



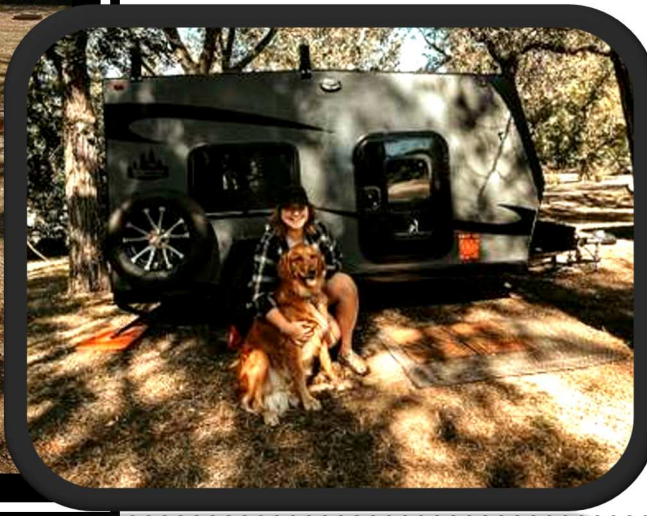
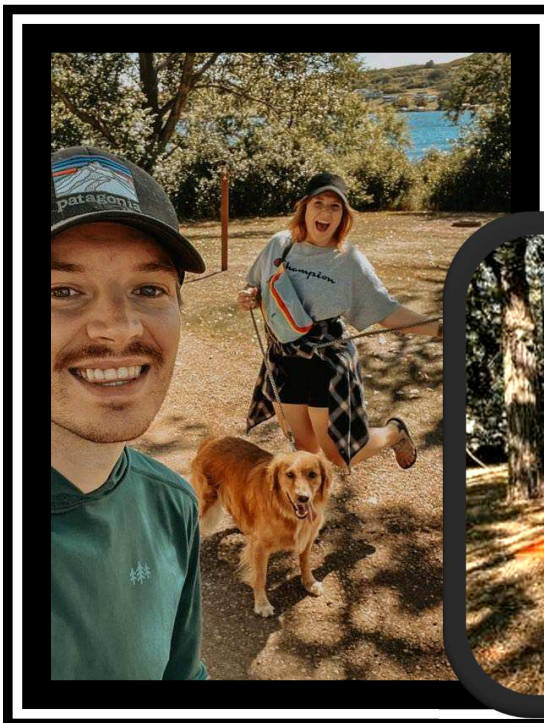
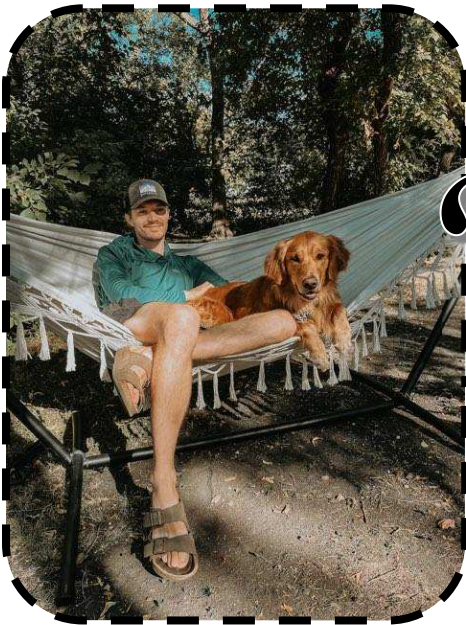
Groton & Conde
United Methodist Church

Newsletter

September 2022

906 N 1st St, Groton, SD 57445

...from Pastor Brandon



1 Corinthians 10:26
"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."



OFFICE HOURS

Pastor
In Office
Tuesday &
Thursday
Mornings

Friday
Day Off



As the school year begins and we begin to find our fall rhythm again, we wanted to extend an invitation for all to join us for our Rally Sunday on September 11th here at the church!

We will be kicking off Sunday School for ages K-5 at 9:30am outside with games and prizes to be won with coffee and treats in the Fellowship Hall for the adults.

Worship will begin at 10:30am, where Pastor Brandon will begin a new sermon series on the book of 1 Corinthians.

Following service we will be serving a potluck style lunch (main dish provided by our Ad Council) at 11:30am to which all are invited to stay for and enjoy.

