




UMC Messenger

JULY 2018

GROTON/CONDE



From The Pastor

Hello Church!

My name is Pastor Brandon Dunham and I am so excited to be serving alongside you all starting July 1st. I wanted to take an opportunity to introduce myself a little bit before we get to know each other! Firstly I am a native of Rapid City South Dakota where I spent most of my life. I graduated high school in 2010 and made my way East River where I attended South Dakota State University in Brookings for Hospitality Management. GO JACKS! It was there that I fell in love with ministry and music and my future bride Ashley. She moved back to her hometown Aberdeen to finish her second degree and like any man in love would do, I followed her. We are getting married next May, and we cannot wait! All of this has led me to you wonderful people and I am so thankful for the path the Lord is leading me on. I am a very laid back and relaxed personality so feel free to stop by the office and say hello any time!

Let's do some fun facts:

-) I grew up in the Black Hills so I love the outdoors.
-) I have a younger sister who is getting married the week before this Newsletter comes out.
-) I am a big sports fan so I apologize if references make it into the sermons.

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



He called
the twelve
and began
to send
them out
two
by two.

MARK 6:7

Welcome



Justin Olson joined the church June 17th. Please be sure to welcome Justin! Photo Left to Right is: Pastor Thomas Carlson (last Sunday), Pastor Brandon Dunham (new pastor July 1st), Justin Olson, and Brad Morehouse (Ad Council Chair).

It's a Girl!

Zoey Elizabeth Strom was born June 8 to Nick & Jenna Strom and big sister Ava. 5 lbs 13 oz and 20 inches long.



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New Roof put on the Shed



The Crew--
Brad Morehouse
Justin Morehouse
Brent Morehouse
Jesse Morehouse
Alan Walter
Connor Hanson
Richard Krueger (honorary)



Thank You!



Ways to Welcome a New Pastor

Welcome your new pastor

-)] Open your hearts and decide that you are going to love your new pastor.
-)] Begin praying daily for the new pastor and family.
-)] Send cards of welcome and encouragement to the incoming pastor.
-)] Know that welcoming your new pastor in genuine and effective ways lays the ground work for a healthy and vital relationship and the development of stable, long-term ministries together.

Continue the welcome

-)] Take food over for the first few weeks. Many churches continue the practice of having a "pounding" for the new pastor when persons bring food items.
-)] Give gift certificates to several of your favorite restaurants in the community.
-)] Give the pastor and family a welcome reception
-)] Plan a worship celebration of the new appointment.
-)] Invite the new pastor to any social events held by Sunday School classes or other groups in the early months.
-)] Continue to remember your new pastor and family in your daily prayers.

Help the new pastor become familiar with the congregation

-)] Introduce yourself to the pastor repeatedly! You have one name to learn; your pastor has many names to learn.
-)] Wear name tags. Even if name tags are not a tradition, the congregation can wear them for a few weeks to help the pastor learn names.



-)] Provide the new pastor with a tour of where things are kept inside the church and perhaps a floor plan of the facilities.
-)] Orient the new pastor to information systems and the way records are kept.
-)] Make sure the pastor has a list of home bound or nursing home members, a list of those struggling with long term illness, and a list of those still in grief over recent deaths in the family. Better yet, take the pastor for an introduction to each of these households.
-)] Have an appropriate person offer to go with the pastor for introductions and support if

there are particularly urgent pastoral situations (a member near death or the family of a member who has just died).

-)] Have a lay official offer to take the pastor to meet church members in their businesses or other work settings, if they are easily accessible.
-)] Offer to help arrange small group sessions to meet and talk with the congregation.
-)] Create a "church yellow pages" (a list of people in the church who have specific skills that a newcomer may find beneficial.... auto mechanic, doctor, dentist, dry cleaners, book store, office supply, etc.).

Help the new pastor connect with the community

-)] Provide a list of hospitals, nursing homes, and community service agencies.
-)] Introduce your new pastor to other clergy in the community. Provide information on any ecumenical activities or associations.
-)] Introduce the new pastor to public and community leaders.
-)] Ask church members in civic clubs to take the new pastor to one of their meetings.



