



Groton & Conde
United Methodist Church

Newsletter

November 2021

906 N 1st St, Groton, SD 57445

Groton United Methodist Church

Fall Dinner

Sunday, November 14, 2021

12 pm to 1:30 pm

free-will offering

Chicken Dumpling Hotdish

meal with dessert in fellowship hall

906 N 1st St, Groton, SD

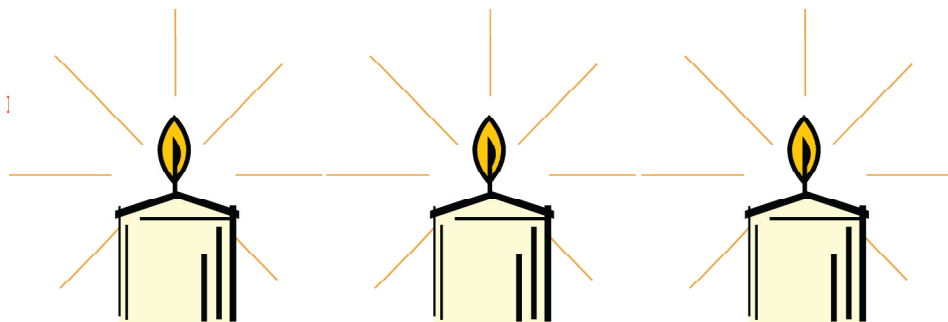
Drive-Thru and Delivery Available

Fall Dinner Information

Groton & Conde Worship will continue to be at the same time as normal. Conde at 9 am and Groton at 11 am. If you are available to volunteer and help, please call Val Baker at 605-252-1521. Cards are being sent out for donations of pies and bars or monetary dona-

tion. There will also be volunteers needed to make hotdish for the dinner. The recipe will be available on the kitchen counter to be picked up or call Val to have it mailed to you. Hotdishes will be made at home and brought to the church by 10 am to be baked in the church oven.





ALL SAINTS' DAY

Never Forgotten

Service of Remembrance
Groton United Methodist Church
November 7, 2021
10-10:50am Fellowship
11am Worship &
Service of Remembrance

Remembering

TJ Johnson 10/13/2020
Alan Townsend 10/28/20
Marjory Townsend 11/21/20
Gary Heitmann 1/1/2021
Cheri Strom 7/10/2021
Doris Zoellner 7/29/21
Ann Rix 8/7/21



*First Sunday
of Advent*
November 28th

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor In Office
Tuesday & Thursday
Mornings
Friday
Day Off

EVERGREEN—These trees, which keep their green leaves year-round, are symbolic of Christmas, eternal life and God's everlasting love. In the Bible, evergreen trees are called the "cedars of Lebanon," suggesting growth (Psalm 92:12), height (Amos 2:9), fragrance (Hosea 14:6) and steadfast faith.



Thanks to all UMW members who contributed to the Fall Bake Sale.

Thanks to those who purchased goodies—
All proceeds go to supporting Women, Children, & Youth



Thank you for the confirmation bibles in memory of Mickey

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

Church Information

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Groton UMW Jewel of a Woman Award

This very special award given by the UMW group to show our appreciation to one woman each year for their service to our UMW mission and our church. This recipient is given a special pin and a monetary gift is given to missions by the UMW in honor of this special lady.

Our honoree has done so much to help our church, community and our UMW mission of helping women, children, and youth.

This lady is always available for help with funerals, food donations, crafts, UMW luncheons, church dinners, Sunday School, and UMYF projects. She has also been active in our community with organizations such as Garden Club, and

American Legion Auxiliary. Our recipient is always willing to give to any UMW project, church project, and community need. She has helped church and community members by listening to their financial and health needs and seeing they are able to get the aid they need.

This lady grew up in our church and has participated in almost every activity. Besides attending Sunday School, VBS, Confirmation, and UMYF, she has been a teacher, an advisor, a fund-raiser, and donated many lunches. She has participated in Lenten services and studies; and is a current member of the JOY Bible Study. This lady organized and completed a wonderful church celebration for the

church's 125th birthday. She has served on the church administrative council, the board of trustees, and is currently serving as church treasurer.

This lady is family oriented. She has been there for her parents, children and grandchildren. She has done special projects for each generation. After raising her children, she changed gears and went back to school to become a nurse and spent many years at St Luke's Hospital caring for patients.

So on behalf of our UMW group, today we honor Marjorie Overacker as our 2021 "Jewel of a Woman".

Groton UMW Special Recognition Pin

Justin, today we take time to thank you for your faithful Christian service.

Justin began attending this church as a child. From the start Justin was taught the importance of hard work, dependability, and dedication. As he grew into the man he is today, these early lessons have benefitted our church.