Congratulations

To the family of Rick and Sarah Hofer on the birth of Jaslyn Grace Hofer on July 30th. 8lbs 2 oz and 21 inches. She joins siblings Jace, Kaleb, and Kaylee.



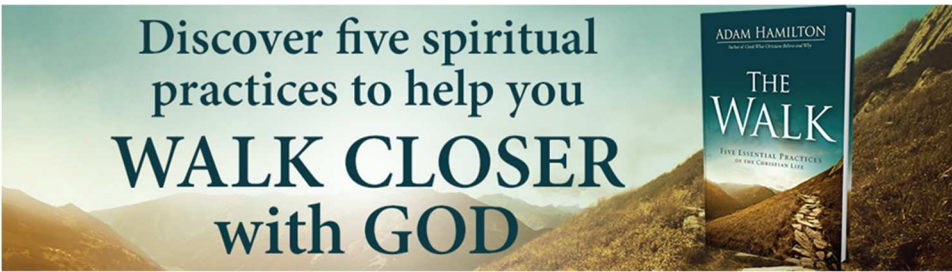
Thank you for the 3rd grade bibles in memory of Ralph Breikreutz.

Thank you for the confirmation bibles in memory of Mickey Padfield.

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Discover five spiritual practices to help you
WALK CLOSER
with **GOD**

Have you been thinking about joining our church? Not joining as in attending, (chances are you're already doing that), but participating in the LIFE of the church? If so, we are happy to share this Bible Study with you this fall.

In Adam Hamilton's book, "The Walk" we see the Christian spiritual life modeled in Jesus's practice and his apostles teaching and will explore 5 essential practices that relate to not just our own individual walks with God, but our collective walk as a body of faith.

Worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith...

Each week we will explore one of these practices, its New Testament foundation, and what it looks like to pursue this practice daily in our personal life and together in the life of the church.

Upon completion all participants will be invited to celebrate either the reaffirmation of their membership vows or maybe make them for the very first time.

Study will begin September 12th in Groton and 13th in Conde beginning at 7pm. We will begin with chapter one and so order your books now or have Pastor Brandon order one for you!

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

Youth Group

ALL ARE WELCOME!



At Groton UMC we are committed to communicating to all students that they are both known and loved by Jesus. That is why we are excited to offer opportunities throughout this school year to help 6th – 12th-grade students connect with each other and grow in their faith.

Join us for our first gathering on September 7th at 7pm. Beginning at the church, we will have a scavenger hunt that will lead you all around town with prizes for all partic-

ipants, followed by dinner and a brief rundown of the coming year's schedule.

Think you can finish our puzzle in record time? Bring a couple friends and we'll see you there!

***Additional help with volunteers, mentors, or coordinating schedules is always appreciated. Contact Pastor Brandon if interested.



Confirmation

Other dates

- ◆ Youth Group will begin September 7th at 7pm
- ◆ Confirmation parents meeting- September 21st at 7pm
- ◆ Confirmation will begin September 28th at 4pm (Snack available)

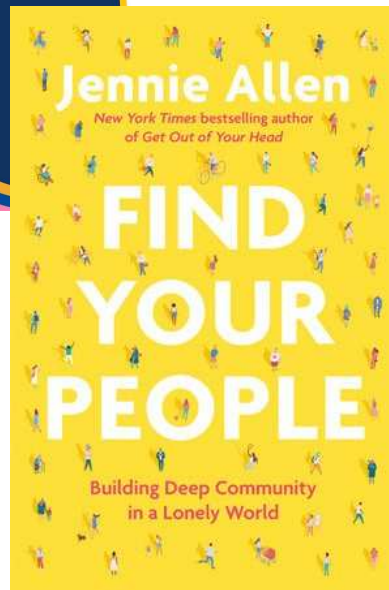


New Bible Study!

What: New Women's Bible Study
When: Thursdays @ 6:30 (Starting on Sept. 15th)
Where: The parsonage, 9 E 9th Ave

Hello, everyone! Starting this fall on Thursday, September 15th, Ashley Dunham will be leading a new women's bible study! In this 7-week study, we will be reading *Find Your People: Building Deep Community in a Lonely World*, by Jennie Allen. This book takes a look at "...the original community in Genesis, the Trinity, and the creation of people to see what God had planned for us all along. Jennie offers practical solutions for creating true community in a world that's both more connected and more isolating than ever before."

