




UMC Messenger

AUGUST 2018

GROTON/CONDE



From the Pastor

Hello Church!

The transition to Groton went great! Things are going well over at the Parsonage and I'm still settling in and Ashley is helping A TON. My apartment was a little smaller than this 5-bedroom home but I'm managing! We are excited to have it looking more like a home and welcoming guests over in the future.

We are 4 weeks through our summer series and my first series with you all and I hope you are experiencing God's hand in it as much as I am. These stories, as we walk through the Old Testament, are so revealing of our own walks. It makes me think of all the times I started to feel distant from God and instead of seeking Him again I found myself lashing out at someone or taking things into my own hands and not caring if it upset anyone around me. We've talked a lot about the importance of our neighbors and working together with them. It's my prayer that we

can continue to move forward in this journey together loving one another even when it's hard. Respecting one another and choosing to let God be the source of direction for us. We have a lot of work to do but we will accomplish it as a BODY and with the proper spirits we will find these churches abounding in God's work.

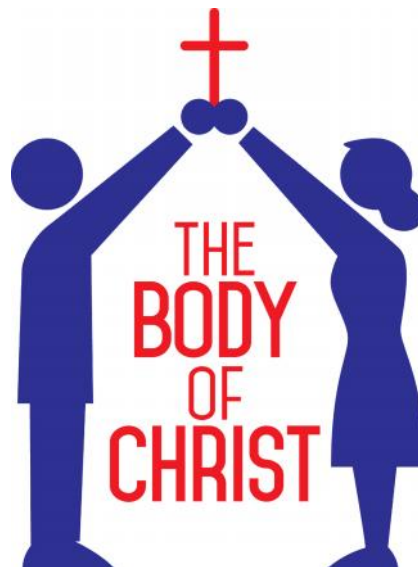
This first month was quite the whirlwind but truly one of the most special months of my life. I am so encouraged by you and excited to share the exciting word of God with these communities together.

Psalm 32:8

*The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life.
I will advise you and watch over you."*

Together we will do wonderful things by the guidance of our Lord. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Brandon





New Baby

Karen & Ian Rose welcomed Beckett Joe Rose on July 12th. He was 8 lbs 14 oz and 22 inches long. Beckett joins Rylie, Graham, and Nolan.



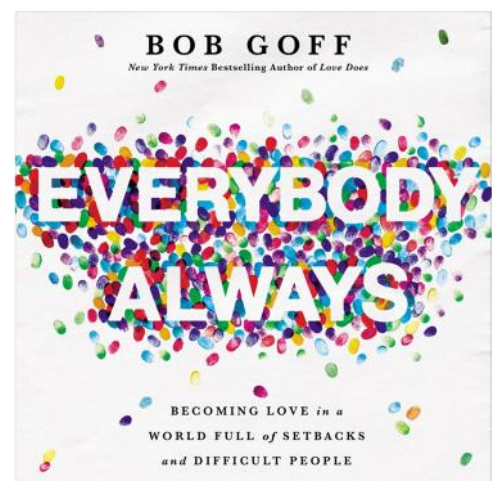
Baptisms for Ava & Zoey Strom will be on Aug 5th during worship at the Groton UMC. Parents are Nick & Jenna Strom. Blessings shower for Ava & Zoey will be during coffee hour. Ava wears 5 T and Zoey is 3-6 months.

Blessings



What is Pastor Reading?

I will be the first to admit that I am not the best when it comes to reading books for fun, but I have recently started Bob Goff's book *Everybody, Always*. I had the pleasure of seeing this man speak in Sioux Falls a couple years ago and the simplicity in which he approaches sharing the Gospel is truly inspirational. If you haven't read any of his books before and are looking for a light read, his book *Love Does* is a compilation of short uplifting stories that I really enjoyed.



