UMC Messenger

APRIL 2018

GROTON/CONDE

From Pastor Thomas' Desk

Greetings Friends,

It is hard to believe that April is already here. We are getting ready to enter an exciting time of year. We will be confirming two of our confirmation students. They have been working hard to learn what it means to be a Christian and a disciple! They have learned about what it mean to be a United Methodist! We have the honor of confirming Ryder Daly and Ani Davidson.

It has been wonderful to watch both Ryder and Ani learn about their faith. I must add that we have 8 other confirmation students who have been learning and growing in their faith. Please keep them in your prayers. They are Jackson Bahr, Lane Tietz, Emma Schinkel, Ava Kramer, Tristen Kampa, Ashtyn Bahr, KayLynn Overacker, and Tyson Parrow.

I have enjoyed partnering with 5 other adults to teach the students. It has been a blessing to work with Meri Erickson, Jolene and Alan Townsend, Diann Morehouse and Laurie Mitchell. Together we have been teaching the students stories from the New and Old Testament, what it means to be Methodist, the books of the bible, and different prayers like A.C.T.S. prayer and the Lord's prayer. I would like to thank these individuals who have stepped up and helped with confirmation.

As I was thinking about confirmation Sunday which will be April 30th. I have a two Bible verses that I will be using for that Sunday. First, Galatians 2:20 (NRSV) "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." The second, 1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV) "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

I would also like to thank the parents and the congregation for allowing me and the other teachers to partner with these outstanding students on their faith journey.

Holding you in the light!

Pastor Thomas Carlson

Confirmation

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

FROM OUR PASTOR

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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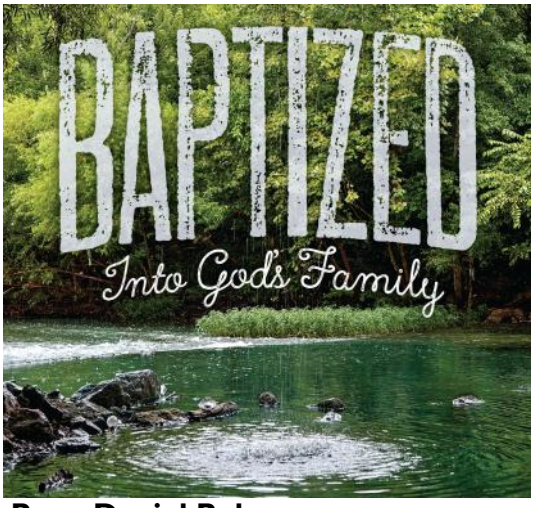
Everett William Foltz was born March 9 at 8 lbs 12 oz to Corey & Desiree Foltz and joins brother Edison.

Max Emery Erickson

Baptized March 4th. Max is the son of Seth & Megan Erickson joining sister Haley.

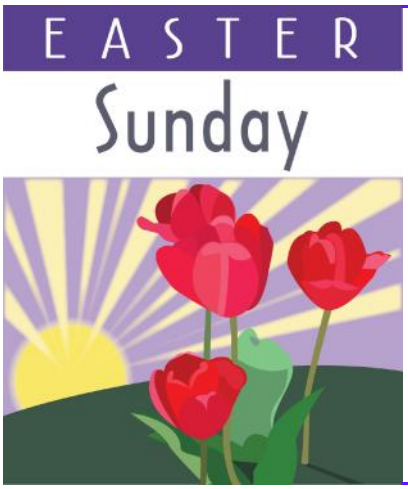


Beau Daniel Bahr

Baptized March 11th, Beau is the son of Dion and Samantha Bahr joining siblings Ashtyn and Jase.

Community Coffee Hour

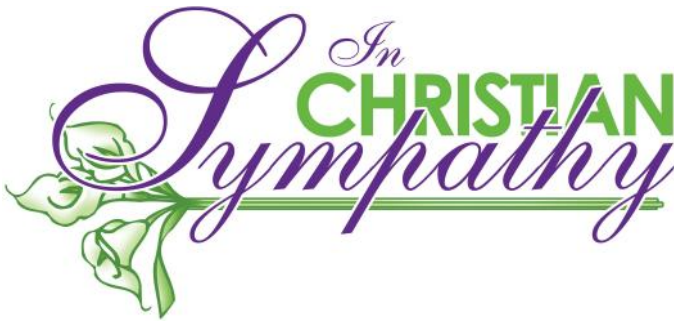
1st Anniversary of community coffee hour. Doris Strom has perfect attendance for coffee, hasn't missed a Wednesday!!!



Groton UMC
Sunrise Service at 7 am
with breakfast following

Conde UMC Worship
at 9 am

Groton UMC Worship
at 11 am



Bert Raap died March 1, 2018

Kid Zone

Mayor Scott Hanlon visited Kid Zone.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

April 29th during Worship

Andrea Davidson

and

Ryder Daly

will be confirmed

A reception will be held during coffee hour and projects from all confirmation students will be on display.

