



UMC Messenger

JULY 2017

GROTON/CONDE

From Pastor Thomas' Desk

Greeting Friends,

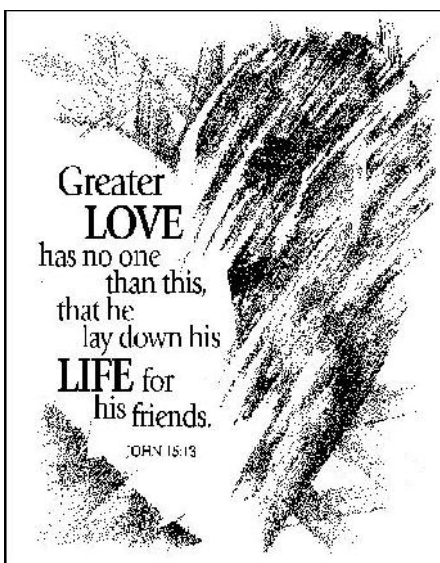
As I was reflecting and thinking about July 4th and the freedom we have gained because of those who have laid down their lives for us I could not help but think about John 15:13, *Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

This verse has a two-part meaning. The first part is the great sacrifice that God did for us when he sent his Son to the cross so that we could live for an eternity! It is because of this great sacrifice that we have our freedom, which is only found in Christ. When I think about this concept, the chorus word from "The Solid Rock", comes to mind.

The second part is the great sacrifice that our military and armed forces make for us.

Our country would not be what it is today if it were not for the men and women who have made this sacrifice for us! So be sure to stop and shake a hand of a veteran to show them your appreciation! Thank you to our veterans you have blessed us with a great sacrifice!

May God richly bless America!!!!
Holding you in the life!



Pastor Thomas Carlson

*On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand!*

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





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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Thank You

Thank you to Judy, John and Lee Ann who dropped off a bench at the church in memory of Mom (Audrey Padfield).



You will go out
IN JOY
and be led forth
IN PEACE.

ISAIAH 55:12, NIV

Thank You
 Thank You
 Thank You
 Thank You
 Thank You
 Thank You
 Thank You

Your kindness is special
 and so are you!

Groton United Methodist Church,

Thank you for the sweatshirt,
 it will be used as I attend
 SDSU this next fall. Thanks
 for everything.

Kelby Hawkins

Why Grandma Gave

One Sunday as she was getting ready for church, a grandmother received a call from her daughter. "Can you watch the kids while we're out of town next week?" the daughter asked.

Grandma was so thrilled she put an extra \$5 into the offering plate that morning.

The next Sunday, after her three young grandchildren had returned home, she put in an extra \$20.



Prayer Jars

Our prayer Jars are reminder for us to pray. The prayer jar is meant to be placed somewhere you will see it and remember to pause, pray and reflect.

We place the following in our jar to remind us about our own discipleship walk. After all He is the one that answer our prayers!

-) The sand reminds us of our journey with Christ. We can also be reminded of the poem "Foot prints in the sand" Christ is always walking with us and sometime he is carrying us!
-) The Rock reminds us that Christ is our Rock and Redeemer. We can also remem-

ber the word to "The Solid Rock", On Christ the solid rock I stand. All other ground is sinking sand!

-) The pearls remind of who Jesus Christ is, He is our King and we are beloved children of the one true King. He love and power washes away our sins!
-) The wooden crosses remind us of the great sacrifices that Jesus did so we could live for eternity!
-) The Food print ribbon reminds us that we are not alone but on a path together with Jesus and others!



Pastor

Thomas'

UMW

Program in

May



NO UMW

Meetings in

July at

Groton and

Conde



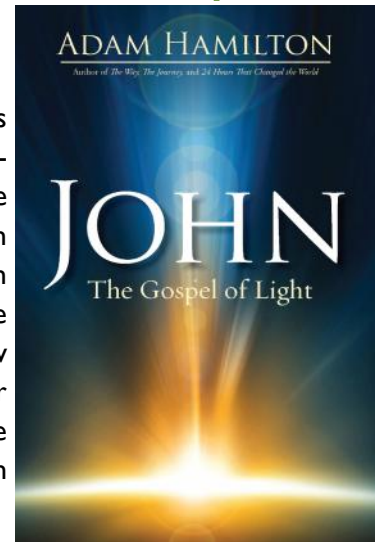
Tuesday 10 AM Bible Study

July 11 we will start a 6 week study on the book of John by Adam Hamilton. Everyone is welcome to join us.