Justin has worked hard at the Fall Dinner, parsonage remodeling, tree trimming, and miscellaneous physical labor projects. But the most notable accomplishment for Justin has been his work with the youth of our church as UMYF counselor. After many years Justin has had lots of contact with the many young people who have called this church home. He dealt with the growth hormones of teenagers and helped to guide and direct their many ideas and adventures. This is a challenge that many in the church shied away from. But Justin has directed many teens with a calming sincerity that helped them develop good Christian values.

Family is important to Justin. He has been a good son, good brother, and a good father. He has proven he is a hard worker at home as well as at the church. Justin, you are amazing and we are so happy to honor you today with this UMW Special Recognition pin and certificate.



A Share from Rev Sheila Richards

In 2010, GROTON had a choir. This is a picture of a blurry picture but a picture nonetheless. What a great memory. I thought you might find a way to use it in a newsletter or something. It's taking me a very long time to go through files and throwing away 30 years of weddings and funerals and 60 years of other stuff. I'm also saving a lot. That was a terrific six months I spent in GROTON! I loved it and the people and those confirmation kids!



CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Groton Sunday School Schedule for 2021

- November 7 Sunday School 10:00 (Lesson & Practice Christmas Program)
- November 14 Sunday School 10:00 (Lesson & Practice Christmas Program)
- November 21 Sunday School during church (leave after children's sermon)
- November 28 No SS – Thanksgiving
- December 5 Sunday School 10:00 (Lesson & Practice Christmas Program)
- December 12 Sunday School 10:00 (Lesson & Practice Christmas Program)
- December 19 Sunday school Christmas practice 10:00
Sunday School Christmas Program (11:00- during church)

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"I never volunteered to cook church suppers until I discovered these."







When you give to the special offering on United Methodist Student Day, you invest in a channel of hope for young leaders who bring their Wesleyan values into their schools and professions.

For example, Katrina Lewis says she struggled with her self-worth when her parents divorced. “I saw myself as a mistake and unloved,” she recalled. Then her mother introduced the children to First United Methodist Church, St. Mary’s, Pennsylvania, which, she said, “completely changed the trajectory of my life.”

When she was preparing for college, Katrina’s pastor and church family encouraged her to apply for a Gift of Hope Scholarship, funded by the United Methodist Student Day offering. “Their belief in me and what God has in store for my life,” she said, “empowered me to apply, knowing I could not fund college alone.”

Receiving the scholarship permitted her to follow God’s direction for her life. “I know that God is calling me to team with him in restoring his beautiful creation,” she said.

Katrina is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in statistics and predictive analytics at Robert Morris University, Moon Township, Pennsylvania. Her classwork and extracurricular experiences have given Katrina a deeper appreciation of natural resources and “our collective obligation to protect and defend those resources,” she said.

“The scholarship,” she said, “has blessed me beyond comprehension. God has used that money in my life to truly transform my college experience and allow me to pursue opportunities I never thought possible. I will always remember the generosity poured out to me by my church, and the fruits God has grown through that. A scholarship provides true hope and testimony to God’s generosity and goodness.”

Thank you for your generous gifts that give students a financial boost to help them realize their dreams while giving them a spiritual boost knowing that United Methodist congregations are supporting them and their dreams.



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church®

Groton December Family Committee

Jaymie & Jesse Overacker

Emily and KayLynn Overacker

Jolene Townsend

Amber & Adrian Daly; Levi

Kay & Doug Daly

Angela & Perryn Dobbins; Jaden

Andrea & Scott Eisenbeisz

Marva & Lon Gellhaus

Jane & Marc Johnson

Mendy & James Jones; Marlee

Jessica & Brent Morehouse

Mike & Joann Nehls

Robin O'Neill

Marjorie & Roger Overacker

Harlan & Peggy Place

Alan Strom & Shelly Lerew

Randy & Sue Stanley

Jim & Judy Zeck

Honorary Members

- Doris Strom
- Ruby Luce

December 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
- 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 November Committee for Christmas
- 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
- Serve at Avantara Nursing Center - 4th Sunday
- Potluck 2nd Sunday - give church secretary details for bulletin

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Honoring our Veterans

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11,

1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was

to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the "opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice." In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It's a reminder to

pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Our Church Celebrations...

Groton

- Nov 2 Andrea Eisenbeisz
- Nov 3 Jon & Gayleen Voss
- Nov 7 Susan Odland
Marva Gellhaus
- Nov 8 Kodi Hinman
- Nov 11 Doug Sippel
- Nov 13 Linsey Tietz
- Nov 14 Sidney & Trent Kurtz
- Nov 15 Jack Oliver
Fed & Elaine Wolken
- Nov 17 Delaney Atherton
- Nov 18 Luverne Strom
Roman Bahr
- Nov 19 Crystal Strom
Garrett Heitmann
Michael Krueger
- Nov 21 Ava Strom
Trey Tietz
Larry & Sharon Wheeting
- Nov 22 Calli Wilkinson
- Nov 23 Dwight & Eugenia Strom
Francine Sippel
- Nov 24 Ian & Karen Rose
Ian Rose
- Nov 25 Kari Hanson
Raven Bahr

Conde

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



CORNUCOPIA—Cornucopia, a Greek word meaning “horn of plenty,” has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessings.