Thank you for the celebration
and honoring the seniors in church.
Also, Thank you for the sweat
shirt. I will get a lot of use out
of it!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THINKING OF ME ON MY
GRADUATION DAY.

I WILL BE ATTENDING NSU THIS FALL FOR
ELEMENTARY AND SPECIAL EDUCATION.

Jasmine Schinkel.



Thank you for the
cross for confirmation
it is hanging in my
room.

Ryder



Angela /Dobbins
605-380-3870



Groton UMW - June

Thirteen women attended a delicious luncheon at the home of Diann Morehouse. The ladies really enjoyed a day out and Diann's hospitality.

After lunch and fellowship, a short meeting was held. President Jolene Townsend shared where we have sent money year-to-date to support women, children, and youth. Jeanne Wanous shared information on the Lydia Project which is asking for 10,000 purple scarves to be knitted or crocheted for the 2020 General Conference attendees in Minneapolis.

It was decided that we would hold a fund raiser on September 8 by renting out spaces in our church for the city-wide rummage sale. We may also have food for sale that day.

Our next scheduled UMW meeting will be on September 20. Jeanne Wanous UMW Secretary/Treasurer



YOU ARE INVITED

WEDNESDAY COFFEE

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

No Coffee July 4th



Kids
aren't the church
of the future;
they're the
church
of
today!



Groton Ad Council - June

Vice President AM Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. The following 7 people were in attendance: Allen Walter, Laurie & AM Mitchell, Jeanne Wanous, Diann Morehouse, Roger Rix, and Richard Krueger.

It was noted that bills for reshingling of the shed roof were charged at S&S. The bill will be paid with funds from the Memorial fund. Thanks to the Morehouse men, Allen Walter and his helper Connor Hanson for doing the work on the shed.

Richard Krueger talked to the city about trees hanging over the highway. The following items were discussed in regards to preparing the parsonage for our new minister: Laurie Mitchell volunteered to shampoo the carpet and Diann M. volunteered to wash the floors; look at painting needed inside; consider painting of the outside of the house and the fence; replacement of a kitchen blind; and purchasing a microwave for the kitchen.

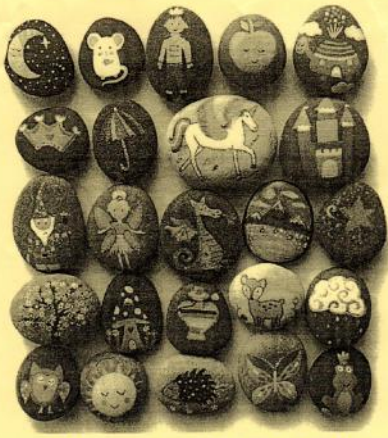
It was confirmed that Chuck Padfield had been paid for previous years of lawn mowing.

The council felt that name tags for church attendees should be used initially to benefit our new pastor. The council wondered if the membership committee could find ways to encourage church members who have not been in attendance for a while to begin attending again.

A Prayer for the 4th

Lord Jesus, thou who art the way, the truth and the life; hear us as we pray for the truth that shall make all free. Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived. Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded. Help us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to do what is right.

—Peter Marshall, before the U.S. Senate



GROTON ROCKS!

- *Paint rocks and add your name or group in permanent marker on the bottom of each rock.
- *Hide the rocks around Groton. *Scavenger hunt around town to look for the rocks.
- *Find a rock? Take a picture & post it on the "Groton Rocks" Facebook page. *Hide the rock again for someone else to find!

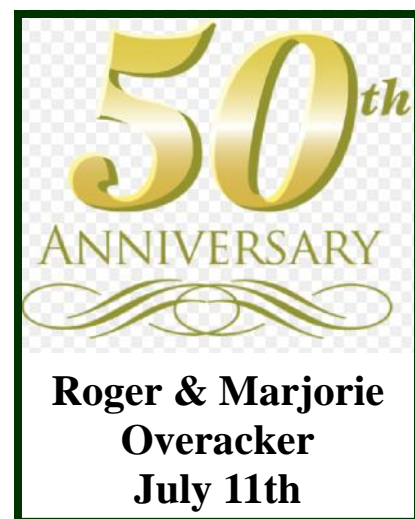
Let's have fun with this community art project sponsored by Groton Area OST. *You can donate supplies for the project to OST, so students can paint. Please contact Mr. Schwan or Mrs. Weber.



