



June 2019

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...from Pastor Brandon

A Twisted Tale

One of my favorite things about Ashley and I's new marriage is all the wonderful traditions we are able to introduce into our lives. Some big, some small, but most are unexpected. One of those traditions I have loved so much that was truly unexpected is us sitting in bed together, reading before we're ready to fall asleep. Now I am not usually a reader outside of my reading list for work and school, but Ashley turned me onto a series involving "Twisted Tales". The book I am reading is based on Disney's Aladdin, written by Liz Braswell and its based on the idea, What if Aladdin had never found the genie's lamp? Do you get it? A story we've heard many times before, but this time... with a twist.

It had me thinking about this season of change and transition. School ending, graduations into new stages of life, weather changing, SO many weddings... spring brings with it new life and new opportunities. Now, change for someone like me is exciting, but for others is terrifying. Decisions to be made. New work to be done. Future cloudy.

Which college should I



choose? What job should I take? Which place should we move into? Where to bank, where to invest, what if we're late to planting? In the church we use the word "Call" quite often, but I think to the point of abuse on some levels. "Where is God calling me? What does God want me to do next? I just don't want to deviate from my call." Talk about pressure! No one wants to make the wrong decision and find themselves NOT right where they are supposed to be.

But during change, what if we stepped back and remembered who we are? Often, we either push God from our decision-making processes, or we invite Him in, get frustrated in His lack of timeliness, and THEN

push Him from the process.

I think we give ourselves far too much credit for the things that will happen in the future. We're terrified to make the wrong choice for fear of ruining our lives or all that we've built to this point. And being thoughtful is good! Being careful and intentional is a wonderful thing. But we often forget we serve a God who is Sovereign. Sovereign meaning supreme power. If we trust that God has a plan for us, and we trust that He is Sovereign over everything, then how can we be scared of making the wrong choice? Do we really think we can do something to stand in the way of God's will for us? Do we really think we can make a choice God can't work with?

At the end of my book, Aladdin and Princess Jasmine still defeat Jafar. The Genie is freed and Agrabah is safe. The story changed, but the result was the same, and that is what I hope for us to hold close to our hearts during this season of transition. New schedules, new relationships, new work, new homes, whatever it is may take us here or there, but the end result will not change.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. -Romans 8:28

Christ loves you. He is with you. He will never leave you.

Let's step into the future unafraid of messing something up and excited for new God opportunities.

Pastor Brandon Dunham



Pastor
In Office
Tuesday &
Thursday
Mornings

Friday
Day Off

Confirmation - Groton

May 5th was Confirmation Sunday. We welcomed the following students to our church.

-) KayLynn Overacker
-) Ashtyn Bahr
-) Jackson Bahr
-) Tyson Parrow



Come & Go Bridal Shower
 June 15th at the Groton UMC
 there will be an Open House Bridal Shower for Maddy Smith, bride-to-be of Dylan Hanson, from 9 am - 11 am hosted by friends of the Bride.



Little Free Library

Stories, Activities, Light Snack, and Surprise Guest Authors will all be a part of the Little Free Library Story Time in the church front yard. It will start Wednesday, June 5 through Wednesday, July 31 each Wednesday at 10:30 am. There is no story time the week of July 3rd. There is no story time if rainy weather.