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Conde News

The Conde United Methodist Church welcomed the new Conde/Groton Pastor on Sunday, July 1. His name is Brandon Dunham, and he has been serving at the Watertown First Methodist Church, where he was in charge of the music and Contemporary Service on Saturday night. He has moved to the parsonage in Groton, and next Sunday will be the first time he will preach at both churches. This past Sunday, the UMW was in charge of the Service. Patty Knoll, Donna Hearnen, and Joan Fahrenwald were the only members who were able to attend. Patty and Donna had put together the service with Patty being the leader and Donna reading the Scripture. Joan was in her usual spot at the piano. Donna presented Joan with the Mission Recognition pin and certificate. This is a way

for a Unit to give to Missions, and also honor someone in the church. Joan's mission is being in church almost every Sunday and providing the music for singing and worship.

Brandon was able to stay for coffee time and start to get acquainted with the Conde Congregation.

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

Groton Tree Trimming

Those who came to help with tree trimming were: Brad Morehouse, Diann Morehouse, Justin Morehouse, Brett Morehouse, Jesse Morehouse, Wes Morehouse, Colton Morehouse, Chuck Padfield, Roger Rix, John Lowary, AM Mitchell, and Pastor Brandon Dunham. Three trailer loads went to the rubble site and a load of firewood was given away.



2018 Northeast District UMW Annual Meeting

"Sacred Spaces"

Watertown First United Methodist Church

Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 9:00 am

Registration due August 18th, please call Gloria Pharis, Jeanne Wanous or Jolene Townsend

The Registration Fee will be paid by our Groton UMW Unit
Please plan on attending since this is so close to home!!

Groton UMW

We will not be having a meeting in August but we are still working on many things. We are continuing to work on the 2019 Date Book, planning the Budget, doing the Newsletter Update, planning a UMW Sunday, saving red and green Folger's Coffee cans.

The Nominations Committee will be scheduling a meeting soon. The Love Ribbon Grant is due to Conference by Sept 15th.



"Ethel, take a leap of faith!"

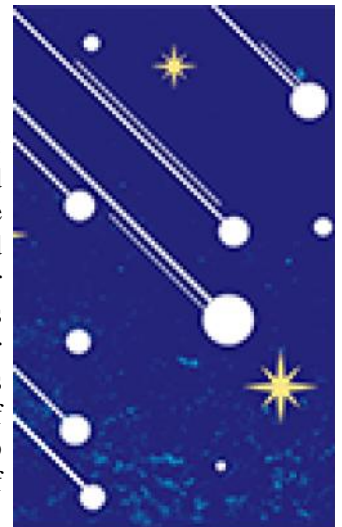
Looking Up

World-renowned cosmologist Stephen Hawking (1942-2018) stated: "Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious." His sentiment is especially fitting for August, when many people try to count the falling stars of the Perseid meteor shower.

As a self-proclaimed atheist, Hawking relied on science to answer "what makes the universe exist." Yet many Christians believe that while science shows how things happen or were created, our faith tells who made

them so.

Deuteronomy 4:19 (NIV) declares: "And when you look up to the sky and see ... the heavenly array — do not be enticed into bowing down to them and worshiping things the LORD your God has apportioned to all the nations under heaven." We can be grateful for the work of scientists and the wonders their study reveals, but instead of "bowing down" to nature, we worship its Creator and Ruler — the Lord of heaven and earth.





"At Licensing School, the students learn preaching, teaching, UM polity, organization and administration, spiritual formation and counseling, missions and evangelism, and many other practical lessons for serving a congregation," said Rev. Val Reinhiller, dean of the Dakotas Conference licensing school.

Lake Poinsett Camp and Retreat Center hosted 23 participants from four annual conferences: Dakotas, Desert Southwest, Minnesota and Wisconsin for the 2018 Dakotas Annual Conference Licensing School.

There were five professors from the Dakotas Conference teaching the courses: Rev. Gary Ball-Kilbourne, clergy effectiveness; Rev. Chet Cataldo, mission and evangelism; Rev. Ross Reinhiller, public worship, preaching and the sacraments; Rev. Valerie Reinhiller, education ministries in the church; Rev. Eric Van Meter, spiritual formation.