Groton UMC Mission

**ENRICHING SPIRITUAL
LIVES
THROUGH CHRIST**

Our Celebrations



August 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Groton

Jul 1 Graham Rose
 Charity Hinman
 Jul 4 Seth Erickson
 Jul 5 Allen & Joyce Walter
 Jasmine Schinkel
 Jul 7 Ida Hannon
 Julie Morehouse
 Jul 8 Kelby Hawkins
 Jul 9 Judy Zeck
 Jordan Voss
 Jul 10 Pernell & Noella Graf
 Jul 11 Roger & Marjorie Overacker (50th)
 Scott Hinman
 Jul 12 Ashtn Bahr
 Jul 13 Jolene Townsend
 Stephanie Townsend
 Jeff Voss
 Jul 14 Christine Nyberg
 Ava Kramer
 Jul 15 Margaret Jacobson
 Jul 16 Linda Thurston
 Richard Voss
 Jul 17 Mackenzie Atherton

Jul 18 Doug & Kay Daly
 Josh & Merrie Atherton
 Kaitlin O'Neill
 Kevin Pray
 Jul 19 Carol Strom
 Jul 21 Levi Parrow
 Jul 23 Chanda & Logan Nilsson
 Joyce Walter
 Jul 24 Maggie Oliver
 Roger & Pam Rix
 Jul 25 Hannah Webb
 Jul 26 Angela & Perryn Dobbins
 Laila Roberts
 Jul 27 Damian & Erin Bahr
 Ryland Strom
 Tony Madsen
 Jul 28 Craig Weber
 Jul 29 Curtis Krueger
 Jul 30 Megan & Seth Erickson
 Jul 31 Lynette Severson

Conde

Jul 3 Guy & Renee Hanlon
 Jul 6 Shanna Geist
 Jul 23 Patty Knoll
 Jul 27 Horace & Donna Walter

“Lord, remember me”

The funeral of renowned evangelist Billy Graham was a celebration — not of the preacher’s long life and many accomplishments but of his arrival in heaven. Graham, who died at age 99 in February 2018, was confident he’d spend eternity with Jesus but knew the reason wasn’t his own status or actions.

Graham knew he was a sinner in need of forgiveness. “I still need the cross,” he said.

Graham added, “I am not going to heaven because I have preached to great crowds or read the Bible many times. I’m going to heaven just like the thief on the cross who said in that last moment: ‘Lord, remember me.’”

Lydia Project

The United Methodist General Conference will be coming to Minneapolis in 2020. The Dakotas-Minnesota Area has a wonderful opportunity to come together to provide hospitality for this conference.

We intend to greet every delegate, dignitary, bishop, and spouse with a handmade scarf, to serve not only as a memento of General Conference but also as a practical solution to drafty, air-conditioned rooms. That's where you come in!

We are inviting United Methodists in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota to help us knit or crochet **10,000 purple scarves**. We are calling this initiative the Lydia Project, after Lydia in [Acts 16](#).

Each church is asked to designate a contact person for this project. The contact person will be responsible for coming up with an estimated number of scarves your congregation can commit to making. (Contact [Mary-Anne Korsch](#) to let her know your number!)

Project Details:

-) Scarves should be hand-knitted or hand-crocheted. Since this is a Minnesota event, please use solid purple yarn, like the colors of the Minnesota Vikings or Prince. Royal purple and bright purple are great. Please avoid lavender color and do not use variegated yarn.
-) Please use acrylic yarn that could be washed if needed.
-) The pattern can be the creator's choice. Finished projects should be 6-7 inches wide and at least 60 inches long (think about wrapping a scarf around your own neck to stay warm in a drafty room). If you add fringe, which is optional, please be sure that

the scarf itself is at least 60 inches long before the fringe.

