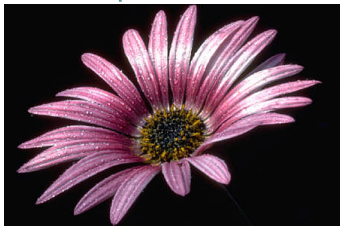


United Methodist Messenger

Groton/Conde UMC



April 2010

Mr. & Mrs. Mallard have returned. I like to think it is the same pair every year that makes its home on our creek bank here in Aberdeen. HOWEVER, there is a problem. The ducks are swimming IN our garden.

I can hear their heated conversation. Mrs. Mallard is saying “see, we go south for the winter, fly back here and our home is gone and I bet you didn’t even take out flood insurance.” Well, what can Mr. Mallard say to that?

Quack quack quack quack.

It is glorious spring.....with the water and the wind and every now and then a sunny day that teases us into believing spring really is arriving. Really, truly! The robins are here. A friend saw a blue jay. Tulips

are trying to push through the ground. It is glorious spring.

Easter will be celebrated on Sunday. The day of resurrection.....the day of new life.....the day that proclaims victory over death! It is no joke. God is not teasing us. Really, Truly!

Peace be with you. Pastor Sheila



ALLELUIA!

The greatest ornament

“The church knew what the psalmist knew: Music praises God. Music is as well, or better, able to praise him than the building of a church and all its decoration; it is the church’s greatest ornament.”

—Igor Stravinsky



Time to Register for Camp

Deadline is April 25th! Registration online is preferred. Groton may find Kay to register online before or after church anytime from Feb 14 through April 25th. In Conde, please contact Cindy Smith as soon as possible.

Camp books are available at the churches or you may go online to www.dakcamps.org

**REGISTRATION ENDS SOON!
SIGN UP TODAY!**

Groton May Breakfast

The Groton United Methodist May Breakfast is being planned for Wednesday, May 5th, with serving times of 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Reverend Sheila Richards will present the program. Gloria Pharis is general chairman. Other chairpersons are Jolene Townsend, program; Marj Overacker and JoAnn Krueger, decorations; Rose Tewksbury, Pat Dahlquist, and Twila Ruden, kitchen; Clare Botherton and DeLoris Knoll, reservations; Sharon Wheeting and Jolene Townsend, dining room; Doris Zoellner, Diann Morehouse, and Joy Walter, coffee; and Twila Ruden and Kay Brandt, advertising. Volunteers are needed for the cleanup. The cost of the luncheon is \$8.00. For reservations call Clare, 397-8177, or DeLoris, 397-2681. Anyone who would like to help in any way, please talk to any committee member.

Groton UMC

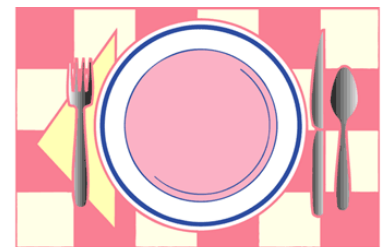


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| Marlys Rodman | 397-4570 |
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| Gert Ruden | 397-8211 |
| Pat Dahlquist | 397-2616 |
| Mary Swisher | 397-8337 |
| Gloria Pharis | 397-2375 |
| Doris Zoellner | 397-2417 |
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| Marvel Johnson | 397-2425 |
| Mary Ann Whede | 397-8330 |

*Currently 82 on email prayer chain. If you are not on this list or the email list, please notify the church office.



Sympathies
to the family of
Mike Knoll
who passed away
March 7th



BRUNCH

Groton Easter Sunday Brunch will be served following the 7:45 worship service. April Family Committee is bringing the egg bakes and the UMYF will provide the muffins, rolls, etc... The UMYF will be serving the brunch. So please come and join us.