Licensing school is a "crash course" in being a pastor for those who want to be available for appointment or assignment to a church or charge as a licensed local pastor. In order to become a licensed local pastor a candidate must complete an application process with the District and Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and complete the licensing school and the Course of Study offered through various seminaries.

A licensed local pastor has answered the call from God to serve the mission of Jesus Christ through the work of the local congregation in The United Methodist Church. Though not ordained, the licensed local pastor performs all the duties of a pastor, including proclamation of the Word; leading worship; administering the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion; the services of marriage; burial; confirmation; and membership reception, within and while appointed to a particular charge or extension ministry.

Dakotas Conference participants included: Brenda Goodman, serving Medina / Tappen; Jason Martens, serving Salem Unite, Brandon Dunham, serving Groton / Conde; Cheri Van Gorp, Stickney, SD; Jeff Nueberger, serving Park River Federated - UMC/PCUSA / Fordville PCUSA; Jeanne Sortland, serving Kensal / Wimbledon; Derek Runge, serving Kimball Protestant Parish; Jason Christensen, serving White River / Mission; Rey Colon, serving Huron First; Molly Leger, serving Arlington / Lake Preston; Brett Roes, serving Rapid City Canyon Lake; Josh Willprecht, Dell Rapids, SD; Zach Kingery, serving Wessington Springs / Alpena.

Article from dakotasumc.org news.

Groton United Methodist UMW

September 8, 2018

Rummage

Sale

Call Jeanne Wanous today!

Lunch will be
Served

397-2664

Donate Items OR Rent your own table/room



KID'S COMMUNITY SCIENCE DAY

Free event at Groton United Methodist Church

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8TH

9AM TO 11:30AM

(REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8:45AM)

AGES 5 TO 5TH GRADE

SCIENTIFIC SNACKS INCLUDED

Contact Kim Weber
If you have any questions.

EACH CHILD NEEDS TO
BRING:

- EMPTY PLASTIC WATER
BOTTLE (16OZ OR
SMALLER)
- EMPTY POP CAN



Kid's Community Science Day

Please let Kim Weber or Pastor Brandon know if you could volunteer to help with our Kid's Community Science Day from 9 to 11:30 on Wed., Aug. 8. We would be glad to have any age 6th graders up to adults to help us! Thanks to the congregation in church for offering to donate many supplies. Items should be left at the church by 6:00 pm on Monday, July 30. These are the items that we still need to be donated:

*8 containers fresh strawberries

*About 20 bananas

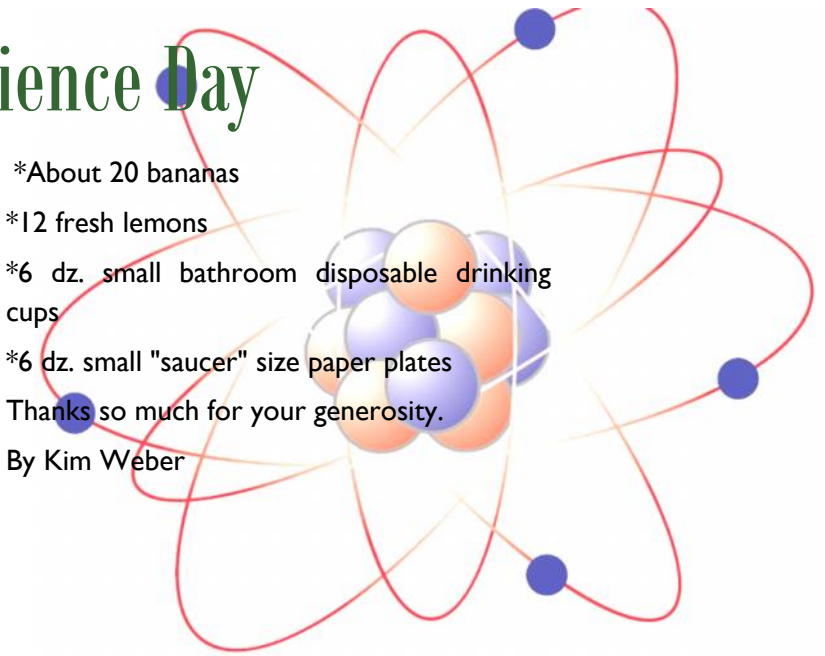
*12 fresh lemons

*6 dz. small bathroom disposable drinking cups

*6 dz. small "saucer" size paper plates

Thanks so much for your generosity.

