



June 2021

906 N 1st St, Groton, SD 57445

...from Pastor Brandon

Hello Church Family,

Psalm 118:24, "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

Has anyone else woken up in the morning and found themselves struggling to get behind this sentiment? Some-days just don't feel like a day we should be rejoicing over, do they? Because we know what is going on in our own lives and truthfully, it's not always exciting to deal with. Sometimes it's tiring. Sometimes is challenging. Sometimes it's even heartbreaking.

If you've been with us in worship, we are studying the Sermon on the Mount and Jesus begins by sharing this word of blessing, which in the Greek is "Makarios". And "Makarios" is special because it is not, "you will be blessed someday", it's a statement of what already is. You are blessed. We are blessed. As followers of the way of Jesus we are already and abundantly



blessed.

And if we're honest we would most of the time say that's true, but how can we say that and believe it, when we're lying in bed on the front end of what we know will be a difficult day? Here is what has been working for me...

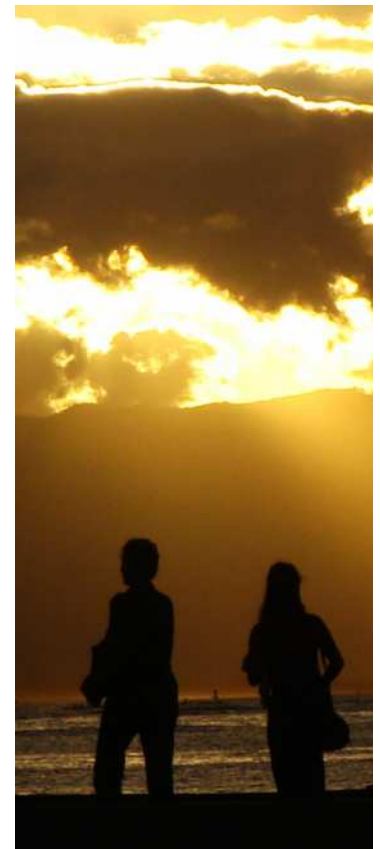
I remember how lucky I am that God created me in the first place. I remember how fortunate I am that Jesus opened the door for me to enter into His presence and it's there I can lay all of my struggles and questions and doubts down and seek peace. And I'm blessed because at the end of the day, regardless of how it went, I

know that God loves me. That He is for me. He wants to see me find my way through this life He gave me. And when it's all said and done, I'm going home someday to be with Him.

My challenge to you all this month is a month of gratitude. When you wake up each morning, I challenge you to recite these words of Psalm 118:24,

"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

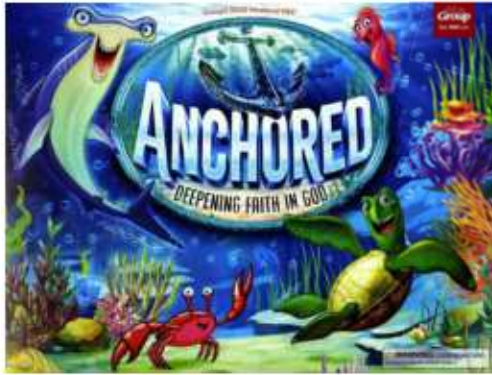
Peace be with you,
Pastor Brandon Dunham



OFFICE HOURS

Pastor
In Office
Tuesday &
Thursday
Mornings

Friday
Day Off



DIVE INTO OCEANS OF VBS FUN!

Groton United Methodist Church

August 10-11

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

(Supper provided)

Get on board for waves of fun by registering today!

Text – 216-2981 (Meri)

380-8012 (Megan)

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**Congratulations to our
Graduating Seniors**

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Safe Harbor Birthday Boxes

Groton UMW hopes to donate 15 birthday boxes to Safe Harbor in early June. Each year about 15-20 children staying at Safe Harbor have birthdays. Safe Harbor has run out of their supply of "Birthday Boxes".

Each box contains: 1 - 9"x13" disposable cake baking pan; 1 cake mix; 1 tub or can of frosting; a package of birthday candles; a package of

12-20 paper plates; a package of birthday napkins; a birthday or name banner to decorate the room; and some type of party favors for the children. (Lists and examples are available at the church.)


If anyone wishes to donate to this cause please bring the supplies for a box or several boxes to the Groton UMC by June 6. If several people wish



Bible Quiz

Complete this proverb: "Like snow in _____ or rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool."

- A. springtime
- B. summer
- C. seedtime
- D. autumn



Answer: B (See Proverbs 26:1, ESV.)

to bring different parts of the box, that is welcome or if you just wish to donate cash to help finish up these boxes, please give to Jolene Townsend or Jeanne Wanous. Each "birthday box" will be separately wrapped in plastic so they can see if it is meant for a girl or a boy or a teen.

First toilet paper and now gasoline. I'm thinking about starting a rumor that there is an impending shortage of seats at church this Sunday.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Join us!
The UMC Groton Community Coffee Hour from 9:30am to 10:30am each Weds has resumed! All are welcome.