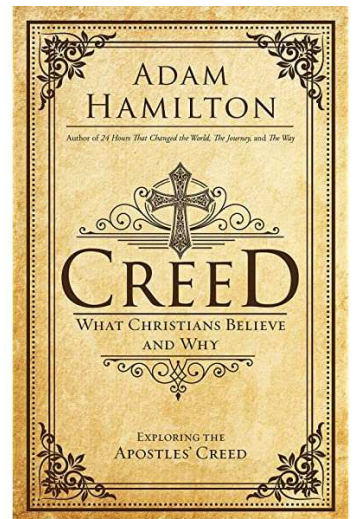
Copies of this book are available at Target, Hobby Lobby, Walmart, as well as online options such as Amazon or Barnes and Noble. If you need assistance getting a copy please talk to Pastor Brandon. We hope to see you there!



Tuesday 10 AM Bible Study

Sept 6 we will be having a presentation on Kay Daly visiting the Ark this spring. With photos and a short video.

Sept 13th we will be starting a new Adam Hamilton study on the Creed. All are welcome to join us as this study which also has a DVD for each lesson.



Groton VBS

Our VBS “Food Truck Party” was a great success! We had 37 kids attend. A special thank you to those who helped with VBS: Pastor Brandon, Ashley Dunham, Megan Erickson, Sydney Kurtz, Karen Rose, Riley Rose, Mendy Jones, Melissa Gilbert, Val Baker, Chuck Padfield, Randy Padfield, Lane Tietz, Seth Erickson, Emerlee Jones, Marjae Schinkel, Carly Gilbert, and Lindsey Tietz. We would also like to thank all of you who donated to VBS, those who came to eat from our food truck, and the Aberdeen Chrysler Center for the use of the food truck. It is all very appreciated.

Meri Erickson





COMMON CENTS Community Thrift Store

209 NORTH MAIN STREET - GROTON

SOFT OPENING

Tuesday, September 6th 3:00pm-6:00pm

Friday, September 9th 6:00pm-8:00pm

GRAND OPENING

Saturday, September 10th

8:00am-3:00pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS



THE PANTRY

Open at the Groton
Community Center

Mondays: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesdays: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m

GROTON'S EVENTS



Sept. 2 - 4 Airport
Fly-In/Drive-In, Groton
Municipal Airport

Sept. 10 8am-3pm
Lion's Club Fall City-
wide Rummage Sale



Sept. 11 10am
Couples Sunflower
Tourney at Olive
Grove Golf Course

Oct. 1 10am-3pm
Pumpkin Fest at
the City Park

Oct. 7 10am
Lake Region Marching
Band Festival



Oct. 31 4-6pm
Downtown Trick
or Treat



Oct. 31 5:30-7pm
United Methodist
Church Trunk or Treat

GROTON Chamber Of Commerce

120 N Main St., Groton, SD 57445

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Groton UMC October Family Committee

Joey & Sabrina Padfield
Lindsey & Tom Tietz, Lane

- Valerie Baker
- Andrea & Scott Eisenbeisz
- Evan Erickson
- Sydney & Trent Kurtz
- JoAnn & Richard Krueger
- Mike & Joann Nehls
- Chris & Sherwin Nyberg
- Chuck Padfield
- Randy & Rebecca Padfield
- Roger & Pam Rix
- Betty Strom
- Crystal Strom, Holden
- Joyce & Allen Walter

Honorary Members

- Darlys Kampa
- Jean Walter

October 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 the back of the committee book
- ⇒ Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
- ⇒ Potluck 2nd Sunday - give church secretary details for news items
- ⇒ Serve at Avantara nursing Center - 4th Sunday
- ⇒ Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons
- ⇒ 5th Sunday may buy donuts and give bill to church treasurer
- ⇒ Check and make sure the Christmas Eve candles are okay for the service early in the month in case we have to order new ones.
- ⇒ Check and make sure the Advent Wreath Candles are okay in case they need to be ordered as well

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Ways to Walk

If you think walking is boring or repetitive, read 52 Ways to Walk. Author Anabel Streets shares dozens of variations on this healthy pastime. From walking in the cold or at altitude to walking along a river or barefoot (or even backward!), each technique offers different benefits and new perspectives. Other ideas include a sensory walk, a silent walk, a foraging walk and singing while strolling. As Christians know, walking can be a great time to connect with God in prayer too.

