



Groton & Conde
United Methodist Church

Newsletter

November 2020

906 N 1st St, Groton, SD 57445

...from Pastor Brandon

Hello Church Family,

What a crazy month that was... really, it's felt like a crazy 8 months am I right? If you are like me, this year has brought with it numerous joys. I think of Ashley and I's first wedding anniversary, trips to see family, baptisms and a sense of reenergized faith in corners of our churches. But along with those joys have been unexpected struggles that have weighed on us far longer than we desired to carry them. One of which, that has been such an emotional weight on my soul, is the Presidential election. An election cycle that, as the conclusion hangs in the balance, I find myself looking to Jesus and asking, "What do we do now?"

In a time where hostility has grown exponentially and the very fate of our country apparently hangs in the balance (just so we all know... it doesn't), I think how does our church act in a time that needs it so much? John Wesley once instructed when electing leaders these wise words, "to vote, without fee or reward for the person they judged most worthy, to speak no evil of the person they voted against, and to take care their spirits were not sharpened against those who voted on the other side."



As I read these words, I see a vision of what my next steps should look like. I see a vision of how I can be a part of the greatest Democracy in the world and also love my neighbor as myself the way Jesus commissioned. What has passed has passed, but it is now the time to take care that our spirits have not been sharpened against those who view things differently as we do. It is a time to extend the hand of grace we have received to one another and ensure that our differences do not have to tear us apart, but we are one body, under Christ.

As I am sitting here writing I am reminded of Ethos. Two months spent looking at what kind of church we feel God is calling us to be and I think, "What an opportunity we

have to be peacemakers in a time of such hostility! What a chance we have to come alongside one another, regardless of political affiliation and be an example of God's family in this community. An example of those seeking God's Kingdom here in Groton and Conde and those with a passion to rise to the moment and partner in God's mission of restoration. People all across our community are looking for a light... let this be God's moment to shine."

So, I urge you all to go forth in this post-election moment and simply put... be the Church.

Pastor Brandon Dunham,



Annual Charge Conference

Saturday
November 14th
10 am

Online with Zoom
Meeting ID
953 5014 9217



Pastor
In Office
Tuesday &
Thursday
Mornings

Friday
Day Off

Groton Nov UMW Meeting

November 19th at 1:30 pm we will be meeting on Thursday afternoon. The Program will be "Movie" and the Hostess will be Jolene Townsend

We will also plan our Christmas Events, Finalize the 2020 date book, Finalize the 2020 budget, and Summarize UMW for the year 2019. Keep working on the Reading Program at this time.



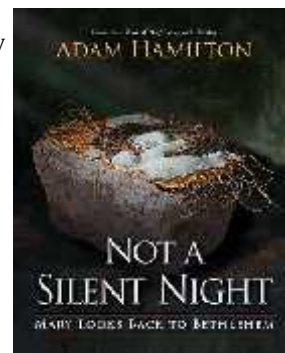
Welcome

Julie Morehouse

New UMW Member!

Advent Bible Study

Pastor Brandon will be teaching an Advent Bible Study in Groton on Mondays at 7 pm beginning Nov 16th. In Conde, Tuesdays at 6 pm beginning Nov 17th. The book will be "Not a Silent Night" by Adam Hamilton



Sympathies

Alan Townsend passed away Wednesday, October 28th at his home in Conde.



Sending Our
SYMPATHY

Thank You

- ♦ for the projector, sanctuary TV, computer & software in memory of Harry Pharis
- ♦ for fellowship hall TV in memory of Mickey Padfield