By Kim Weber



Summer Story Time

Little Free Library has finished up our summer 2018 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, provided music, and/or donated snacks. Many thanks to Kari Hanson, Jolene Townsend, and Pastor Brandon. 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 new ideas for next year. We appreciate book donations, and thank you to Doris Strom for always looking out for our book supply. Thanks for a great summer! Kim Weber



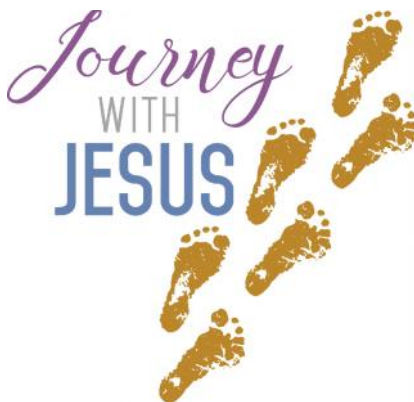
**Groton**

- Aug 2 Max Erickson
Jessica & Brent Morehouse
David Strom
Dylan Graf
- Aug 3 Lance & Kristie Hawkins
- Aug 4 Craig & Kim Weber
- Aug 5 Tigh Fliehs
- Aug 6 Damian Bahr
- Aug 7 Kelli Hanson
Tyke Nyberg
- Aug 8 Yvonne Lange
Margaret & Clint Jacobson Jr
Brad & Diann Morehouse
- Aug 9 Jackson Wells
Loel Schott
- Aug 12 Amber Wolken
Tom Lipp
- Aug 13 Logan Nilsson
- Aug 16 Rose Tewksbury
Jim Jones
Jenna & Nick Strom
Alissa & Michael Wells

- Aug 17 Chanda Nilsson
- Aug 19 Jaeger Kampa
Tyke & Chris Nyberg
Tia Johnson
Bill Zoellner
- Aug 20 Marc Sippel
Tyson Parrow
- Aug 22 Belinda Nelson
- Aug 23 Haley Erickson
Lisa Pray
- Aug 25 Justin & Amanda Morehouse
- Aug 27 Rachel Dobbins
Ellianna Jacobson
- Aug 28 Rob & Jeanne Wanous
- Aug 29 Chuck Padfield
- Aug 30 Emma Schinkel
Jase Bahr
Nathan Atherton
- Aug 31 Katelyn Hawkins

Conde

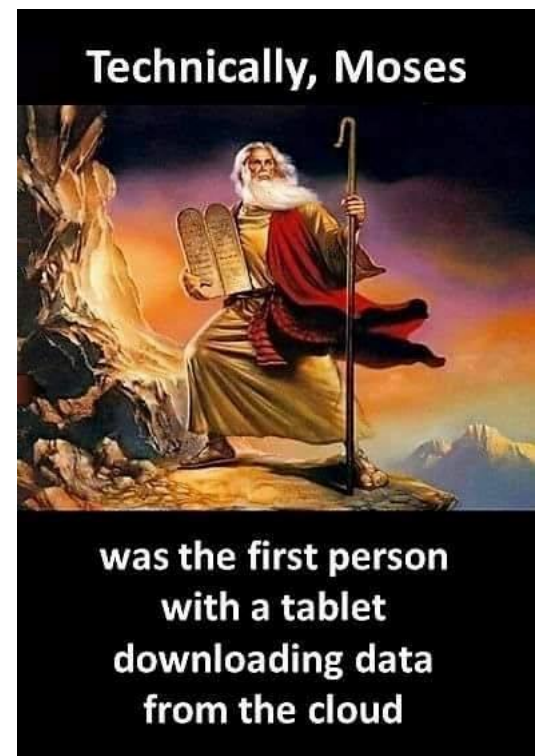
- Aug 6 Loren & Pat Siefken
- Aug 10 Cindy Smith
- Aug 12 Cody Evans
- Aug 20 Richard & Jane Worlie
- Aug 26 Pamela Hanson
- Aug 31 Collin Ragels

