



# UMC Messenger

FEBRUARY 2018

GROTON/CONDE

## 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

## From Pastor Thomas' Desk

Greeting Friends,

As I began to focus on the preparation for Lent, my mind began to think about how sometimes in our lives we have a season where it seems like we are running in circles, from one event to another, we seem to just go go go. We live in such a fast pace world.

My mind went to Romans 15:13 *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

I believe that Lent is a great time to focus on emptying ourselves. This allows us to be filled with the very breath of God that gives us joy and peace as we walk with Him. May the power of the Holy Spirit surround us with renewed hope as we prepare for the journey to the cross this Lent.

I would like to invite you to join us for a time of focusing on our walk as we gather every week for a time of communion and prayer. May we find time to slow down as we come and sit in the presence of the Holy Spirit! It is my hearts prayer and soul desire that each one of you will find rest this Lenten season.

Holding you in the light!

Pastor Thomas Carlson

Spread  
joy



### 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.

### CHURCH INFORMATION

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## Groton UMW

**Feb 15th, Thursday**

**1:30 pm**

**Program by**

**Jolene Townsend**

**Hostesses**

**Jolene Townsend &**

**Marj Townsend**

## Feb 20 - New Bible Study

Tuesday 10 AM Bible Study will start a new study by Rob Fuquay "Which Way, Lord?" for Lent. All are welcome to join us.

As Christians, we hunger to know and live out God's purposes for our lives. But how do we know for certain that our choices are moving us in the right direction?

*Which Way, Lord?* will help you understand God's desire for your life by unpacking your experiences alongside those of the apostle Paul.

Through many detours, adversity, and time spent thinking about his life, Paul completely reoriented his understanding of faith

## UMYF Schedule 2018

Feb 14 7 pm at ELCA

Feb 28 7 pm at ELCA

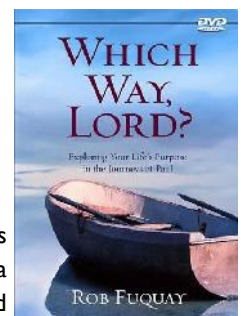
Mar 14 7 pm at UMC

Mar 28 7 pm at UMC

Apr 11 7 pm at ELCA

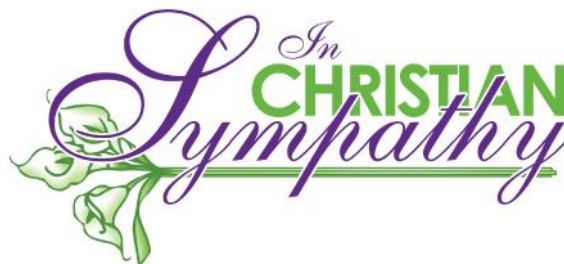
Apr 25 7 pm at ELCA

May 9 Community Service Project TBA



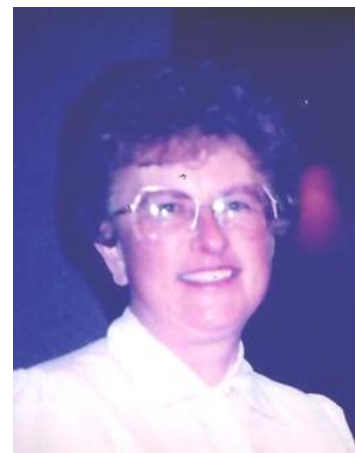
and God's purpose for his life. God placed Paul in a community that shared God's love with him, and Paul underwent several years of training in preparation for his ministry.

Discover how to discern and follow God's leading, explore ways God can use you and your life experience, respond to God's signals, endure hardships and doubts, and persevere with hope and faith. Rediscover the truths that you are wonderfully made, created for purpose, and equipped to live a life of significance. Join us in traveling together to find your purpose.