The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. This writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they “may have life in his name.”

Adults, youth, and children alike can experience a season of spiritual growth and life-

changing renewal in Adam Hamilton's six-week, DVD-series, John: The Gospel of Light and Life. You'll follow the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Gospel of John and understand the context of some of the best-known verses in the New Testament. Everything you need for this special study including the entire Gospel of John in the CEB translation printed in the book.



Little Free Library

Little Free Library. Since opening the Little Free Library at our church in 2015, our summer story time has grown. Summer 2017 story time for all ages will be on Weds starting June 7 at 10:30 am and run through July 26. There will be NO story time on Wed, July 5 and on any rainy days. The books we share often teach an important lesson to children. Each time we

meet, the story is followed by a short activity and a light snack. This summer there will be an occasional special treat... surprise guest authors! Contact Kim at 380-7148 if you know any authors, have any ideas, want to help with an activity or donate a snack, or would like to read a story as a guest reader! Hope you can join us!



Your Ticket is Stamped

On a train trip, a pastor struck up a conversation with a seatmate who thought character and good works led to salvation. The pastor wasn't making progress but had a realization when the conductor collected tickets, quickly checking the date before stamping each one.

After the conductor passed by, the pas-

tor told his fellow passenger: “All the conductor looked at was your ticket. He did not inquire about your character. He didn't care who you were — whether you were a good or moral man or a criminal. So it is with salvation. You need only God's ‘ticket to heaven’ stamped by the blood of Jesus Christ.”



Our Church Celebrations



Groton

July 1 Charity Hinman
 Graham Rose
 July 4 Seth Erickson
 July 5 Allen & Joyce Walter
 Jasmine Schinkel
 July 7 Ida Hannon
 Julie Morehouse
 July 8 Kelby Hawkins
 July 10 Pernell & Noella Graf
 July 11 Roger & Marjorie Overacker
 Scotty Hinman
 July 12 Ashtyn Bahr
 July 13 Jolene Townsend
 Stephanie Townsend
 July 14 Ava Kramer
 Christine Nyberg
 July 15 Margaret Jacobson
 July 16 Linda Thurston
 Richard Voss
 July 17 Mackenzie Atherton
 July 18 Doug & Kay Daly
 Josh & Merrie Atherton
 Kaitlin O'Neill
 Kevin Pray

July 19

Carol Strom

July 22 Chanda & Logan Nilsson

Joyce Walter

July 24 Maggie Oliver

Roger & Pam Rix

July 25 Hannah Webb

July 26 Angela & Perryn Dobbins

Laila Roberts

Pat Knecht

July 27 Damian & Erin Bahr

Ryland Strom

Tony Madsen

July 28 Craig Weber

July 29 Curtis Krueger

July 30 Judy Zeck

Megan & Seth Erickson

July 31 Lynette Severson

Conde

July 3 Guy & Renee Hanlon

July 6 Shanna Geist

July 23 Patty Knoll

July 27 Horace & Donna Walter

Friendship Snack Mix



Life is more interesting when you have a diverse "mix" of friends. Show your variety of buddies how much they mean to you by making this snack for (or with!) them.

What you need:

- 1 cup fish-shaped crackers
- 1 cup chocolate Chex
- 1 cup mini pretzels
- 1 cup peanut butter crackers
- ½ cup mini M&M's
- Large bowl
- Snack-sized zippered baggies
- Permanent markers
- Foam stickers

What you do:

1. Mix all the food in the bowl.
2. Write a personalized message on each baggie. Decorate with stickers.
3. Measure some snack mix into each baggie. Seal them shut.
4. Share this snack with your friends!



FREE
TO BE

Faithful



Community Coffee Hour

Every Wednesday at the
Groton United Methodist Church

in the fellowship hall
From 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Free Coffee and Rolls Provided



Baptism Blessings June 3rd

2007

Jaden Edwin Dobbins

PSALM 25:5

Lead me in
your truth
and teach me.

