



UMC Messenger

MAY 2017

GROTON/CONDE



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

From Pastor Thomas' Desk

Greeting Friends,

I recently spent a week away studying at Sioux Falls Seminary. While I was away at Seminary focusing on my study's, one of the classes was geared towards the condition of our souls. As I listen to the guest speaker, Dr. Ruth Haley Barton talk about Solitude and Silence, I could not help but think about how sometimes our fast pace life leave us missing something very important. She painted an amazing picture of the soul!

"The soul is the place where God is present to us: This is a place where God's spirits witnesses with our spirit."

Dr. Ruth asked a question that John Wesley asked the earlier Methodist often. How is it with your soul?

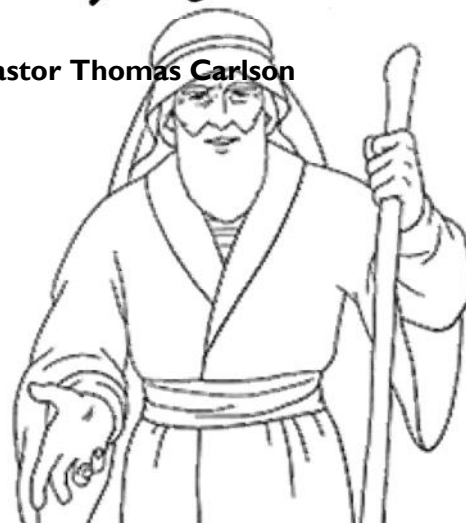
As I reflected on this question the thought of what would it look like for all of us to start leading more from our souls instead of our desire for performances. What would it look like if we started to

allow our every action to flow from the depths of our deepest well where Jesus Christ is, our Soul?

Friends, solitude and silence are needed for us to rest in the presence of God! Solitude connects our heart to the presence and heart of God!! As I thought about this concept, someone else comes to mind, Moses. The life of Moses was one of the first seeking God, then encountering God, and finally responding to God. May we begin to find rest in the presence of God so we can seek God, encounter God, and respond to God's call on all of our lives.

May God bless you as you turn your eyes

Pastor Thomas Carlson



MEMORIAL DAY



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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May 7 is Confirmation Sunday in Groton. Confirmands this year are Tanae Lipp, Brooklyn Gilbert, Sage Mortenson, Kale Pharis, and Chloe Crosby. Confirmands will be honored during the 10 am coffee hour and confirmed during the 11 am worship service.



May 14 Groton will be honoring our Graduates during the 10 am coffee hour and during the 11 am worship service. Graduates this year are Gabbie Kramer, Macy Knecht, Doug Dobbins, Frankie Wuestewald, Kelby Hawkins, Turner Webb, and Wyatt Kurtz.

BAPTIZED TODAY



Jed Morehouse Baptism - April 30



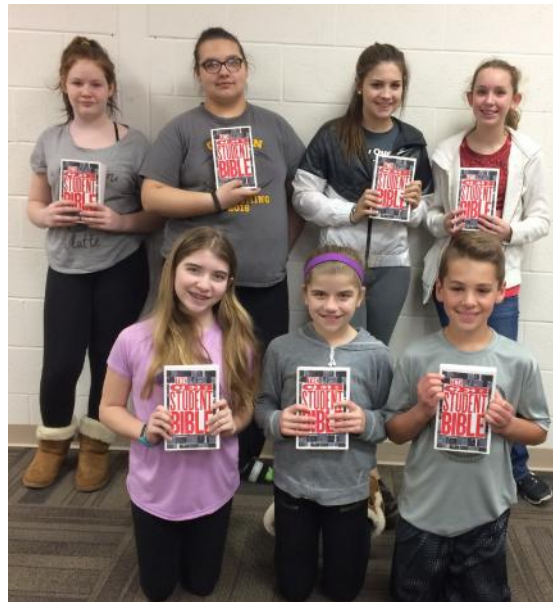
Thank you to Dairy Queen Groton for the donation of ice cream cone chips for the Sunrise Service Easter Egg Hunt.

Sunday School singing in church.



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 Wednesdays 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!



Confirmation Students receive Bibles In Memory of Micky Padfield



Groton United Methodist Women

May Salad Luncheon

Wednesday, May 3rd
serving from 11 am - 1 pm

Come and join us for lunch or make your own lunch to go
at the Groton United Methodist Church

No Reservation Required
Men & Women \$8 - Children 6 and under free

Groton UMW - April

Groton UMW – April 20, 2017

The UMW met on November 17 with 10 members in attendance. Gloria Pharis presented a program on Spirituali-Tea. She used Bible verses related to different words ending in tea, such as honesty & adversity to help understand how these things help Christians understand Spirituality.