Scripture speaks often about our spiritual walk: We are to walk “faithfully” with God (Genesis 5:24, NIV), walk “in all his ways” (Joshua 22:5, NRSV), walk “humbly” with God (Micah 6:8), walk “while you have the light” (John 12:35), walk while praising God (Acts 3:8), walk “by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7), walk “by the Spirit” (Galatians 5:16) and walk “in the same way” as Jesus walked (1 John 2:6, NRSV).

As we walk — even through dark valleys — we’re never alone. God promises, “I will walk among you and be your God” (Leviticus 26:12, NIV).

—Stephanie Martin



Our Church Celebrations...

Groton

Sept 2 Kylie Hawkins
 Sept 6 Justin Olson
 Perryn Dobbins
 Laurie & AM Mitchell
 Sept 7 Alana White
 Sept 8 Laurel & Monte McNickle
 Sept 9 Clint & Audrey Jacobson
 Sept 10 Bryce Hanson
 Sept 11 Audrey Jacobson
 Sept 12 Ryder Daly
 Cliff Pray
 Alexa Nilsson
 Sept 13 Richard Krueger
 Karsten Hinman
 Sept 14 Rick & Sarah Hofer
 Sept 15 Mason Madsen
 Karen Rose

Sept 16 Camille Sippel
 Sept 17 Jackson Strom
 Kyler Ell
 Sept 19 Jace Hofer
 Diann Morehouse
 Sept 22 Madison McNickle
 Sept 23 Carolyn Snyder (90)
 Sept 24 Jesse Overacker
 Turner Webb
 Sept 25 Joey Padfield
 Sabrina Padfield
 Sept 26 Alan Strom
 Alejandra Heitmann

Conde

Sept 7 Richard Worlie
 Sept 13 Shane Bruckner
 Sept 29 Bud & Julie Bruckner

90th Birthday

Carolyn Snyder

September 23

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85th Birthday

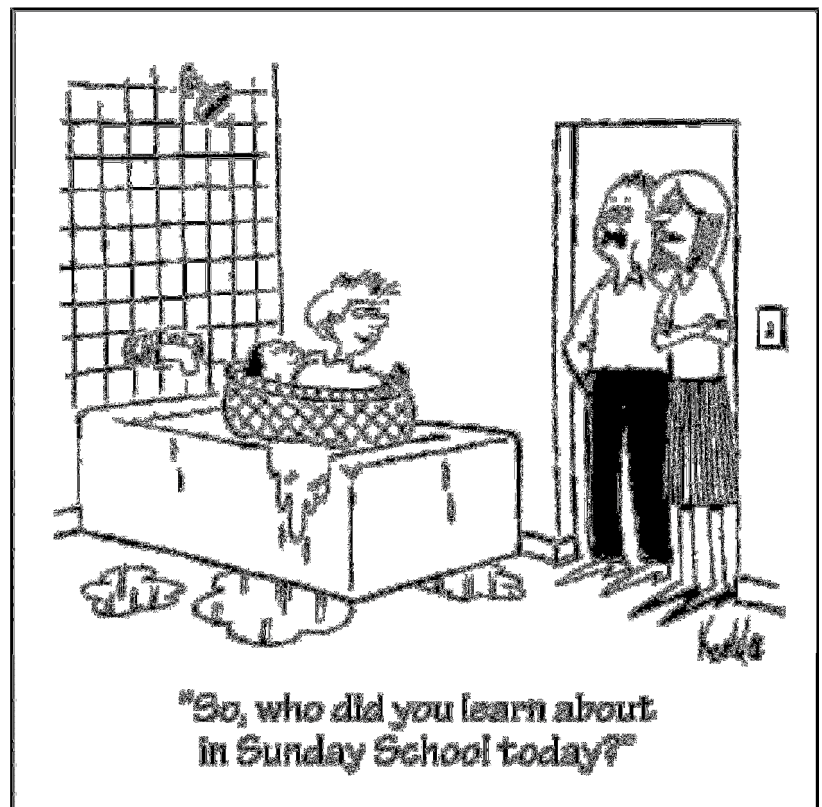
Laverne Strom

Celebrate with him during
 coffee hour on Sept 18th!