That you may Live

During the pandemic, I've worshiped online with several congregations. The web address for one ends ".net/live." As I navigate to this site, I tend to read the adjective form "live," as in "livestream." One Sunday, however, the verb form, as in "Worship and live," popped into my mind. I had almost slept in and skipped that morning's service. But as I worshiped with others, albeit remotely, my spirit indeed felt increasingly alive. That whole day I felt I was *living* more fully because I'd been inspired by God's Word in sermon and song and shared in praising God with others. Worship reminds us there is something — Someone — greater than ourselves. Worship opens us to new ways of living.

Moses, after he had passed along God's gift of the Ten Commandments, including the rule to keep the Sabbath day holy through rest and worship, told the people, "Walk in obedience to all that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live" (Deuteronomy 5:33, NIV).

We too worship God regularly — so that we may more fully live.
—Heidi Hyland Mann

Congratulations!

THE WEDDING OF

Carol Knecht

Trevor Lien

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021 5:30 PM

Wedding Ceremony

OFFICIANT, *FRANNE SIPPEL*

PROCESSIONAL

BEST MAN, *ISAAC LIEN*

MOTHER OF THE BRIDE, *PAT DAHLQUIST*

BEST MAN, *SPENCER KNECHT* & MAID OF HONOR, *MACY KNECHT*

OPENING

STEVE HOGG

EXCHANGE OF VOWS

DECLARATION OF INTENT (I DO)

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

TREE PLANTING CEREMONY

READING: *"THOUGHTS IN A GARDEN"*

DAN DAHLQUIST, BROTHER OF BRIDE

SONG: *"FEELS LIKE HOME"*

MACY KNECHT

BLESSING

PAT DAHLQUIST


DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE

WEATHER PERMITTING, PLEASE JOIN US FOR A GROUP PHOTO ON THE PATIO!



Join us this summer!

“Oh the places you’ll go”

When you READ! 

Here are the community story time options this summer in Groton:

Groton Elementary School Library 10:00 AM	Outdoor United Methodist Church “Little Free Library” (LFL) 10:00 AM	The new Groton City Library (Prior Wells Fargo Building) 10:00 AM
Join us Tuesdays:	Join us Wednesdays:	Join us Thursdays:
	May 12 th	May 13 th
May 18 th	May 19 th	May 20 th
June 25 th	May 26 th	May 27 th
June 1 st	June 2 nd	June 3 rd
June 8 th	June 9 th	June 10 th
June 15 th	June 16 th	June 17 th
June 22 nd	June 23 rd	June 24 th
June 29 th	June 30 th	NO July 1 st due to 7/4
July 6 th	NO July 7 th due to 7/4	July 8 th
July 13 th	July 14 th	July 15 th
July 20 th	July 21 st	July 22 nd
July 27 th	July 28 th	July 29 th

For more weekly information go to grotonarea.com, call Groton City office (397-8422), OR Facebook: Groton SD Community, Groton Area OST, Mrs. Weber’s World, or Groton United Methodist Church

Transit bus services will be available for rides by calling 397-8661

“If you read just 15 minutes a day, in one year you will have read over 1,000,000 words!” -Statisticbrain.com



Make a sunflower, which turns its head to follow the sun.

What you need:

- Paper plate
- Yellow marker
- Scissors
- Yarn (black and brown)



What you do:

1. Color the entire plate yellow.
2. Around the edge, cut out an odd number of triangles. Evenly space the cuts to form flower petals.
3. Poke a hole in the plate’s center. String black yarn through the hole and over one triangle cut. Tie a knot at the back of the plate.
4. Continue looping yarn through the hole and over the remaining cuts. Secure the end. The flower should look like a wagon wheel with black spokes.
5. Tie the brown yarn to a black “spoke.” Weave the brown yarn over and under the spokes in a circle. Continue until the sunflower has a large center. Then tie the end.
6. Display your craft as a reminder to follow the Sun, Jesus!



Groton July Family Committee

Josh & Merrie Atherton

Kelli & Lars Hanson

Melissa & Neil Gilbert, Brooklyn

Pernell Graf, Alex

JR & Paula Johnson

Yvonne Lorenz, Sage

Brenda & Tony Madsen

Joe & Belinda Nelson

Tim Olson

John Padfield

Kevin & Kara Pharis, Kale

Marc Sippel

Honorary Members

- Marie McClintic & Larry Schnaidt
- Gloria Pharis
- 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 family book
- Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
- Serve at Avantara Nursing Center - 4th Sunday
- Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons

July 2021						
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Conde MISSION STATEMENT
 "The Conde United Methodist Church is seeking to satisfy the spiritual and physical needs of all."



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Our Church Celebrations...