Janice Herman passed away

January 10th





GROTON UMC KID'S MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

# Parent's Night Out!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

## FEB 10TH

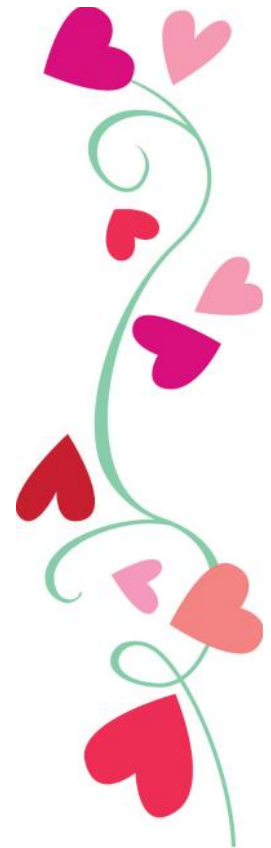
## 6-10PM

*\$5 per child*

ACTIVITIES & SUPPER FOR KIDS

DROP THE KIDS OFF AND ENJOY VALENTINE'S DAY A LITTLE EARLY!

No Sunday School  
on February 18th





# Lent Begins

**Ash Wednesday - February 14th**

Groton UMC 6 pm and Conde UMC 3 pm

**Communion & Prayer - Every Wednesday**

February 21 - March 21 at 7 pm

# Holy Week

**Good Friday Service - March 30**

Community Service at noon - Groton UMC

Groton UMC 7 pm and Conde UMC 5:30 pm

# Easter Sunday

**Sunrise Service at Groton UMC 7 am**

**Easter Worship - April 1**

Conde UMC 9 am and Groton UMC 11 am

## 10 biblical ways to LOVE

1. Listen without interrupting. "To answer before listening — that is folly and shame" (Proverbs 18:13).

2. Speak without accusing. "Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" (James 1:19).

3. Give without selfishness. "The righteous give without sparing" (Proverbs 21:26).

4. Pray without ceasing. "We have not stopped praying for you" (Colossians 1:9).

5. Answer without arguing. "Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife" (Proverbs 17:1).

6. Share without pretending. "Speaking the

truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of ... Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).

7. Enjoy without complaining. "Do everything without grumbling or arguing" (Philippians 2:14).

8. Trust without wavering. "[Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" (1 Corinthians 13:7).

9. Forgive without punishing. "Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Colossians 3:13).

10. Promise without forgetting. "A longing fulfilled is a tree of life" (Proverbs 13:12).

—From various websites; all Scriptures NIV

# Our New Home

A preacher who had always feared death felt powerless to comfort others who were facing it. Toward the end of his life, he moved to another house. When all the furniture had been packed, he lingered in the home where he'd raised his children and prepared many sermons. An assistant interrupted those reflections by saying, "Everything's gone, sir, but the new house is better than this one. Come away."

The preacher never forgot this lesson. God has prepared for his children a home infinitely better than earth — "an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands" (2 Corinthians 5:1, NIV).



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**Early Bird Deadline  
April 30th  
Sign-Up Today!**

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Christ, creation, & community  
through camp & retreat ministries

For more information or to register online go to : [dakcamps.org](http://dakcamps.org)



Come Join Us  
..... FOR A .....

# VALENTINE DINNER

Sunday, February 11  
♥♥♥ AT 5:30 pm ♥♥♥

Entertainment:

**VONNIE REUER & RAQUEL DEIBERT**

Food:

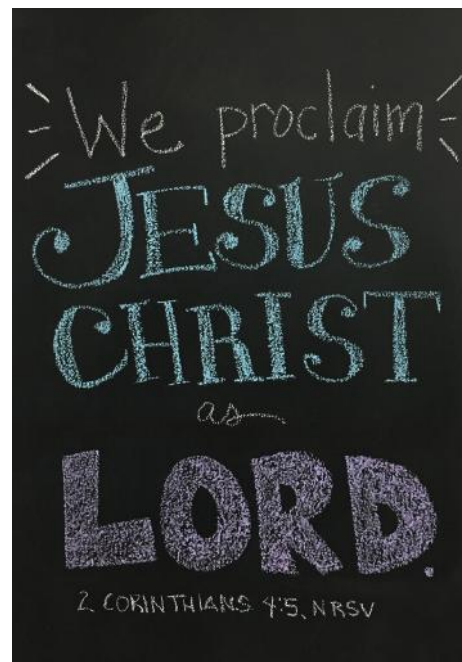
**ROAST BEEF DINNER**

Tickets:

**\$12 PER PERSON**

**ON SALE JAN. 28TH & FEB. 4TH  
BETWEEN SERVICES - OR AT THE  
CHURCH OFFICE STARTING JAN. 15**

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## an early start to spring cleaning

Although Lent starts early this year, before spring appears in many areas, it's an appropriate time for spring cleaning. Indeed, *Lent* comes from old German and English words for "spring." So, while it might be too soon to open windows or hang clothes on the line, now is ideal for some *spiritual* spring cleaning.