Our Church Celebrations

Groton

Apr 3 Marc Johnson
 Apr 4 Mitchell Madsen
 Apr 5 Irene Breitzkreutz
 Apr 7 Reilly Ell
 Apr 8 Lon Gellhaus
 Apr 10 Martha Miller
 Pauline Luce
 Apr 13 Jessica Morehouse
 Apr 14 Reta Washnok
 Toby Dobbins
 Apr 15 Brady Graf
 Apr 16 Kristi Peterson
 Rodney Boehmer

Terry & Lynette Furman

Apr 18 Dylan Vogel
 Merrie Atherton
 Apr 20 Marlys Rodman
 Apr 22 Ali Pasteur
 Apr 28 Kevin Pharis
Conde
 Apr 5 Wyatt Kurtz
 Apr 14 Dylan Stark
 Apr 18 Loren Siefken
 Apr 22 Curtis Haskell
 Brandon Schlosser
 Mary Ann Watts
 Apr 28 Jim Baldrige



Blessings



Delaney Craig Atherton

Will be baptized and honored at a blessings shower on April 18th. He was born November 17th, 2009 so is now into size 12 months or larger clothes.

Groton Banners

Banners are stored in the library. Banners will be changed by a special committee: Anita & John Lowary (coordinators), assisted by Cliff & Carna Pray, Neil & Melissa Gilbert, and Alan & Vicki Strom. Questions should be directed to Anita Lowary (H) 397-2495 or (O) 397-8422



April 18-24

Groton Tuesday AM Bible Study group will be playing "EGG-citing" Bingo at the Nursing Home with the Residents on Tuesday, April 6 at 10 AM. All are welcome to join us for an hour of enjoyment or make a donation of change towards the fun!
 Kay Brandt



Groton UMW

April 21st at 2 pm

“Shepherdess Visit”
Kay Haar, Rockham

Hostesses
Pat Dahlquist
Mary Swisher

Upcoming Events
Focus Days in Redfield
on April 17th

May Breakfast
May 5th

Groton UMW March Meeting

The Groton United Methodist Women met at the church Wednesday afternoon, March 17. President Gloria Pharis opened the meeting and the PURPOSE was recited.

JoAnn Krueger presented an Easter program celebrating the gathering of the women at the tomb, and using that gathering as an example of a discipleship call to mission and the creation of a community where all are welcome, loved, and treated as equal.

The Groton ladies participated in the World Day of Prayer service at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church on March 5. Groton’s UMW will host the meeting next spring and the program will focus on Chile.

Jolene Townsend, chairman of the Social Action committee, attired in the “Go Green” theme, reminded everyone to keep in mind water and the problems this spring, especially urging all to watch over flushing of toilets, unnecessary laundry, and taking of long showers. Marlys Rodman, chairman of the Education and Interpretation committee, said health kits will be collected again due to the great need. Grocery receipts for the school, pop tabs, and box tops for education would be greatly appreciated. Sharon Wheating, Program Resources chairman, informed members that 2005 and older books are no

longer part of the reading program. Other books not available through the conference are The Shack, Three Simple Rules, A Single Thread, Mulberry Park, Bread, Body, and Spirit, Methodism in Recovery, and My Faith So Far.

A May Breakfast planning meeting was held March 3, with the menu being planned and other details discussed.

A box for the collection of undergarments for all ages, “Undies for a Month of Sundays” will be placed in the narthex. The garments will be distributed to mission centers in the Dakotas.

Focus Days will be held in Redfield on April 17. The planners for the day have asked the Groton unit to present a skit. The Prayer Vigil is May 4th; with Groton’s time 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. pray that everyone has access to clean water.

At the next meeting, April 21, Groton’s shepherdess, Kay Haar, will visit. Members were invited to let her know of special things or questions she could discuss.

Lunch after the meeting was served by Sharon Wheating and Rose Tewksbury. Pat Dahlquist and Mary Swisher are hostesses for the April meeting.



God’s awesome grace

Just after Martin Luther King Jr. was killed in 1968, Robert F. Kennedy spoke to a group of mourners in Indianapolis. Having lost a brother to assassination, Kennedy knew just what to say. His feelings and thoughts were in total harmony with the crowd’s.