-) When the scarf is done, package it individually in a gallon-size Ziploc bag. Please find a place in your own church to store the finished products and plan to bring them to Annual Conference 2019 (not 2018—we don't have space to store them at the Minnesota Conference office!).
-) You can download suggested patterns at <https://www.dakotasumc.org/lydiaproject>
-) Once your congregation commits to creating a specific number of scarves, you will receive that number of tags (at Annual Conference if you stop by the Lydia Project Table, or they can be mailed to you); the tags have a space for the creator to write his or her name and church, and to put a dot on a map of the Dakotas-Minnesota Area that indicates the creator's approximate geographic location. Use a piece of purple yarn to attach a tag to each scarf.
-) As the scarves are being created, invite the creators to be in prayer for General Conference 2020, and for the recipient of their scarves.



EPHESIANS 2:22, ESV

Groton UMC Building History

A building plan was eventually selected with Richard Ruden chairman of the building committee and Donald Walter as chairman of the building fund committee. Ground breaking and site consecration took place November 19, 1961, with the Rev. R. P. Nielsen presiding. Land, consisting of a full city block, on which to build had been donated by Mrs. Ethel Ragels. Several other lots nearby were donated by Art Thurston and sold, the proceeds used for the building project. The first stage was completed and consecrated June 17, 1962. Dr. Harvey Sander delivered the morning sermon and District Superintendent, Howard Miller and Bishop Edwin R. Garrison highlighting the afternoon service. The building was declared an educational unity and temporary sanctuary. Jay Swisher was Sunday School superintendent and Merrill Rix was the chairman of the official board.

The second stage, that of a sanctuary was started in 1966 with Robert Wehde, chairman. This part, ready for use April 7, 1968, was consecrated with a morning sermon delivered by the Rev. L. A. Kruckenberg and afternoon sermon by Bishop Garrison. K. O. Brekke was resident pastor then.



First Wedding in the Groton UMC New Sanctuary

50 years ago the Current Sanctuary was finished in April. June 21 Nancy Clawson and Gary Ruckdaschel were married. And today, they came back and renewed their vows. Memories were made and Nancy admired how much was the same. See for yourself in their then and now photo. Their Mailing Address is: Nancy and Gary Ruckdaschel, 3126 Pleasure Park Lane, Enemy Swim Lake, Waubay, SD 57273



Nancy & Gary Ruckdaschel
June 21, 1968-2018

Groton August Family Committee

JoAnn & Richard Krueger

Chuck Padfield

Valerie Baker

Chris & Sherwin Nyberg

Joey & Sabrina Padfield

Randy & Rebecca Padfield

Gloria & Harry Pharis

Lindsey & Tom Tietz

Joyce & Allen Walter

Honorary Members

- / Ruby Luce
- / Richard Voss
- / Jean Walter
- / Marjory Townsend
- / Marie McClintic & Larry Schnaidt
- / Pat Dahlquist



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
- / Straighten the Sanctuary Pews
- / Change the banners as needed as per schedule in back of the committee book
- / Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
- / Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons

Groton Stewardship Report May 2018

Average
Wkly Giving
\$1,474

Needed Wkly for
Church Mission
\$2,347

Average Weekly
Attendance Sunday
41

Total Building Fund
Donations
for Repairs
\$55

JOIN us FOR OUTDOOR **Storytime**

Stories, Activities, & Light Snack
Surprise Guest Authors!

Little Free Library
Groton United Methodist Church

**Every Wednesday in
June & July at 10:30am**
(No Story time July 5th or rainy days)

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

Our Church Happenings

Pastor Brandon will start preaching in worship on July 8th. Please be sure to greet and welcome Brandon. He is our new pastor starting July 1st.

Community Coffee Hour is every Wednesday at the Groton UMC in the fellowship hall from 9 -10:30 am. Free Coffee and Rolls provided. A Relaxing time to visit - Come and Go - Church Members and all our friends from the neighborhood. No Coffee on July 4th.

Little Free Library Story Time is each Wednesday in July at 10:30 am. Come to the Little Free Library outside the front door of the Groton UMC Church to hear stories, do activities, and have a light snack. We even have Surprise Guest Authors! No Story Time on July 4th.

Groton Tuesday 10 AM Bible Study meets each week and we welcome all denominations. We are studying favorite passages of the Bible and watching a few movies this summer. Come and join us! No Bible Study July 3rd.

Groton Ad Council meets at 7 pm on July 18th.

Newsletter Articles for the August Newsletter are due July 22nd.

No Groton UMW in July.

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