Our Church Celebrations

Groton

Apr 3 Marc Johnson
Myndi & Scott Kampa
Nolan Rose
Apr 4 Mitchell Madsen
Sue Stanley
Apr 5 Desiree & Corey Foltz
Wyatt Kurtz
Apr 6 Elise Pharis
Apr 7 Reilly Ell
Apr 8 Lon Gellhaus
Apr 10 Pauline Luce
Apr 11 Taylor Thompson
Apr 12 Erin Bahr
Apr 13 Jessica Morehouse
Apr 14 Toby Dobbins
Apr 15 Brady Graf
Nolan Bahr
Apr 16 Dale & Traci Kramer
Rodney Boehmer
Tom Tietz
Apr 18 Dylan Vogel
Merrie Atherton
Apr 19 Amanda Morehouse
Apr 20 Marlys Rodman
Apr 21 Valerie Baker
Apr 22 Ali Pasteur
Apr 23 Colton Morehouse
Apr 24 Rae Fliehs
Apr 28 Kevin Pharis
Apr 30 Breslyn Jeschke

Conde

Apr 14 Dylan Stark
Apr 18 Loren Siefken
Apr 22 Curtis Haskell

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

Groton UMW - March

The Groton UMW women held their second meeting of the year on March 15th at 1:30 pm with 7 women present. Our special guest speaker, Dorene Nelson took us on a slide show presentation of her 2017 trip to St Petersburg, Russia. We all enjoyed the photos of palaces and the surroundings of Russia. Dorene will be visiting Spain this year. We look forward to her sharing her travels with us again. Dorene joined us for cake and coffee. Gloria served an awesome St Patrick's Day mint/fudge cake.

President Jolene called the UMW meeting to order. Thank you notes were read. A reminder that your 2018 Annual Pledge to UMW is due this month. Volunteers are needed to make an egg bake for the Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 1. Breakfast will be served following the 7 am service. Chairperson Gloria updated us on the plans for serving lunch for Focus Day, Saturday April 7th. Each member is asked to donate $5 for food purchases. Morning coffee and rolls along with lunch will be served to 30 – 40 UMW women from 16 churches. Focus Day begins at 9 am and ends after lunch around 1 pm. I hope to see many of our Groton UMW women in attendance. Thank you to Gloria and Kellie for chairing this committee.

Our May 2nd UMW Luncheon is fast approaching! Chairperson Diann lead an open discussion on the decoration ideas, possibly have door prizes, and new menu ideas. Thank you to Diann and Laurie for chairing the May Luncheon. They have lots of good ideas, it will be fun to see what they decide.

A closing prayer was led by Jolene and prayers were lifted for our church as well as our church family members. Meeting adjourned.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 19th at 1:30 with the program to be announced and Jeanne will serve as hostess.

See you at community coffee on Wednesday morning! 9 am to 10:30 am Come and go!

Groton UMW
April 19th
Thursday
1:30 pm

Progam by
Pastor Thomas
Hostess
Jeanne
Wanous

Groton UMC Mission

ENRICHING SPIRITUAL LIVES THROUGH CHRIST

Groton United Methodist Women
May Luncheon
Wednesday, May 2nd
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

Palm
Sunday

Groton May Family Committee

Carna & Cliff Pray
Linda & Gary Thurston

- Cheryl Hanson
- Lance & Kristi Hawkins, Kaycie
- Rick & Sara Hofer
- Dale & Traci Kramer
- Yvonne Lange
- Laurel & Monte McNickel
- Diann & Brad Morehouse
- Karla Pasteur
- Dwight & Eugenia Strom
- Carol & Luverne Strom
- Jeanne Wanous

Honorary Members

- Doris Zoellner
- Marlys Rodman
- Susan Odland
- Rose Tewksbury

May 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 back of this book
- Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
- Potluck 2nd Sunday—give church secretary details for bulletin
- Order and Pickup Graduation Cake for coffee hour
- Gifts are organized by UMYF Leaders
- Hospitality sets up gift table for events
- Change decorations on tables in fellow-

May 2018

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Groton Stewardship Report Jan 2018

Average Wkly Giving $1,611

Needed Wkly for Church Mission $2,300

Average Weekly Attendance Sunday 49

Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs $155

Native American Ministries Sunday - April 15th

One tribe in North America has told this story for centuries: when people "pale as birch" crossed the great water in large canoes, they brought with them "The Black Book." However, the bringers of the physical Book could not have known what it would mean and look like to be Native and a follower of Jesus.

Today Native Americans—with many unique languages, many unique cultures—honor their heritage, and live as Jesus-followers, led by a rotation of primarily Native American pastors.

Supporting the Ministry of Christ Among Native People

Most Americans today recognize that the history following the arrival of the large canoes bore little resemblance to the one all Christians identify as Creator. That's why the people of The United Methodist Church, Native and non-Native, are creating a new history. Through Native American Ministries Sunday, we're able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus.

As a member of The United Methodist Church, your gift, on this day, equips Native congregations—like New York's Onondaga Nation UMC and Nebraska's Native American Sacred Winds congregation—to worship and serve as only they can.

This work, and hundreds of other ministries, are possible because you give.

Our Giving Allows Native Americans to Encounter, Worship and Serve Jesus

When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.

Groton Stewardship Report Feb 2018

Average Wkly Giving $1,713

Needed Wkly for Church Mission $2,300

Average Weekly Attendance Sunday 42

Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs $55

Our Church Happenings

Apr 1 Easter Sunday - Groton Sunrise Service 7 am and Worship at 11 am
Breakfast following Sunrise Service and No Sunday School
Conde Worship at 9 am
Apr 7 UMW Focus Days 9 am - 1 pm
Apr 19 Groton UMW 1:30 pm
Apr 22 Newsletter Items Due
Apr 29 Groton Confirmation Sunday
Apr 30 Camping Early Bird Deadline
May 2 UMW May Luncheon 11 am - 1 pm
May 6 Camp Sunday
May 13 Groton Honor Graduates during Worship
May 13 Mother's Day