Groton

- Jun 1 Anita Lowary
- Jun 2 Doug Daly
- Jun 3 Cheri & Tom Strom
Donald Nissen
- Jun 4 Janice Raap
Jay Johnson
- Jun 6 Bailee Zoellner
- Jun 7 Peyton Padfield
- Jun 8 Zoey Strom
Lacey Voss
- Jun 10 Jacob Morehouse
- Jun 11 Jim & Mendy Jones
- Jun 13 Roger Rix
Zachary & Stephanie
Townsend
- Jun 14 Danielle Schinkel
Roger Overacker
- Jun 15 Eugenia Strom
Jesse & Jaymie Overacker
Leroy & Lynette Severson
- Jun 16 Gavin Voss

- Jun 17 Jesse Morehouse
Kristopher Oleson
- Jun 18 Nick Strom
- Jun 19 Pat Dahlquist (85)
Garrett & Sindi Heitmann
- 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
- Jun 25 Carol Lien
Mavrik Severson
Tanae Lipp
- Jun 27 Elaine Wolken
Peggy Place
- Jun 28 Sindi Heitmann
- Jun 29 Carly Gilbert
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 20 Cary Bruckner
- Jun 22 Julie Bruckner
- Jun 26 Grant Hanson
- Jun 27 Lance Haskell



Pat Dahlquist
85th Birthday
June 19th

Send Greetings to:
407 N Garfield St #9
Groton, SD 57445

Hanging Out with Dad

I've always been a "daddy's girl." Growing up, I usually spent Saturdays in the garage with my dad. We'd build something, fix a car part or get into some trouble together.

Though Joseph wasn't Jesus' biological father, he certainly served as a father figure for God's Son. Jesus followed in Joseph's footsteps as a carpenter, but we're told little about his childhood. When Joseph advised Jesus to "measure twice and cut once," did Jesus mention he'd get it right on

the first measure? How many craftsman tips did Jesus learn from Joseph? And did Joseph learn a few from Jesus? Surely young Jesus looked up to Joseph. What did wonder look like in the eyes of the One who invented wonder?

How am I hanging out with God on a regular basis? Am I continuing to learn his "trade"? Do I intentionally mimic his words, his kindness, his

ways of loving others well? Take a minute to ponder that. Imagine yourself out in the garage with God (or in the kitchen with God, or at the computer with God). What task do you imagine doing together? What does God say to you as you look into his eyes?
—Janna Firestone



Groton Ad Council - May

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING Groton United Methodist Church 5-19-2021

President Lars Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Those in attendance were: Pastor Brandon Dunham, Lars Hanson, Jolene Townsend, Marjorie Overacker, Jeanne Wanous, Allen Walter, Meri Erickson, Brent Morehouse, and Anita Lowary. Pastor Brandon Dunham shared a prayer prior to the discussion of business.

Agenda: Approved on a motion by Jolene Townsend.

Minutes: Approved on a motion by Brent Morehouse.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

- **Education:** Meri Erickson stated that Vacation Bible School is being planned for 2 days during the second week of August and will include pre-school thru 5th graders.

Administration Report:

Pastor Brandon noted that the Dakotas Annual Conference will be held in Sioux Falls on June 11 & 12. Brandon will be attending but no Groton UMC member is currently planning to attend.

A camera for broadcasting services at our Groton UMC has been received and is already in use. Plans are to mount the camera.

Treasurer's Report: Marge Overacker stated that our finances are looking ok.

Finance Report: Allen Walter stated that he will be talking to Dacotah Bank about our 2nd PPP loan application.

Pastor Parish: Meri Erickson said that all is ok and she has given proof of salaries for the 2nd round of PPP.

Bills to be Presented: Bills were submitted for Locke Electric and Ken's and they will be paid as they are budgeted items.

Old Business:

Allen Walter will apply for a credit card at Dakota Bank for Kay Daly to use for office supplies.

New Business:

There was some discussion regarding returning to normal practices for any upcoming funerals at our church. Anita Lowary motioned to proceed with funeral lunches as we provided previous to Covid 19. The motion was 2nd by Marge Overacker and passed. Funeral Group A is up next to provide a meal as in the past.

Allen Walter motioned to adjourn at 7:27 pm.

Secretary,
Jeanne Wanous

Groton Stewardship Report April 2021

Average
Wkly Giving
\$1,810

Needed Wkly for
Church Mission
\$2,285

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



I will give thanks
to the Lord
with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your
wonderful deeds.

Psalm 9:1





Our Church Happenings...

- Jun 2 Community Coffee Hour Weekly from 9:30 - 10:30 am
- Jun 11-12 Dakotas Annual Conference in Sioux Falls
- Jun 15 Conde Ad Council 5 pm
- Jun 16 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- Jun 17 Groton UMW 1:30 pm
- Jun 20 Fathers Day
- Jun 21 First Day of Summer
- Jun 24 Newsletter Items Due

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Join us online for worship at <https://www.facebook.com/grotonsdumc/> as we continue to improve our streaming. The service is on our website for those who do not have a Facebook account and it may be watched at www.grotonumc.org