Church Information

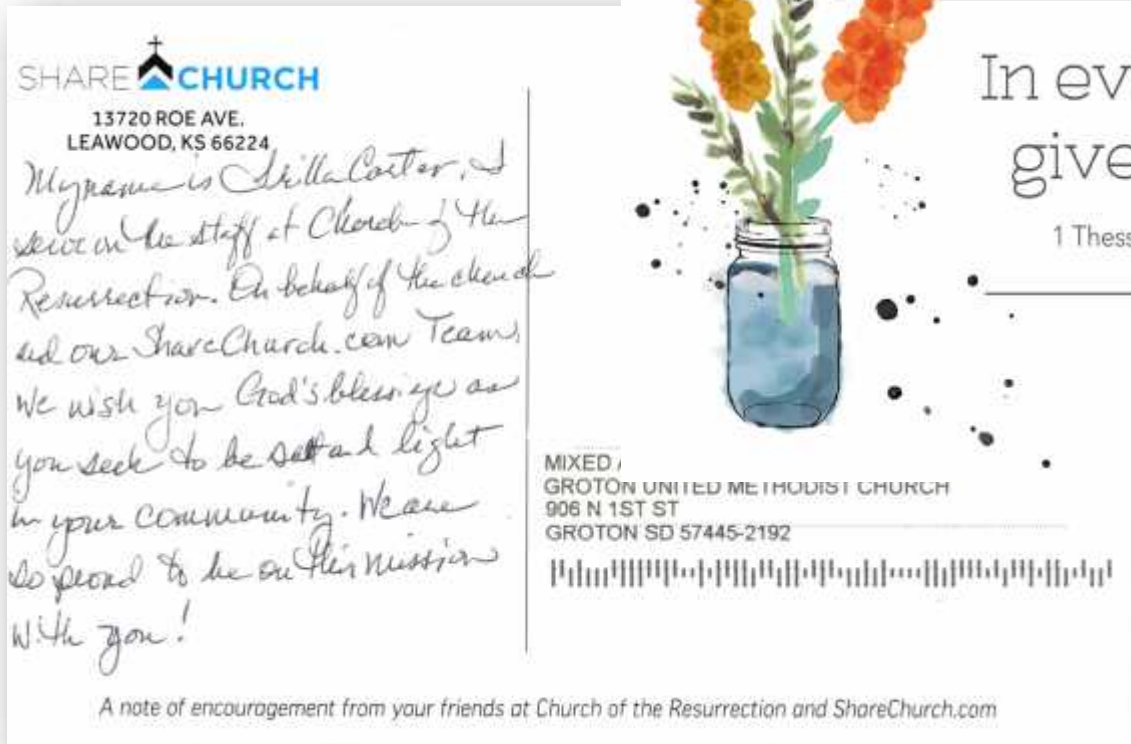
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Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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



A taste of history

Add a yummy, authentic touch to your Thanksgiving meal with this recipe.



What you need:

- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- pint jar with lid
- strainer
- bowl
- container
- salt



What you do:

1. Pour cream into the jar and close the lid tightly.
2. Shake vigorously about 8 minutes, until a solid lump of butter forms. (Take turns with a friend!)
3. Strain the contents, catching the buttermilk in a bowl to save for another recipe.
4. Put the butter in a container. Add salt to taste.
5. After chilling the butter, enjoy on fresh bread.

November 29th Special Giving

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

MATTHEW 5:16

UNITED METHODIST
STUDENT DAY



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church

"United Methodist Student Day is just around the corner. We will celebrate United Methodist Student Day on November 29, 2020. Last year our church, along with other United Methodist congregations, gave \$370,123 to the offering. This year, the world has experienced some unprecedented times, but we hope that you will give as much as you can to help our United Methodist students. When you give to the United Methodist Student Day offering, your gifts support the Gift of Hope Scholarship program that is awarded to United Methodist students annually. Thank you.

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ? ?

After Jesus healed 10 men at one time, how many returned to thank him? What had been their ailment?

- A. five; blindness
- B. all 10; deafness
- C. one; possession by demons
- D. one; leprosy



Answer D (See Luke 17:11-19)



In line with so many things in our church, jobs, and families... COVID-19 has effected our usual way of doing things. But as a church that is seeking ways to live as disciples of Jesus Christ for the TRANSFORMATION of the world... we're going to press forward

This year our Fall Dinner is our biggest missional opportunity we've had since the virus has hit. Where we would usually prepare a beautiful meal and eat it together, we are going to be offering that meal in a drive-thru . We will have signs directing traffic from our North Parking lot to our "front doors" where a meal will be brought out to you in easy travel safe packaging so all can feel safe in receiving the meal.