Toward the end of his speech, Kennedy quoted from a poem by the ancient Greek poet Aeschylus: “Even in our sleep, pain which cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart, until, in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awful grace of God.”

The dictionary defines awful as “inspiring awe.” Such is the awesome grace of God.





Conde Ad Council - March

Chairman Patty Knoll opened the meeting of the Ad Council on March 24th at 8:00 PM. Rev. Richards opened the meeting with prayer, and all joined in repeating the purpose of the Conde Church.

Pat Siefken read the previous meeting minutes which were approved as read. Treasurer Jane Worlie gave the financial report of the church. Betty Jensen also informed us of the status of the Memorial Fund.

Mission Chair Donna Hearnen informed us that May is the month to send canned goods and non perishables to Redfield Good Samaritan Center. These may be brought in at any time. Sewing kits are to be assembled to be sent for use.

ITEMS INCLUDED: 3 yards cotton or cotton-blend - new and uncut fabric); 1 pair sewing scissors; 1 package needles; 1 spool thread; 5 - 8 matching buttons. Wrap sewing notions in fabric and place in sealed one gallon

bag. All items are new; do not include any other notes or materials. Thank you.

Old Business: Palms had arrived from Eco Palms; ideas are needed for needs and want list; check water heater; new minister welcoming could be the second week in June, though he will officially begin the first Sunday in July. Pastor Sheila will be here the first two Sundays in June, which includes Conference Sunday.

The light above the exterior cross is not working; light is needed above lectern; Pastor Sheila will be gone April 11;

Blanket Sunday will be the second Sunday in May on Mother's Day

April 25 - Musical team "CELEBRATION" will appear in the Conde Church at 4:00 PM. Admission is \$6.00 for the program and the salad lunch to follow.

Conde UMW

April 21 at 2 pm
"Mission Comes Home"

Leader Betty Taylor
Hostess Cindy Smith

Conde UMW Meeting - March

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, the Conde UMW met at 11:00 at the church with Donna Hearnen leading the Easter Lesson. The women of the Bible were the last to appear at the Crucifixion and the first to appear early Sunday morning to observe the empty tomb. Our mission can be as faithful as theirs would be.

Luncheon was served by Betty Jensen and Pat Siefken.

Donna Hearnen, President, opened the meeting by leading in the reading of the Purpose. Wilma Butler read the devotional from the Conference booklet.

Gift in Memory was given for Mike Knoll. Cards were signed and sent to absent members. Treasurer Jane Worlie presented the treasurer's report which showed our pledge had been paid for this year. A Love Offering had been sent to Women's Division for the Assembly.

Focus Day is April 17 in Redfield: our unit is to present a skit in the morning program. May 2 is Senior Sunday to invite the graduates from our community for the worship.

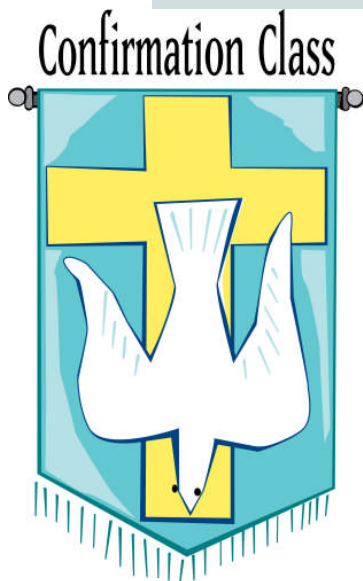
CELEBRATION will present their program April 25th at 4:00 PM, followed by a salad lunch furnished by our unit. Admission fee is \$6.00 for the evening's entertainment and lunch. All are invited to attend this event.

April meeting is April 21 at 2:00 PM with Betty Taylor presenting the mission lesson. Cindy Smith is hostess for the afternoon.

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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





Confirmation will take place on May 9th which in the UMC is a “Festival of the Christian Home.” Being confirmed are Reilly Ell, Kylie Hawkins, Mason Madsen, Alec Oleson, Camille Sippel. Olivia Lone and Tyler Withey who have studied with the Groton youth will be confirmed May 9th in the Bristol UMC by Pastor John Hisel.