**A SERMON ON LEGS**

I'd rather see a sermon
than hear one any day:
I'd rather one would walk with me
than merely tell the way.

The eye's a better pupil,
and more willing than the ear.
Fine council is confusing,
but example's always clear.

—Edgar A. Guest



Groton Ad Council - July

Chairman Brad Morehouse called the meeting to order with the following 13 people in attendance: Treasurer, Anita Lowary, reviewed the end-of-June Financial Report. Although we continue to be behind in apportionment payments we are encouraged by increased attendance and giving.

Trustees Chairman, Richard Krueger, voiced his thanks to the Morehouse family for cleaning up trees in the church yard and for fixing the banner storage system. Richard also thanked Allen Walter for finishing the shed floor. Richard also reviewed the church policy for borrowing tables which states that members can check out tables on a sign-up sheet on the door of the storage room once they have gotten verbal approval from a trustee member. Richard is concerned that we have seen some damage to borrowed tables. As a reminder, no round tables or padded chairs can be borrowed.

Memorial Fund Report: Memorial Fund chair, Linda Thurston, gave an update of funds in the account. Total designated is \$14,451 and total undesignated is \$3535.

The council approved a motion by Roger Rix to have the Memorial Committee (Jerry Rix Memorial) fund the new east entrance cement work along with an additional donation from the Rix family. Total cost including an additional Rix family donation is \$4200.

The council approved a church use request by the UMW for Sept. 7 & 8 to sponsor a church member rummage sale to coincide with the Groton Citywide Rummage Sale. Watch for details regarding space rental.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Secretary, Jeanne Wanous



Groton UMC Mission

**ENRICHING SPIRITUAL
LIVES
THROUGH CHRIST**

Groton Sept Family Committee

Kay & Doug Daly

Brent & Jessica Morehouse

- J Angela & Perryn Dobbins
- J Andrea & Scott Eisenbeisz
- J Marva & Lon Gellhaus
- J Mendy & Jim Jones, Marlee, Austin
- J Robin O'Neill, Grady
- J Jesse & Jaymie Overacker
- J Marjorie & Roger Overacker
- J Harlan & Peggy Place
- J Carol & Luverne Strom
- J Alan Strom
- J Mark & June Thompson
- J Jeanne Wanous
- J Jim & Judy Zeck

Honorary Members

- J Ann Rix
- J Doris Strom

Sept 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 Straighten the Sanctuary Pews
- J Change the banners as needed as per schedule in the back of the committee book
- J Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
- J Serve at Golden Living Center - 5th Sunday
- J 5th Sunday may buy donuts and give bill to church treasurer
- J Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons
- J Potluck 2nd Sunday (Rally Sunday)

Groton Stewardship Report June 2018

Average
Wkly Giving
\$1,520

Needed Wkly for
Church Mission
\$2,347

Average Weekly
Attendance Sunday
50

Total Building Fund
Donations
for Repairs
\$80

September 2018

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Our Church Happenings

- Aug 2 PPRC Meeting in Groton 7 pm
- Aug 8 Groton Kids Community Science Day 9 am - 11:30 am
- Aug 5 Groton Baptism/Blessings Shower for Ava & Zoey Strom
- Aug 15 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- Aug 19 Newsletter Items Due
- Sept 9 Groton Rally Sunday with
Backpack Blessing, Grandparents Celebration, Photo Booth, & Potluck
- Sept 16 Groton Sunday School Starts

August 2018						
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