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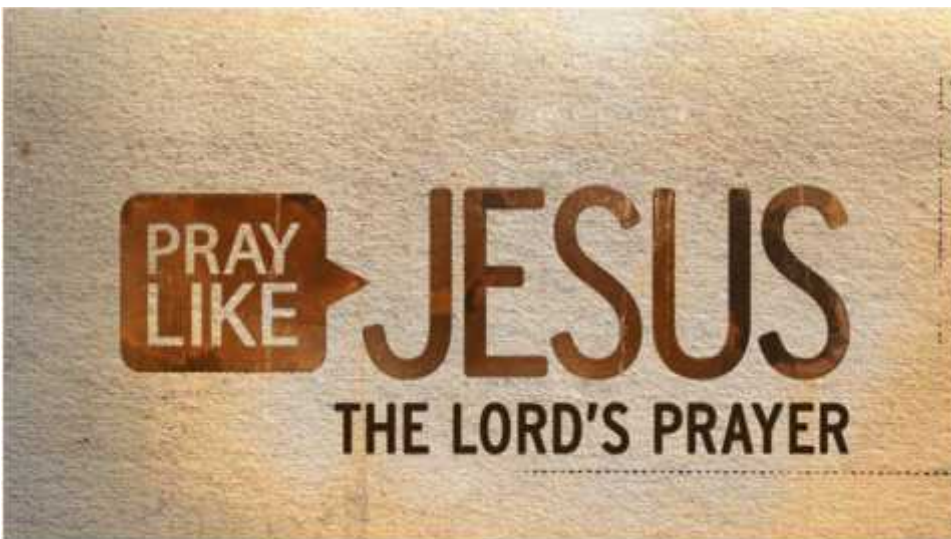
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Weekend Vacation Bible School - 2019



Saddle up for a trailblazing weekend of fun! Kids will kick up their heels at Yee-Haw VBS as they stam-pede through the wild frontier and celebrate God’ s greatest gift of all—Jesus! Dates will be coming soon and best of all, its FREE! So, invite your friends and get excited, because VBS is coming back!

If your interested at all with helping organize, station lead, or contribute in any way... email pastor-brandon@nvc.net or sign-up Sunday morning in services.



Coming up on June 16th we will be beginning an 8-week series based on the Lord’s Prayer, beginning on Father’s Day with the label of Father. Pastor Brandon will also have a special treat for the wonderful men of our congregation, so you won’t want to miss out!





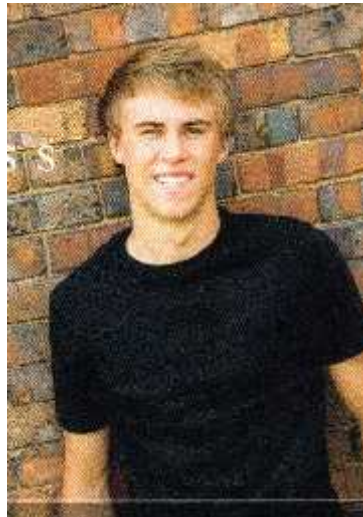
Claire Davidson

Parents: Russell & Karla Davidson
 Plans: Northern State University for pre-mortuary
 Prayer Request: To watch over me and help me through any anxiety or the scary thoughts of going into college.
 Favorite Candy: Reese's
 Favorite Snack: Cheddar Chex Mix



Treyton Diegel

Parents: Steve & Becky Diegel
 Plans: SDSU for Ag Business
 Prayer Request: That I am successful in college.
 Favorite Candy: Snickers
 Favorite Snack: Gold Fish



Caroline Graf

Parent: Pernel Graf
 Plans: Going to Lake Area Tech for law enforcement
 Prayer Request: Healthy life to make it through college.
 Favorite Candy: Reese's
 Favorite Snack: Peanut Butter Cookies



Coming Soon!



Groton UMW May Salad Luncheon



*The Kitchen...
... can be spoons of fun!*



Groton UMW - May

There were nine members in attendance at our May meeting. President Jolene Townsend opened by handing out Apron coloring sheets in honor of Eunice Alberts.

Jeanne Wanous gave the program entitled "Lessons from a Cactus". She related how cactus and succulents relate to the Bible and God's teachings and blessings as we manage our everyday lives. She planted a succulent as a reminder of how God prepares us for the world. The newly planted succulent was then given to the person whose birthday was closest to the meeting date. That was Doris

Strom.

President Jolene Townsend then continued the meeting, by having members repeat the UMW Purpose. Valerie Baker read devotions followed by Jeanne Wanous reading previous meeting minutes and giving our financial report. It was reported that we served 131 at our May Luncheon, making a profit of \$1,006. However there may be some advertising bills still to be paid.

Our three members who made purple scarves for the Lydia Project were recognized. They were Darlys Kampa, Rose Tewksbury, and Valerie

Baker.

The group voted to donate \$250 to Groton pool passes and/or swim lessons for those who are in need.