I devoted myself to study and to explore... all that is done under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 1:13

Groton UMC Senior Graduates this year will be Kristopher Oleson, Tanner Johnson, and Alexa Nilsson. The graduates will be honored on May 9th during church.

SYMBOL OF SACRIFICE

At this time of the year, we see many crosses draped in purple, black or white cloth. They remind us of the loving sacrifice Jesus made for us — and that he rose again.

Use the code in the big cross to complete 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, NIV.

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Answer: Christ died for our sins ... he was buried ... he was raised on the third day.

Groton UMYF
Every 1st and 3rd
Wednesday at 7 PM
See you there!

Inside Story Headline



The Lord is Risen!

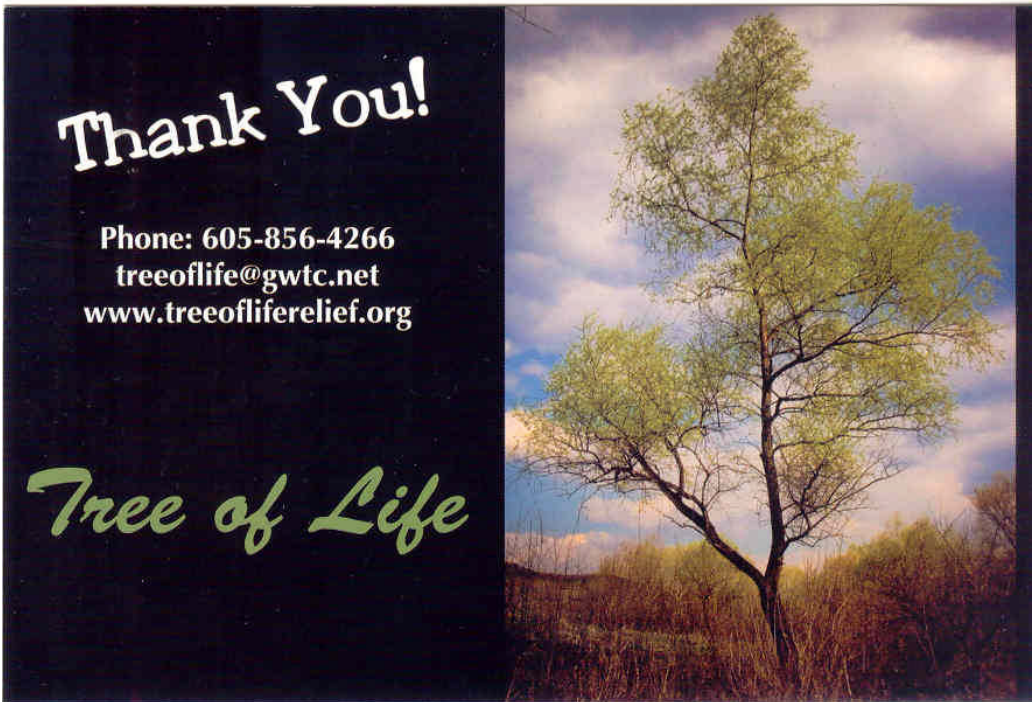
**CONDE
MISSION
PROJECTS**

Grocery Items being collected for the Good Samaritan Center in Redfield through April

Sewing Kits Collected during April & May

- 3 yards of cotton or cotton-blend, solid color or print fabric (must be 3 yards of uncut fabric)
- 1 pair of sewing scissors
- 1 package of needles
- 1 spool of thread
- 5-8 matching buttons

Donation of Money to purchase supplies also accepted. Thank you



Thank You!

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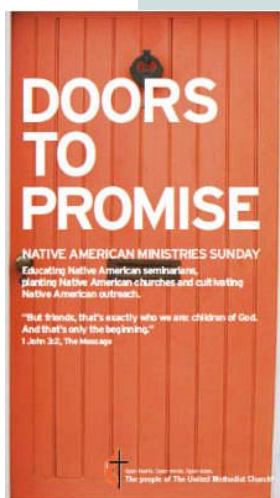


Thanks, for the stuff you had sent, they will be used in the sewing room. Call Carol & God Bless!

*Raye
&
T.O.L. Staff*

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Native American Ministries Sunday recognizes and supports the contributions of Native Americans to the church and society. The observance, approved by the 1988 General Conference, is one of six special church wide Sunday offerings,

The funds collected will allow The United Methodist Church to partner with existing native ministries and create programs on behalf of Native Americans. Money collected also supports seminary scholarships for United Methodist Native Americans.

50% of the offering **remains in the annual conference** to develop and strengthen local Native American minis-

tries. Should no such ministries exist within the conference, the offering is remitted in full to the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA). The funds are then distributed equally between the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry to provide scholarships for American Indians attending the church's schools of theology and the Native American Urban Initiative of the General Board of Global Ministries.

Approximately 19,000 United Methodists identify themselves as Native American. About 225 United Methodist churches, fellowships, and ministries that relate to this population.



Conde Salad Luncheon

April 25th at 4 pm

**"CELEBRATION" Music Group
From Watertown**

Followed by a Salad Luncheon
\$6 for the evening of entertainment
Everyone Join Us!

Groton Mission Statement
“Enriching Spiritual lives through Christ.”

The promise of Christ

The 14th chapter of John’s gospel contains this promise our Lord gave his disciples: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate (sometimes translated Comforter), to be with you forever” (John 14:15-16, NRSV).

Jesus added: “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live” (John 14:18-

19).
 What a wonderful promise! Jesus knew he would be dying. He knew the disciples would see his resurrected body. But even after Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples wouldn’t be alone. The Holy Spirit would come to comfort and embolden them.

“[My] peace I leave with you,” Jesus concluded. “Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid” (John 14:27).

Groton Stewardship Report March 2010

Average Wkly Giving \$1,752

Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$1,929

Average Weekly Attendance 104

Total Building Fund Donations \$45

Funds still needed for the furnace.



Groton May Family Committee

- Jeanne Wanous**
Carol & Luverne Strom
 Melissa & Neil Gilbert
 Josh & Merrie Atherton
 Kelli & Lars Hanson, Dylan
 Lynette & Terry Furman, Sam
 Karla & Russell Davidson,
 Michaela Oleson, Kristopher Oleson
 Alan & Vicki Strom
 Francine & Mark Sippel
 Pernell & Noella Graf
 Kevin Pharis
 Anita & Gary Voss
 John Padfield
 Derick Furman
 Carol & Pat Knecht
 Kent Webb



Honorary Members

- Audrey Padfield
- Bob & Marvel Johnson
- Audrey Thurston
- Clare Brotherton

Extra Responsibilities

- May 23 change altar cloths to red for Pentecost
- May 30 change altar cloths to white Trinity Sunday
- Mow lawn if needed
- Clean Nursery & Kindergarten rooms
- Potluck 2nd Sunday
- On 5th Sunday - may buy donuts

May 2010

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Our Church Happenings

**Apr 4 Easter Sunday - 7:45 AM Groton Service followed by brunch
9 AM Conde Service followed by coffee hour**

- Apr 4 No Sunday School in Groton for Easter
- Apr 6 Groton Tues AM Bible Study hosting "EGG-citing" Bingo at Nursing Home.
- Apr 14 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- Apr 14 No Groton Confirmation after school, class will attend board meeting 7 pm
- Apr 17 UMW Focus Days in Redfield
- Apr 18 Native American Ministries Sunday
- Apr 21 Conde UMW 2 pm
- Apr 21 Groton UMW 2 pm
- Apr 25 Conde hosting "CELEBRATION" Music Group from Watertown 4 pm
salad luncheon follows - \$6 for the evening
- Apr 25 Conde World Hunger Sunday
- Apr 28 Conde Ad Council 8 pm
- May 2 Conde Senior Recognition during church
- May 9 Conde Blanket Sunday
- May 9 Groton Sunday School Singing for Mother's Day
- May 9 Groton Confirmation and Senior Recognition