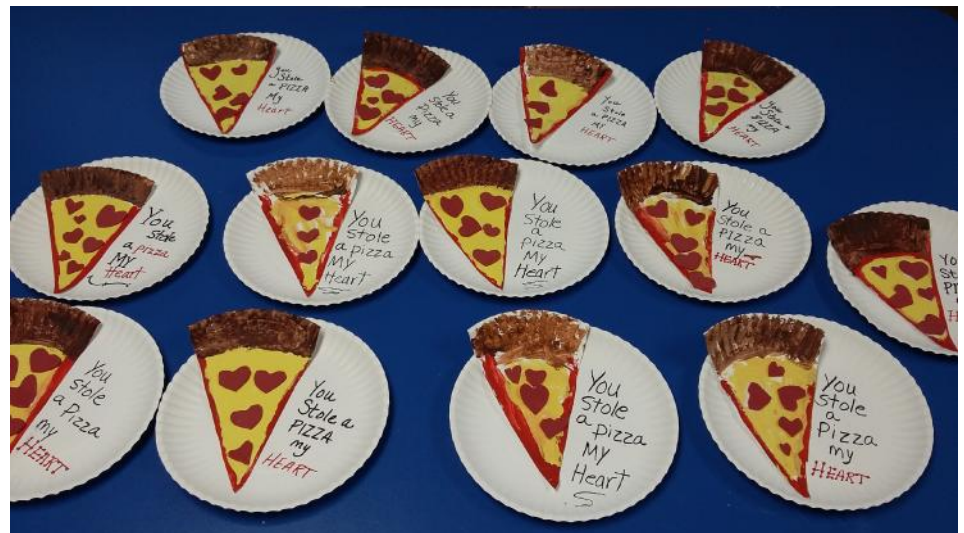
- Mar 14 7 pm at UMC
- Mar 28 7 pm at UMC
- Apr 11 7 pm at ELCA
- Apr 25 7 pm at ELCA
- May 9 Community Service Project TBA



March 23rd  
9:30 am

Kid zone delivered Valentine's to  
Rosewood Court and sang Jesus  
loves me with them in Feb.

WALK BY  
*faith.*  
NOT BY  
*sight.*



# Groton April Family Committee

April 2018						
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

**Kelli & Lars Hanson**

**Anita & John Lowary**

Josh & Merrie Atherton

Melissa & Neil Gilbert, Brooklyn

Pernell & Noella Graf, Alex, Caroline, Dylan  
Carol Knecht

Yvonne Lorenz, Sage

Brenda & Tony Madsen

Tim Olson

John Padfield

Kevin & Kara Pharis, Kale

Roger & Pam Rix

Lynette & Leroy Severson

Fran & Marc Sippel, Anthony

**Honorary Members**

) Darlys Kampa

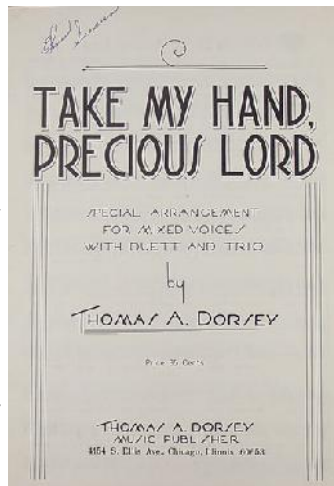
**April Responsibilities**

- ) 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
- ) Change the banners as needed as per schedule in back of this book
- ) Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
- ) Potluck 2nd Sunday - give church secretary details for bulletin
- ) Serve at Golden Living Center - 5th Sunday
- ) 5th Sunday may buy donuts and give bill to church treasurer
- ) Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons



## Following God's Lead

Jazz musician Thomas Dorsey traveled an unlikely road to become the “father of black gospel music.” At age 11, he dropped out of school to be a vaudeville performer and blues pianist. While Dorsey recovered from a nervous breakdown at age 21, his mother urged him to serve the Lord with his talents. It took several years, but the musician committed to composing spiritual songs — rejected by many mainstream churches as “the devil’s music.”



In 1932, after Dorsey’s wife and infant son died during childbirth, he channeled his grief into the piano, writing “Precious Lord, Take My Hand.” Known to be a favorite song of Martin Luther King Jr., it ends with these lyrics: “Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.”



Groton UMC Mission

**ENRICHING SPIRITUAL  
LIVES  
THROUGH CHRIST**



# Our Church Happenings

- Mar 4 Groton Baptism & Blessings Shower for Max Emery Erickson
- Mar 7 Groton Lent Communion & Prayer 7 pm
- Mar 11 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Mar 11 Groton Baptism of Beau Daniel Bahr
- Mar 14 Groton UMYF 7 pm at UMC
- Mar 14 Groton Lent Communion & Prayer 7 pm
- Mar 15 Groton UMW 1:30 pm
- Mar 21 Groton Ad Council 7:30 pm
- Mar 21 Groton Lent Communion & Prayer 7 pm
- Mar 23 Groton MomS Group 9:30 am
- Mar 25 Palm Sunday
- Mar 28 Groton UMYF 7 pm at UMC
- Mar 30 Good Friday Service Noon Community Service at the Groton UMC
- Mar 30 Conde Good Friday Service at 5:30 PM
- Mar 30 Groton Good Friday Service at 7 pm
- Apr 1 Groton Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 7 am and Worship at 11 am
- Apr 1 Conde Easter Worship 9 am
- Apr 1 No Groton Sunday School
- Apr 7 UMW Focus Days 8am-4 pm

March 2018						
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