Church History

Each month I receive an idea page for newsletters and this month it suggested to go back to the past newsletters to add some fill. So, I decided to go back 10 years and check out the newsletter and I found my grandson! Nice. I am going to find the first newsletter I have and put some articles on the next page 7. So, enjoy knowing it is years ago! Kay



Groton UMW Notes - 1997

The Groton UMW met on November 19. Ann Rix presented a program based on a giving thanks theme.

Marvel Johnson and Carolyn Snyder attended the UMW Retreat in Aberdeen on Nov. 7-8. They reported an inspirational time of fellowship and reflection based on a body and soul curriculum.

UMW officers and coordinators

for 1998 will be installed during church service Dec 7.

The next UMW Meeting will be Dec 17. There will be a potluck dinner at 12:00 pm. The hotdish will be furnished by the UMW executive committee. The meeting will follow at 2:00 pm. Program leaders will be Marjorie Townsend and Jolene Townsend.



**Articles
from
20 Years
Ago
1997
Pastor
Emil H
Eberhart**

Groton Ad Council - 1997

At the Nov. 12 meeting, the following items were on the agenda:

JoEllen Herman of Conde has been hired as Church Secretary. She plans to be in the office on Thursday or Friday each week.

The Men's Dinner yielded approximately \$745 profit. The proceeds will be used to buy a CD player and portable microphone.

An ad hoc committee to develop a plan for storage of all church property will be named by Pres. Earl Ruden.

Approved presenting the 1998 Budget as proposed by the Finance Committee to the Charge Conference for adoption. The total budget is \$68,774, approximately \$1000 lower than the 1997 budget.

The proceeds from the sale of the donated stock shares will be placed in the General Fund account for use as needed for regular expenses. This is per suggestion of the donor.

The next meeting will be Dec 10 at 8:30 pm. All church members are invited to attend.

Conde Administrative Board - 1998

Patty Knoll presided at the January 21, 1998 meeting of the Conde Administrative Board.

Since there does not appear to be a special need in the community at this time, the Christmas Eve offering will be sent to the Abbott House in Mitchell.

Bishop Coyner will be in the Groton-Conde Parish on March 1st.

Important upcoming dates will be included in the calendar on the newsletter.



Groton Family Committee - August

Sharon & Larry Wheeting

Caralee & Gary Heitmann

Erin & Damian Bahr

Karla & Russell Davidson, Claire

Charity Hinman

Curtis Krueger

AM & Laurie Mitchell

Justin & Amanda Morehouse

Betty Strom

Cheri & Tom Strom

Alan & Jolene Townsend

Anita & Gary Voss

Honorary Members

Deloris Knoll

August 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

Pickup ritual of friendship sheets

Straighten the Sanctuary Pews

Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements

Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons

Mow the lawn as necessary

Diann Morehouse and Carna Atherton-Pray will be taking care of the Banners, Altar Cloths, and Candle Maintenance.

August 2017

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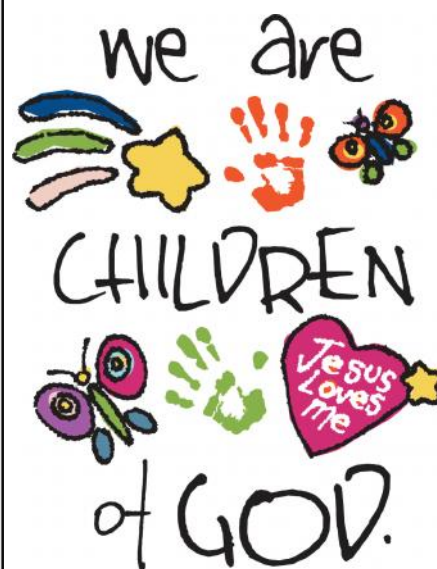
Groton Stewardship Report June 2017

Average
Wkly Giving
\$1,492

Needed Wkly for
Church Mission
\$2,347

Average Weekly
Attendance Sunday
38

Total Building Fund
Donations
for Repairs
\$0



ROMANS 8:16

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

Our Church Happenings

- July 6 Groton Prayer Group 7 pm
- July 10 PPRC at 7 pm in Groton
- July 11 Groton Tues 10 AM Bible Study resumes
- July 12 Groton Finance Mtg 6 pm
- July 19 Groton Ad Council 7:15 pm
- July 23 Newsletter Items Due
- Aug 1 UMW Reading Program Year End



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