What makes this event even more special is we want this meal to be a free gift to those who may really appreciate a warm meal they don't need to cook that morning. So to cover our costs we will be taking a free-will offering with hopes that we would not only cover our food costs, but that we would be able to continue to do these types of meals in the future.

God Bless and spread the word!



Trunk or Treat





More from the trunk or treaters....



Thanksgiving Baskets

Missions will be collecting turkeys, and all the fixings for Thanksgiving Dinners for 10 - 12 families. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board by the Nursery for what we will need. If you prefer to make a monetary donation rather than to go shopping, contact Valerie Baker, Missions President 252-1521 and we will do the shopping for you.

We ask that all items are brought to Church by Saturday evening Nov. 21 so we can get them put together and delivered on Sunday. Thank you all for your contribution in this program and helping others in the community to have a Dinner they might not otherwise have.

Honoring Harry Pharis, Jr - died 12/14/19



All Saints' Day

THIS POOR SOUL CRIED,
AND WAS **HEARD BY THE LORD.**
AND WAS SAVED FROM
EVERY TROUBLE.

PSALM 34:6, NRSV



Groton December Family Committee

Randy & Sue Stanley

Lindsey & Tom Tietz

Valerie Baker

Darlyne Daly, Ryder

Evan Erickson

Sydney Erickson

Jane & Marc Johnson

JoAnn & Richard Krueger

Chris & Sherwin Nyberg

Chuck Padfield

Joey & Sabrina Padfield

Randy & Rebecca Padfield

Betty Strom

Joyce & Allen Walter

Kim & Craig Weber

Honorary Members

* Darlys kampa

* Jean Walter

December Responsibilities

- * Check Kitchen Supplies for the month
- * Check & Clean Oven and Fridge as necessary
- * Coffee Hour workers (as per

ad council guidelines)

- * 2 Ushers for each Sunday
- * 1 Greeter 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
- * Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons
- * Help decorate church with Nov Committee as per ad council guidelines
- * Prepare Candle table for Christmas Eve Service
- * Setup table and lay out candles for Christmas Eve and put them away after the service
- * Shovel snow from doorways before Church

December 2020						
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November 29th

The Simplest Prayer

An eccentric blind man nicknamed Joybubbles reportedly loved Mr. Rogers so much he listened to 10 hours of the TV show daily until he'd heard them all. One night, when Joybubbles was in a kind of awake dream state, he said Mr. Rogers visited him and offered to teach him how to pray.

Joybubbles protested that he couldn't pray because he always forgot the

words. To which Mr. Rogers said not to worry; the prayer he'd teach had only three words. "What kind of prayer has only three words?" Joybubbles asked.

"Thank you, God," Mr. Rogers replied.

—adapted from *The Wired Word*



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 Jack Oliver
 Nov 15 Fred & Elaine Wolken
 Nov 17 Delaney Atherton
 Nov 18 Luverne Strom
 Roman Bahr
 Nov 19 Crystal Strom
 Garrett Heitmann
 Michael Krueger

Nov 21 Ava Strom
 Larry & Sharon Wheeting
 Trey Tietz
 Nov 22 Calli Wilkinson
 Nov 23 Dwight & Eugenia Strom
 Francine Sippel
 Nov 24 Ian & Karen Rose
 Ian Rose
 Nov 25 Kari Hanson
 Nov 29 Cheri Strom
Conde
 Nov 8 Dorothy Sanderson
 Nov 25 Bud Bruckner
 Nov 25 Betty Geist