Jolene reminded members that we will sponsor a Fall Rummage Sale event at our church on September 7. This year we will only rent out table and room space and well as sell food to raise money. We will not be soliciting donations for a UMW sale.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Jolene followed by a lunch served by Jeanne Wanous.

Jeanne Wanous
Secretary Pro Tem

Groton UMW Celebration
June 20th at 1:30 pm
Hostess Diann Morehouse



Recipes from the UMW May Salad Luncheon

Best Grape Salad

(Jeanne Wanous)

INGREDIENTS	DIRECTIONS
2 cups Green Grapes	1. Wash, stem, and dry grapes.
2 cups Red Grapes	2. Set aside.
8 oz. Cream Cheese	3. Mix softened cream cheese, sour cream, white sugar and vanilla.
8 oz. Sour Cream	4. Stir grapes into mixture.
1/2 cup Granulated Sugar	5. For Topping: Combine brown sugar and crushed pecans.
3/4 tsp Vanilla Extract	6. Chill overnight.
Topping:	7. Sprinkle over top of grapes just before serving.
1/2 cup Brown Sugar	
1/2 cup Chopped Pecans	

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20-Min BLT Pasta Salad

Kay Daly

- 1 lb bow tie pasta
- 1 cup Zesty Italian Salad Dressing
- 1/2 cup creamy Ranch Salad Dressing
- 1 lb thick sliced bacon, cut in strips, and fried till crispy
- 2 lge ripe tomatoes diced
- 1 bag romaine lettuce
- 1/3 cup red onion, diced
- Salt and pepper to taste

-) Cook Pasta until al dente, about 10 min and cool.
-) Combine Zesty Italian Dressing and Ranch Dressing mixing well. Add dressing to pasta and toss well to coat.
-) Add bacon, lettuce, tomato, and onion and combine well. Season with salt and pepper as desired. Serve at once or chill until needed.
-) When I had to make this ahead, I would mix everything but the lettuce. And toss that in just before serving with extra Ranch if needed.

Recipe Frito Corn Chip Salad
 From umw Makes 10-12 servings

1/2 cup diced purple onion
 1/2 cup diced green bell pepper
 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
 1/2 cup chopped celery
 1 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
 1 10oz bag Chili Cheese Frito
 Corn chips
 2 15oz can whole kernel corn
 3 tablespoons Ranch drsg.
 1/2 cup Miracle Whip

Drain corn. Mix all ingredients except Fritos in a large bowl. Chill for a couple hours. Add Fritos just before serving.

Chicken Pasta Salad with Mandarin Oranges

Jane Johnson

-) Pasta
-) Rotisserie Chicken
-) Celery
-) Mandarin oranges
-) Briannas Poppy Seed Dressing

If you brought a salad and there was no recipe card, we can put more recipes in next month for summer! Please just email it to Kay Daly at grotonumc@nvc.net and enjoy your summer salads! Or if you have a salad you wish to share?

Classic Pea Salad

- 16 oz. frozen peas (rinse & let dry)
- 1 1/3 c. Mayonnaise
- 2 t. Sugar
- 1/2 t. Kosher Salt
- 1/2 t. Black Pepper
- 1/4 c. Chopped Red Onion
- 1 c. Shredded Cheddar Cheese
- 1/3 c. Bacon Bits
- Mix & Chill at least 2 hours

Bean Salad

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| 1 Can Green Beans | } Mix for Dressing | 3 T Vinegar |
| 1 Can Yellow Beans | | 3 T Salad Oil |
| 1 Can Peas | | 3 T Sugar |
| 1 Can Kidney Beans | | Salt + Pepper To Taste |
| 1 Medium Onion (Chopped) (or in rings) | | ← Drained & Mixed Together |
| 3 Stalks Celery - Chopped | | |
| 1/2 Green Pepper - Diced | | |
| 2 oz. jar Pimientos | | Pour Dressing over Vegetables |
| | | Mix + Chill Overnight |

Ambrosia Salad

- 2 - cans pineapple chunks, drained
- 2 - cans mandarin oranges, drained
- 2 - jar maraschino cherries, drained
- 1/2 bag mini marshmallows
- 4 oz. sour cream
- 16 oz. Cool Whip
- Combine sour cream and Cool Whip. Fold in all other ingredients. Chill covered for at least 2 hours.