President, Jolene Townsend, called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Laurie Mitchell. Minutes of the March meeting were approved. Correspondence from Carolyn Snyder was shared with the group. Jeanne gave the treasurer's report stating that we have had a very good response by members for annual pledges. Year-to-date the UMW has donated to the Post Prom Party and the Groton Family Crisis Fund leaving us with a balance of \$2,468.40.

Jolene noted that UMW member Carna Atherton-Pray had donated a new "hot water" coffee pot and two black thermoses for hot water only. Also Gloria Pharis has donated six black thermoses for tea only.

Old Business: 1) Community Coffee Hour was discussed and the ladies felt that it was going well and should be continued. Thanks to Valerie Baker to opening the church for this and making the coffee. 2) Easter Brunch hosted by the UMW was attended by 75 people and resulted in \$150 donated which will be used for UMW missions. 3) Secret Angels, there was one available person who still needed a secret angel which was immediately taken by a member in attendance. 4) Focus Days: Jolene reported

that she attended the event in Conde along with only 4 of 13 units. Groton was voted as host of 2018's Focus Days.

New Business: 1) Mission U: Jolene had three of our members perform a short skit that was done at Focus Days. The skit highlighted the upcoming Mission U Camp to be held in Mitchell on July 13-16. 2) Come to the Well, a women's retreat sponsored by the New Life Church of Aberdeen will be held May 5 at the AmericInn. 3) Local Mission Donations: On a motion by Laurie Mitchell and 2nd by Valerie Baker, the UMW group voted to donate \$100 to Vacation Bible School and \$100 to Groton Pool Passes. 4) May Salad Luncheon: Jolene explained the theme would be jewelry & antique glitz. Members are asked to donate items along this theme for décor. Decorating will begin on Tuesday, May 2 at 10:00 am. Those helping with the event are asked to arrive at 10:00 am on Wednesday, May 3.

Jolene closed the meeting with a prayer after which Sharon Wheeting and Valerie Baker served dessert and coffee.

Secretary,
Jeanne Wanous

Groton

UMW

May 18th

1:30 pm

Program

Pastor

Thomas

Hostesses

Pat Dahlquist

Laurie

Mitchell



Drop in for Tea

Thought we could sit down for some tea together. Have you noticed how many new blends there are for us to try?

I love trying new tea flavors. Sometimes I end up liking the flavors and sometimes not so much. Some are too strong, too weak, or just have odd tastes to me. Others I thoroughly enjoy.

Many blends are good for us and today we are going to share in some cups of tea that are good for our us as Christians.

Royal-TEA (Galatians 4:7)

This source for this tea is straight from the well of Living Water. When we accept Christ as our Savior, we become part of His royal family so we should be living like we are one of His children.

Personali-TEA (John 13:35)

As Christians, we represent the person of Christ, so He should be part of our persona.

Hones-TEA (Ephesians 4:25)

In today's world, a cup of honesty sure is refreshing. As a Christian, honesty is something we should be filled with.

Accountabili-TEA (Romans 14:12)

We all have to drink this one. We are all responsible for how we live this life on earth and what we do or don't do for Christ.

Adversi-TEA (2 Corinthians 12:9,10)

Watch out! It's hot and may be a hard one to swallow, but sometimes the Lord knows we need a good strong drink of it. What I love is that this blend of tea always comes served with grace. Sufficient grace. Our cup's never filled with more than we can drink at one time.

Generosi-TEA (Luke 6:38)

Notice how a cup of this will keep refilling itself? When we give, the Lord blesses us all the more.

Availabili-TEA (Isaiah 6:8)



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

Join Church Members and
People from the Neighborhood
A Relaxing Time to Visit
Come and Go

We all should be willing and ready to drink this blend.

Laughabili-TEA (Proverbs 17:22)

Be sure to get a full cup. This blend of tea has medicinal purposes and I sure feel good when I drink this one. May I have a refill, please?

Uni-TEA (Psalm 133:1)

When you are drinking this blend, it causes a sweet spirit which can benefit those around you.

Humili-TEA (Acts 20:19)

Before we can pick up this cup, sometimes we have to swallow a little of our own pride first. As a Christian, humility should be part of our character.

Hospitali-TEA (1 Peter 4:9)

This blend is for sharing. Be sure to serve it up to others.

I hope I'm drinking in all the things I need to in order to live my Christian life to the fullest.

It will all add up to my **Spirituali-TEA**.

Romans 8

Conde UMW

The Conde United Methodist Women hosted the Annual Spring Focus Day on Saturday, April 8th. There were women attending from all three Methodist Churches in Aberdeen, (North Highland, Faith, & First). There was also a representative from the Groton Church. There are several other churches that were invited, but were unable to attend. The three women who presented the program were from



Gary, SD, Watertown, SD, and Wahpeton, ND. The Conde Unit served coffee and rolls as the ladies arrived at 9:00, and then also provided a lunch at noon before the ladies went home. There were about 28 in attendance. The program was interesting and everyone seemed to enjoy visiting after the noon meal was over.



Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

Willing Recipients

A young graduate longed for a certain sports car and knew his dad could afford it. So on the big day, he was infuriated to receive instead a leather-bound, embossed Bible. He threw it down and left for good.

Years later, after his father died, the son entered his father’s study with sorrow and regret. Sorting through belongings, he found the gift and this highlighted verse: “If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!” (Matthew 7:11, ESV). Suddenly something dropped from the back of the Bible: a key with a tag from the

dealer of the car he’d wanted long ago. On the tag was his graduation date and the words “Paid in Full.”

How often we miss out on God’s generous gifts because they come “packaged” differently than we expect! At graduation — and throughout life — may we be open to every gift God bestows on us with a Father’s deep love.



Our Church Celebrations

Groton

- | May 1 Don Bartz
- | May 2 Evan Jacobson
- | May 3 Kim Weber
- | May 4 Desiree Foltz
Evan Erickson
Tom Strom
- | May 5 Gary Thurston
Marlee Jones
Tony & Brenda Madsen
- | May 6 Clint Jacobson
- | May 7 Gabbie Kramer
Rebecca Padfield
Tigh Hank Irvin Fliehs
- | May 8 Austin Jones
Dale Kramer
John Lowary
Rob Wanous
- | May 10 John & Anita Lowary
- | May 12 Jack & Maggie Oliver
- | May 13 Chase Neiber
Doris Strom
Leroy Severson
- | May 14 Henry Pharis
Linda Johnson
Pam Rix
- | May 15 Mary Nelson
- | May 17 Cliff & Carna Pray
- | May 18 Jean Walter
- | May 19 John Erickson

- Scott Kampa
Taylor Diegel
- May 20 Tom & Kami Lipp
- May 21 Cody Hanson
- May 25 Adrienne Fliehs
Jon Voss
- May 26 Dion & Sam Bahr
Drake Peterson
- May 27 Emmett Morehouse
Luverne & Carol Strom
- May 28 Cheryl Hanson
Jesse & Julie Morehouse
- May 29 Clare Brotherton (95)
DeLoris Knoll
Gary & Anita Voss
- May 30 Kami Lipp
Macy Knecht
Randy & Rebecca Padfield
Ron & Meredith Gubin

Conde

- May 3 Janette Imsland
- May 7 Jane Worlie
- May 10 Marion Jensen
- May 16 Dwight Lyren
- May 25 Greg Bonn
Floyd & Carol Smith
- May 28 Grant & Janice Hanson
- May 30 Curtis & Cindy Haskell

95th Birthday
Clare Brotherton
May 29th
111 N Wells Rd Apt 210
Ventura, CA 93004



Groton June Family Committee

June 2017						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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Diann & Brad Morehouse

Carna & Cliff Pray

Cheryl Hanson

Lance & Kristi Hawkins, Kelby, Kaycie

Rick & Sara Hofer

Dale & Traci Kramer, Gabrielle

Yvonne Lange

Kami & Tom Lipp

Laurel & Monte McNickel

Karla Pasteur

Dwight & Eugenia Strom

Linda & Gary Thurston

Honorary Members

Doris Zoellner

Marlys Rodman

Susan Odland

Rose Tewksbury

June 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

Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements

Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons

Mow the Lawn Weekly

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

Groton Stewardship Report April 2017

Average

Wkly Giving

\$1,464

Needed Wkly for

Church Mission

\$2,347

Average Weekly

Attendance Sunday

72

Total Building Fund

Donations

for Repairs

\$320



Forgiveness

And yet Jesus taught us that we must forgive others, expressing the same attitude toward them that the heavenly father has expressed toward us. Forgiveness does not mean that you no longer remember the injury that you have sustained from another. It means that when you think of that event it no longer raises your blood pressure, stirs your anger, or motivates you to seek revenge.



“Mom — you deserve a raise for raising me.”

Our Church Happenings



- May 1** Early Bird Camp Registration Deadline
- May 2** Groton UMW Decorating at 10 am for the Luncheon.
- May 2** Groton 10 AM Bible Study will not be meeting.
- May 3** Groton UMW Luncheon UMW members please come at 10 am to help.
- May 3** Groton UMW May Salad Luncheon from 11 am - 1 pm. No Reservation Required. Men & Women \$8 and Children 6 and under are free. Join us for lunch or make your own go.
- May 4** Groton Prayer Group 7 pm
- May 5** Groton Moms Group 9:30 am
- May 7** Groton Confirmation Sunday 10 am coffee hour and 11 am worship
- May 10** Groton Finance Mtg 6 pm
- May 14** Groton Honor Graduates 10 am coffee hour and 11 am worship.
- May 17** Groton Ad Council 7:15 pm
- May 18** Groton UMW 1:30 pm

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Groton Wednesday Coffee each week 9 - 10:30 am. All are Welcome!