Labor Day Laughs

Take a break and enjoy this work-related humor!

- My first job was in an orange juice factory. I got canned because I couldn't concentrate.
- When I couldn't hack it as a lumberjack, I got the ax.
- I wasn't suited to being a tailor.
- Working in the muffler factory was too exhausting.
- I was a banker ... until I lost interest.
- I realized there was no future in being a historian.
- Any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard at the deli.
- I studied to become a doctor but had no patients.
- My job at the coffee shop was always the same old grind.
- When I worked as a plumber, the tasks were too draining.
- I was hired at a gym but wasn't fit for the job.
- Finally, I got a job at a bakery; I kneaded dough!



Groton Ad Council - August

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Pastor Brandon, as the Chairman and Vice Chairman were not in attendance. Those in attendance were Anita Lowary, Jeanne Wanous, Pastor Brandon, Meri Erickson, Allen Walter, and Val Baker arrived later. Prior to the meeting Pastor Brandon shared a prayer.

Agenda: The agenda was approved on a motion by Anita Lowary.

Previous Minutes: The previous minutes were approved on a motion by Anita Lowary.

Committee Reports:

Sunday School & Vacation Bible School: Meri Erickson reported that she had \$355.50 from VBS proceeds to deposit into the Sunday school account. This was from the Food Truck and donations. Meri also had bills to submit to Allen Walter as a result VBS costs related to the two-evening event.

UMW: Anita Lowary reminded the council that Groton UMW will host the District UMW meeting on Satur-

day, Sept. 17. UMW members will be asked to help supply some food items for that event.

Trustees: Although our trustee's chair, Tyke Nyberg, was not in attendance it was noted that the parking lot was recently resurfaced with chip and seal. We have not received the billing yet for the project but the council will need to decide how that project will be paid for.

Missions: no report

Treasurer's Report:

Church Treasurer: Marjorie Overacker provided a written report but was not in attendance.

Bills to be Presented: VBS bills were given to Allen Walter.

Administration Report:

Pastor Brandon reported that he is getting ready for Rally Sunday to be held on Sept. 11. There will be a Carnival starting at 9:30, church at 10:30, and a lunch after church. Ad Council members will organize and help with the lunch following worship services. Pastor is also working on organizing

this year's youth group which will include 6th – 12th grade. Lindsey Tietz will be helping with some of the planning for this group.

Old Business: New microphone and larger mother board for microphone for the pastor's pulpit. Brandon still needs to get a quote for work on this project.

New Business: It was suggested that we discuss increasing our current 25% apportionment payments when we meet in Sept.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Secretary,
Jeanne
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Groton Stewardship Report July 2022

Average
Wkly Giving
\$1,379

Needed Wkly for
Church Mission
\$2,353

Average Weekly
Attendance Sunday
29

Total Building Fund
Donations
for Repairs
\$5





Our Church Happenings...

- Sept 7 Groton UMYF at 7 pm
- Sept 11 Groton Rally Sunday - Sunday School and Potluck
- Sept 12 Pastor Brandon begins Groton weekly Bible Study 7 pm "The Walk"
- Sept 13 Groton J.O.U. Bible Study6 starts "The Creed" 10 am weekly
- Sept 13 Pastor Brandon begins Conde weekly Bible Study at 7 pm "The Walk"
- Sept 15 Groton UMW at 1:30 pm
- Sept 15 Study with Ashley begins at 6:30 pm "Find Your People"
- Sept 17 Groton UMW hosting Northeast District Meeting
- Sept 18 85th Birthday Celebration for Laverne Strom during Groton Coffee Hour
- Sept 20 Conde Ad Council
- Sept 21 Groton Confirmation Parents Meeting 6 pm
- Sept 21 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- Sept 23 Newsletter Deadline
- Sept 28 Groton Confirmation Begins at 4 pm (Snack at 3:30 pm)

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MORE DETAILS OF EVENTS AND OTHER ARTICLES INSIDE NEWSLETTER!