Recipe for Fatherhood

A man who wishes to be a great Christian father should consider the following:

-) Let your children see that you treat your own parents with love and respect. Honor them.
-) Let your children see that you love your heavenly Father.
-) Show in various ways that you love their mother. A loving home is a secure, stable, supportive home where each person is treated with tender loving care.
-) Listen to your children. Put down the paper, turn off the television, leave the computer and frequently ask what is going on in their lives.
-) Plan and execute trips and recreational activities together.
-) Take part in school, scouting, musical and drama activities with them. Praise sincerely whatever contribution the child has made to the event.
-) Make your home cheerful. Tell funny stories and laugh. Laughter at the table creates a happy environment.
-) When your children ask for it, give your best advice, but don't complain when they don't follow it. The school of hard knocks is still relevant.
-) Take them to worship regularly. The church helps provide guidance, stability and unity for families. And God can seal together the family that honors Him.

Our Church Celebrations...

Groton

- Jun 1 Anita Lowary
- Jun 2 Doug Daly
- Jun 3 Donald Nissen
Cheri & Tom Strom
- Jun 4 Jan Raap
Jay Johnson
Gary & Caralee Heitmann
- Jun 6 Bailee Zoellner
- Jun 7 Peyton Padfield
- Jun 8 Lacey Voss
Zoey Strom
- Jun 10 Jacob Morehouse
- Jun 11 Jim & Mendy Jones
- Jun 13 Roger Rix
Zach & Stephanie Townsend
- Jun 14 Danielle Schinkel
Roger Overacker
- Jun 15 Eugenia Strom
Jessie & Jaymie Overacker
Leroy & Lynette Severson
- Jun 15 Harry Pharis Jr.
Gavin Voss
- Jun 17 Jesse Morehouse
Kristopher Oleson
- Jun 18 Nick Strom

- Jun 19 Pat Dahlquist
Garrett & Sindi Hetimann
- Jun 20 Harlan & Peggy Place
- Jun 21 Gary & Linda Thurston
- Jun 22 Angela Dobbins
- Jun 23 Kaycie Hawkins
Chesney Weber
Easton Weber
- Jun 24 Jeremy Weber
Mark & June Thompson
- Jun 25 Carol Knecht
Mavrik Severson
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
- Jun 20 Cary Bruckner
- Jun 22 Julie Bruckner
- Jun 26 Grant Hanson
- Jun 27 Lance Haskell
- Jun 30 Betty Barrie



**Groton
Stewardship
Report April 2019**

Average
Wkly Giving
\$1,720

Needed Wkly for
Church Mission
\$2,347

Average Weekly
Attendance Sunday
68

Total Building Fund
Donations
for Repairs
\$135

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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



July 2019						
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Groton July Family Committee

Valerie Baker

Chris & Sherwin Nyberg

Evan Erickson

JoAnn & Richard Krueger

Chuck Padfield

Joey & Sabrina Padfield

Randy & Rebecca Padfield

Gloria & Harry Pharis

Lindsey & Tom Tietz

Joyce & Allen Walter

Kim & Craig Weber

Sydney Wilkinson

Honorary Members

-) Jean Walter
-) Marjory Townsend
-) Pat Dahlquist

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
-) Change the banners as needed as per schedule in back of the committee book
-) Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
-) Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons

Peace with Justice Sunday - June 16

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 issue
- 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!

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Our Church Happenings...

- June 5 Little Free Library starts 10:30 am each week
- June 6-8 General Conference in Bismarck
- June 9 Pentecost Sunday - Wear Red!
- June 15 Hanson/Smith Open House Bridal Shower 9 am - 11 am
- June 16 Father's Day
- June 16 Peace with Justice Sunday
- June 19 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- June 20 Groton UMW at 1:30 pm
- June 30 Nursing Home Coffee & Worship