New Address for your Greetings

Susan Odland
321 9th Ave NE Apt 210
Aberdeen, SD 57401

Groton Ad Council - Sept

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Pastor Brandon. Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer. Those in attendance were: Marjorie Overacker, Anita Lowary, Linda Thurston, Richard Krueger, and Jeanne Wanous.

Agenda & Previous Minutes: The agenda & previous minutes were approved on a motion by Richard Krueger.

Correspondence: Marjorie Overacker shared a letter from Cashway Distributing in Aberdeen stating that they will no longer offer charge accounts at their business. Future bills for Groton United Methodist Church members purchasing items for the church will have to be paid by: 1) Credit card; 2) Pay with a personal check & then ask for reimbursement from our church; 3) Ask our church treasurer for a check ahead of time.

In another issue, Anita Lowary stated she is addressing an IRS issue from 2018.

Committee Reports

Membership: After the holidays, Anita will be working to review our membership list and correspond with some inactive members to see if they want to be removed or remain as members.

Memorial:

-Linda Thurston reviewed our undesignated memorial account funds. Anita Lowary motioned and the council approved that the following undesignated funds should be combined and moved to our Kitchen Cabinet Renewal fund: \$2,110 in Marlys Rodman memorial; \$385 in Jean Lowary kitchen memorial; and \$48.72 in Winifred Fawcett kitchen memorial. This would make our Kitchen Cabinet Renewal fund a total of \$5,100.

In total, Linda reported there is \$14,211.58 in our memorial funds.

-Linda also asked the council to decide on a date for All Saints Day. The council agreed on Sunday, Nov. 7 for All Saints Day.

-Linda also stated that she has paid Chuck Padfield for this summer's mowing along with reimbursement for a mower belt & battery.

Trustees: Lars Hanson had Locke Electric install the shut off switch for the boiler

and Richard Krueger said that McGannon has turned the furnace on for the season.

UMW: Jeanne Wanous reported that the recent UMW Sunday included a successful bake sale along with being able to honor Justin Morehouse with Special Recognition and Marjorie Overacker with Jewel of a Woman. Our next meeting is Oct. 21 where we will be taking our annual World Thank Offering. UMW will have a trunk at our church Trunk or Treat event.

Treasurer's Report:

Church Treasurer: Marjorie Overacker had no concerns to review.

Pastor Parish: This account looks fine.

Bills to be Presented: none

Administration Report:

-Pastor Brandon reminded everyone of the upcoming annual Charge Conference to be held Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 5:30pm at our church. NE District Superintendent, Kris Mutzenberger, will be here and she will be sharing information regarding next year's General Conference. Anyone is welcome to attend.

-Trunk or Treat will be held in our parking lot from 5:30 – 7:00 pm on Oct. 29.

-Our Fall Dinner is planned for Nov. 14. Our Missions committee will help but we are looking for one or two chairs to organize the event.

-Brandon stated that we still need to name chairpersons & members to two very vital committees for 2022. They are the Trustees & the Hospitality committee. Regarding our 2022 committees, a little more definition as to meeting frequency will be added to the booklets.

Old Business:

Pastor's Stained Glass: Finding a person to complete updates is still a work in progress, although another possibility was mentioned.

Fall Dinner: Per Lars Hanson--Brad & Diane Morehouse will be out of town for a family wedding the weekend of the fall dinner so we are still looking for one or two chairpersons.

New Business:

- The 2022 budget was reviewed for approval with a total budget of \$121,436.29.
- Proposed 2022 budget approval: Anita Lowary motioned to approve the proposed budget, all members were in agreement and the proposal was approved.
- Janitor's Wages: There was discussion on the janitor's wages. After discussion, a motion by Anita Lowary to increase our janitor's wages was approved by the council.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Secretary, Jeanne Wanous

Groton Stewardship Report Sept 2021	
Average Wkly Giving	\$1,430
Needed Wkly for Church Mission	\$2,285
Average Weekly Attendance Sunday	62
Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs	\$15



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Our Church Happenings...

- Nov 2 Groton Missions Mtg 7 pm
- Nov 7 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Nov 7 Groton SS starts Christmas Program Practice 10 am
- Nov 10 Groton UMYF 7 pm
- Nov 14 Groton Fall Dinner is Noon—1:30 pm**
- Nov 16 Conde Ad Council 5 pm
- Nov 17 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- Nov 18 Groton UMW
- Nov 23 Groton JOY Group showing "Nutcracker" movie at 9:30 am
- Nov 28 Advent Begins
- Nov 28 UM Student Day Special Offerings

You can find More Happenings Inside...