Lent calls us to examine our beliefs, confess and dispose of old grudges and selfish habits, dust off our Bibles for a new routine of study and prayer, air out our hearts and brighten up our attitudes. "Lent cleaning" lets the Holy Spirit freshen our faith — and it's never too early for that.

# Our Church Celebrations

## Groton

Feb 2 Journey Zieroth  
 Feb 4 KayLynn Overacker  
 Tim Olson  
 Feb 5 Scott Eisenbeisz  
 Todd Thurston  
 Feb 7 Gary Voss  
 Feb 8 Gage Sippel  
 Larry Wheeting  
 Feb 10 Alan & Jolene Townsend  
 Andrea & Scott Eisenbeisz  
 Brenda Madsen  
 Dion Bahr  
 June Thompson  
 Nori Hinman  
 Feb 11 Oliver Anderson  
 Feb 12 Skyler Kramer  
 Yvonne Lorenz  
 Feb 14 Diane Nissen  
 Feb 16 Pernell Graf

Feb 19 Gaylene Voss  
 Robin O'Neill  
 Feb 20 Darin Gubin  
 Jim & Judy Zeck  
 Michael Wells  
 Feb 21 Joe Nelson  
 Wyatt Morehouse  
 Feb 22 Anthony Schinkel  
 Feb 23 Karl Rekow  
 Feb 25 Brent Morehouse  
 Greg Heitmann

## Conde

Feb 4 Donna Walter  
 Feb 5 Richard Sanderson  
 Feb 9 Vicki Stark  
 Feb 10 Greg & Vicki Stark  
 Feb 15 Tim & Betty Geist  
 Feb 19 Tyler Stark  
 Feb 22 Horace Walter

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



Groton UMC Mission

**ENRICHING SPIRITUAL  
 LIVES  
 THROUGH CHRIST**



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**"I have one left over. Which of you  
 still wants to be my valentine?"**

*You  
 are the  
 LIGHT  
 of the  
 WORLD.*  
 —MATTHEW 5:14

# Groton March Family Committee

## Kay & Doug Daly

## Brent & Jessica Morehouse

Angela & Perryn Dobbins

Andrea & Scott Eisenbeisz

Marva & Lon Gellhaus

Mendy & James Jones, Marlee, Austin

Robin O'Neill, Grady

Jesse & Jaymie Overacker

Marjorie & Roger Overacker

Harlan & Peggy Place

Alan Strom

Jim & Judy Zeck

## Honorary Members

J Ann Rix

J Doris Strom

## March 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 book or on poster board in library
- J Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
- J Shovel snow from doorways before church
- J Potluck 2nd Sunday - give church secretary details for bulletin
- J Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons

## March 2018

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## Groton Stewardship Report Dec 2017

Average  
Wkly Giving  
\$2,138

Needed Wkly for  
Church Mission  
\$2,347

Average Weekly  
Attendance Sunday  
65

Total Building Fund  
Donations  
for Repairs  
\$50

# Kiwanis Potato Bar Feed

Groton Area vs. Roncalli

# Tuesday, February 6th

\$6.00 per person



**Serving 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Groton High School Arena**

## Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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



# Our Church Happenings

- Feb 1 Groton Prayer Group 7 pm
- Feb 2 Groton MOMs Group 9:30 am
- Feb 10 Groton Parents Night Out 6-10 pm - Education Fundraiser
- Feb 14 Conde Ash Weds Service 3 pm
- Feb 14 Groton Ash Weds Service 6 pm
- Feb 14 Groton Youth Group at 7 pm at ELCA Church
- Feb 15 Groton UMW 1:30 pm
- Feb 18 Groton No Sunday School
- Feb 20 Groton Tues 10 AM Bible Study starting new Lent Study
- Feb 21 Groton Time of Communion & Prayer 7 pm
- Feb 21 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- Feb 28 Groton Time of Communion & Prayer 7 pm
- Feb 28 Groton Youth Group 7 pm at ELCA Church

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