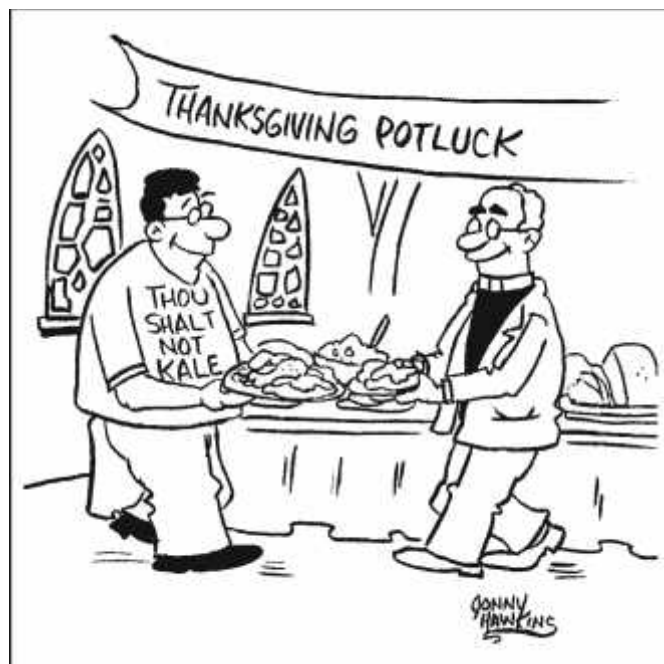




18th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

NOVEMBER 26

Carry Out or Home Delivery Only!
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Pick up at Community Center, Groton
For reservations call: 397-8422 or 397-6693
Freewill Donations Benefit The Community
For more information contact:
Tom and Barb Paepke - 395-6693



Groton Ad Council - Oct

Chairman Alan Townsend called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Alan Townsend shared a prayer prior to our discussion of business.

A Thank You card was shared by the Ian and Karen Rose family for the wonderful blessing shower and baptismal service for Ava Joy Rose.

Treasurer's Report: Marjorie Overacker stated that our balance is holding steady. Attendance has averaged 30-40 per Sunday. The Financial Committee continues to work on the Budget for 2021.

No report from the Financial Secretary or Pastor/Parish Treasurer.

No new bills presented.

Administrative Report: Pastor Brandon shared that the installation by Lang's of the 2 new televisions, projector and computer have been installed in the church. A desk has been put in place and the technical adjustments will begin. The next project will be to purchase a new camera to conduct the online Sunday morning services.

Trunk or Treat will be held in the parking lot Friday, October 30. Contact Pastor Brandon for more information.

A drive -thru Fall Dinner will take place Sunday November 15th from Noon to 1:30 pm. A Volunteer Group will be planning and preparing with the final details to be announced. District Superintendent, Kris Mutzenberger from Fargo, ND. will conduct our **UMC Annual Conference Saturday, November 14th at 10 am.** All members of the church are invited to attend.

Committee Reports:

Trustees: Richard Krueger stated that a surplus sale of items no longer needed in the church will be for sale. Look for items and prices in the newsletter. Locks Electric will be completing a few projects.

Memorial Committee: Linda Thurston announced that All Saints Day will be celebrated during church service on November 1.

There being no Old Business or New Business, Marj motioned to adjourn and Brent 2nd. Meeting adjourned.

Jolene Townsend, Sec. Pro tem

Groton Stewardship Report Sept 2020

Average
Wkly Giving
\$2,131

Needed Wkly for
Church Mission
\$2,285

Average Weekly
Attendance Sunday
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Total Building Fund
Donations
for Repairs
\$15



A little boy opened the big family Bible...

He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Mama, look what I found,"

the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?"

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"



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Our Church Happenings...

Nov 1 All Saints Day

Nov 1 Daylight Saving Time Ends

Nov 11 Groton UMYF 7 pm

Nov 14 Charge Conference via Zoom 10 am

Nov 15 Groton UMC Fall Dinner Drive-Thru 12:00 -1:30 pm

Nov 16 Groton Advent Bible Study at 7 pm with Pastor for 4 weeks

Nov 17 Conde Advent Bible Study at 6 pm with Pastor for 4 weeks

Nov 18 Groton Ad Council 7 pm

Nov 19 Groton UMW Meeting 1:30 pm

Nov 25 Groton UMYF 7 pm

Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent