



UMC Messenger

AUGUST 2017

GROTON/CONDE

From Pastor Thomas' Desk

Greeting Friends,

I have had a stirring in my heart lately that comes from a burning desire in my soul. This stirring and burning desire was ignited after reading Psalms 46:10 (NIV),

“ Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth” They part of this that grab was the “ Be still, and know that I am God.”

I know that we live in a fast paced world where we are constantly on the go...go...go. We are often going from one thing to another or bouncing from one situation to another. I find myself doing the same thing. When I find myself in the whirl wind of life I tend to be spiritually exhausted and needing to find time to relax and rest.

When I find myself in need of being rested and rejuvenated, I take time to be still and rest in the presence of God. May we find time in our busy, fast pace world, to rest and be still in the presence of God. So that we can be rejuvenated and unleashed by the Spirit of God to do awesome things!

May God bless and strengthen you as you take time to relax and rest in the presence of the Almighty.

Holding you in the light!

Pastor Thomas Carlson

OFFICE
HOURS



Pastor's Schedule

Monday

in office 10 am - noon
and 1 -3:30 pm

Tuesday

Sermon Writing Day

Wednesday

in office 12 - 3:30 pm

Thursday

available by appt
10 am-5 pm

Friday and

Saturday

Days Off

Emergency Calls

24/7

How beautiful
are the feet of those who
preach the good news!”

ROMANS 10:15, ESV





Groton UMC

- Marlys Rodman 397-4570
- Pat Dahlquist 397-2616
- Doris Zoellner 397-2417
- Marj Townsend 298-5221
- Ann Rix 397-8478
- Darlys Kampa 395-6996
- DeLoris Knoll 397-2681
- Gloria Pharis 397-2375

*If you are not on this list or the email prayer chain, please notify church office. We must have your permission to start the Prayer Chain. So please call and request this to be done. It is not automatic for privacy reasons.

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Sunday School's Origins

Sunday school began in England as early as 1751. Better known is Robert Raikes' work in Gloucester 30 years later. Concerned about poor children who worked in factories six days a week and often turned to crime, he offered classes on the only day kids were free. Soon various organizations offered a loose network of such Sunday schools, which taught basic reading and writing, using the Bible as a text.

Ten years later, Samuel Slater started the first U.S. Sunday school in his Rhode Island textile mills. By the mid-1800s, Sunday school attendance was an almost-universal childhood experience. As society became

more secular and public education was mandated by the 1870s, Sunday schools focused on spiritual practices: prayers, hymns, catechism knowledge and Scripture memorization.

Well into the 20th century, Sunday school served as the church's main outreach tool. Many adults fondly remember their teachers and lessons, and Sunday school continues to play a significant part in faith development.



Groton UMW

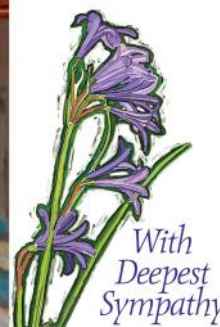
Will be meeting Thursday, August 10th, at 1:30 pm. Program will be by Britni Carlson

Hostesses are Caralee Heitmann & JoAnn Krueger.

Executive Meeting at 3 pm to Continue the Date book plans for 2018, Newsletter Update, budget plans, and plan UMW Sunday. Be saving Coffee Cans.

Nominations Committee will be meeting soon. The Love Ribbon Grant is due to Conference by Sept 15th. The Eastern Sunrise Annual Retreat & Mtg.

Groton Screen & Projector Backup Person Needed!
 Please Call Kay Daly
 397-8389



Donald E Bartz died July 21st

Little Free Library

Little Free Library has finished up summer 2017 weekly story times. We read many books, participated in several activities, and enjoyed yummy snacks. About 30 children a week took part in our story times. Several people helped me as guest readers and/or donated snacks. Many thanks to Macy Knecht, Franne Sippel, Carol Knecht, Karla Pasteur, Meri Erickson and her "camp" crew, and Pastor Thomas. It is awesome to be able to have this outreach program to offer the community from our church. Let me know if anyone has any ideas for next year. Thanks for a great summer! Kim Weber



Our Church Celebrations

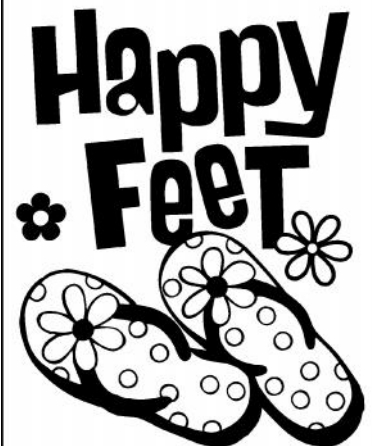
Groton

- Aug 1 Bert Raap
 Aug 2 David Strom
 Dylan Graf
 Jessica & Brent Morehouse
 Aug 3 Lance & Kristie Hawkins
 Aug 4 Craig & Kim Weber
 Aug 5 Gerald Rix
 Tigh Fliehs
 Aug 6 Damian Bahr
 Aug 7 Kelli Hanson
 Sherwin Nyberg
 Aug 8 Brad & Diann Morehouse
 Margaret & Clint Jr Jacobson
 Yvonne Lange
 Aug 9 Jackson Wells
 Loel Schott
 Aug 12 Amber Wolken
 Tom Lipp
 Aug 13 Logan Nilsson
 Aug 14 Doug Bahr
 Aug 15 Bert & Jan Raap
 Aug 16 Alissa & Michael Wells
 Jenna & Nick Strom
 Jim Jones
 Rose Tewksbury
 Sam Furman
 Aug 17 Chanda Nilsson

- Aug 18 Hunter Maag
 Aug 19 Jaeger Kampa
 Sherwin & Christine Nyberg
 Tia Johnson
 William Zoellner
 Aug 20 Marc Sippel
 Aug 22 Belinda Nelson
 Aug 23 Haley Erickson
 Lisa Pray
 Aug 25 Justin & Amanda Morehouse
 Aug 27 Ellianna Jacobson
 Rachel Dobbins
 Aug 28 Rob & Jeanne Wanous
 Aug 29 Chuck Padfield
 Aug 30 Emma Jo Schinkel
 Jase Bahr
 Nathan Atherton
 Aug 31 Katelyn Hawkins

Conde

- Aug 6 Loren & Pat Siefken
 Aug 10 Cindy Smith
 Aug 12 Cody Evans
 Aug 20 Richard & Jane Worlie
 Aug 26 Pamela Hanson
 Aug 31 Collin Ragels



This summer, put your best foot forward by brightening up a pair of flip-flops.

What you need:

- Flip-flops in your size
- Metallic permanent markers
- Foam stickers
- Craft gemstones
- Plastic flowers
- Ribbon
- Hot glue gun (and adult help)

What you do:

Use these ideas to decorate clean, dry flip-flops:

- Draw with markers on the soles.
- Decorate the sides and soles with stickers.
- Glue gemstones along the strap.
- Glue plastic flowers on the strap between your toes.
- Wrap ribbon around the strap and glue in place.

Get Moving

Faith is the word that describes the direction our feet start moving when we find that we are loved. Faith is stepping out into the unknown with nothing to guide us but a hand just beyond our grasp.

—Frederick Buechner



UMCOR School Kits Collection - Conde

School Kit Materials

1 pair blunt scissors

-) Rounded tip only
-) No plastic scissors

3 pads of paper

-) Spiral- or top-bound pads
-) 100-150 sheets of loose-leaf paper can be substituted for 1 pad
-) Combination of spiral, top-bound, side-bound, or 1 subject notebook is acceptable
-) No composition books
-) No 3 or 5 subject notebook is acceptable

1 hand-held pencil sharpener

-) Must be at least 1 inch long
-) Remove from packaging

1 30-centimeter ruler

-) Hard or flexible
-) Cartoon characters are acceptable
-) No advertisements

6 unsharpened pencils

-) No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols
-) Cartoon characters are acceptable

1 2-inch or larger-size eraser

-) No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols
-) Cartoon characters are acceptable

1 24-count box of crayons

-) Only 24-count boxes

1 14x16 inch cloth bag

-) Homemade or purchased bags are both acceptable
-) Heavy-duty fabric only, such as denim, corduroy, drapery fabric, etc.
-) No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols
-) Closures are optional but must be buttons, snaps, or Velcro sewn in middle of opening, if used

Purchase Materials or make a monetary donation towards this project!

Conde UMW

**August 16
10 am**

**Leader
Donna
Hearnen**

**Hostess Patty
Knoll**



Lucas Lee Hanlon was baptized July 2nd at the Conde UMC. Parents are Julianne and Kevin

Conde Community & Back to School Picnic with



Sunday, August 13th @Conde City Park
 5:30pm - Picnic
 6:30pm - Singing with Cast
 7pm - The Musical
as presented by Storybook Land Theatre

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

Know Your Target

Businesses must know their target market. Writers must know their target audience. And we all make better decisions when we consider the target of our actions.

A college religion teacher set up a cardboard target in his classroom. "Draw someone who has upset you," he instructed. Students sketched ex-boyfriends or -girlfriends, coworkers who'd mistreated them, childhood bullies. Each, in turn, then placed their drawing over the bull's-eye and took aim with a bow and arrow. Afterward, the bull's-eye was riddled with holes. The students congratulated one another ... until the teacher pulled back the target, revealing Jesus' scarred, torn face.

Silence fell as he read: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these ... you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40, NRSV).

In choosing actions — no matter the human target — remember who else will be struck by your arrows. Let's take aim with love, not hurt.



Junie B. Jones[®]
The Musical

WHAT: FREE Storybook Land Theatre
 WHEN: Tuesday, August 8, at 10 am
 Come at 9:30 for singing with the cast!
 WHERE: Groton High School old gym
 Hosted by Groton Area OST

GROTON DAIRY QUEEN is selling dilly bars for \$1.00.
 Supplies limited...Reserve yours by texting 605-380-7148.

Groton's own Tylan Glover is a cast member!
 Thanks to 3M of Aberdeen for sponsoring the tour.





Kid Zone Camp Photos



Camp VBS 2017

Grab your bible and lace up your hiking boots. Grab your sleeping bags and pillows. Put your kazoos in your backpacks and get "S'More of Jesus"!

join us at:

Groton United Methodist Church VBS Camp

where we are finding the light of Jesus!

**August 6th, 7th, 8th, & 9th
6:30-8:30pm**

Please send a white cotton pillowcase with your child the first day!

We have a great souvenir we are going to make!

August 9th: 6:30- 7:30pm kids will have fun games! 7:30- 8:30pm Parents, family, & friends join us for a campfire and worship!

Register online at www.grotonumc.org (VBS Registration)
Or e-mail grotonumckids@nvc.net



**SHARE THE FUN...
BRING A FRIEND!**

Groton September Family Committee

Chris & Sherwin Nyberg

- Gloria & Harry Pharis**
- J Valerie Baker
 - J JoAnn & Richard Krueger
 - J Joey & Sabrina Padfield
 - J Chuck Padfield
 - J Randy & Rebecca Padfield
 - J Harlan & Peggy Place
 - J Carol & Luverne Strom
 - J Mark & June Thompson
 - J Joyce & Allen Walter
 - J Jeanne Wanous
 - J Kent Webb, Turner
 - J Jim & Judy Zeck

Honorary Members

- J Ruby Luce
- J Richard Voss
- J Jean Walter
- J Marjory Townsend
- J Marie McClintic & Larry Schnaidt
- J Pat Dahlquist

September Responsibilities

- J Check Kitchen Supplies for the month
- J Check & Clean Oven and Fridge as necessary
- J Coffee Hour workers (make coffee, provide cookies, launder towels and remove trash)
- J 2 Ushers for each Sunday
- J Pickup ritual of friendship sheets
- J Straighten the Sanctuary Pews
- J Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
- J Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons
- J Take care of lawn as necessary
- J Potluck 2nd Sunday (Rally Sunday) - give church secretary details for bulletin
- J Diann Morehouse and Carina Atherton-Pray will be taking care of the banners, altar cloths, and candle maintenance

September 2017						
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Groton Stewardship Report July 2017	
Average Wkly Giving	\$1,604
Needed Wkly for Church Mission	\$2,347
Average Weekly Attendance Sunday	38
Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs	\$0
<i>unaudited totals</i>	



**No school? Nothing to do?
Come see the Bramble Park Zoo!**



**Groton High School old gym
Wed., Aug. 23, at 10:00 am
\$1.00 per person**

Sponsored by Groton Area OST
SUBWAY of Groton will be selling chocolate chip cookies for \$.25 each after the show. :)

If you have a group...
Please text us how many Cookies at 605-380-7148.



See & Touch LIVE animals!!!



Our Church Happenings

Aug 3 Groton Prayer Group at 7 pm

Augs 6-9 Groton Vacation Bible Camp 6:30-8:30 pm

Aug 9 Groton Finance Mtg 6 pm

Aug 9 Groton VBS Campfire & Worship with family and friends at 7:30 pm

Aug 10 Groton UMW 1:30 pm

Aug 16 Conde UMW at 10 am

Aug 16 Groton Ad Council 7:15 pm

Aug 20 Newsletter Items Due

If you are receiving a paper copy of this newsletter and would rather receive it via email, then please notify the church office at grotonumc@nvc.net or call Kay Daly at 605-397-8389

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