



UMC Messenger

NOVEMBER 2018

GROTON/CONDE


**CHARGE
CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 13TH
3-4:30 PM
ABERDEEN
NORTH HIGH-
LAND UMC**

**OFFICE
HOURS**



Pastor
In Office
Tuesday &
Thursday
Mornings

Friday
Day Off



From *The* Pastor

Hello Church!

Well what do you think...October our busiest month? We did so many wonderful things last month and I want to share just a few with you:

-) With 288 students at Groton Elementary, we raised \$295 for \$1 books to be sent over to the school. Teachers are getting an opportunity to fill up their classroom libraries with books for the children to enjoy and that is all due to your efforts in our "One Thing" ministry.
-) In October we reached a new high in attendance for Conde with so many of you bringing family and friends to worship, while in Groton we reached a new record in giving! Way to go church!
-) So many people said yes to stepping out in faith and joining committees as we get ready for our Charge Conference in November. I am so proud to be the pastor of churches that are willing to test their comfort zones for the sake of God's mission.

GOD IS MOVING!

As we transition into November, I wanted to share a devotion that aligns with our current sermon series "Uncomfortable".

"Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?"

Matthew 18:33

Forgiveness is not a moral rule that comes with sanctions attached. Forgiveness is a way of life, God's way of life, God's way TO life; and if we close our hearts to the forgiveness of others, well then we close our hearts to forgiveness. That is the point of this parable in Matthew where a slave had been forgiven a huge debt but then dragged a colleague into court to settle a debt of a few pence.

This idea of forgiveness is uncomfortable but when we choose to not forgive others we shut down a facility in the innermost person, which happens to be the same facility that can receive God's forgiveness. It also happens to be the same place that can experience real joy and real grief. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Living life with other people is one of the highest struggles some of us will experience. But we remember our God who loves us and cares for us despite our mistakes, and we use that example to release those around us from a prison of guilt as we also release ourselves from the exhaustion of holding it.

Jesus' prayer, "Forgive our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us" isn't a bargain we make with God. It's a fact of human life. So how (and whom) can you forgive, as God has forgiven you?

Peace be with you.
Pastor Brandon
Dunham





BAPTISM

Clayton Ross Morehouse will be baptized November 25th during worship. A Blessing Shower will be held during coffee hour. Clayton is the son of Justin & Amanda Morehouse. Born August 21st.



Xavier Dean Richards was baptized October 7th. Son of Caroline Graf and Matthew Richards



EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO HELP
DECORATE THE CHURCH
FOR CHRISTMAS!
GROTON NOVEMBER 25TH AT NOON
CONDE NOVEMBER 25TH

CHURCH INFORMATION

Pastor Brandon Dunham
Office Phone 605-397-8270
Parsonage Phone 605-397-4538
Pastor Email: pastorbrandon@nvc.net
Secretary Email: grotonumc@nvc.net
Website: grotonumc.org
Facebook: facebook.com/grotonsducml
906 N 1st St Groton, SD 57445

November Sermon Series

UNCOMFORTABLE

The Awkward and Essential Challenge of Christian Community



Uncomfortable: The Awkward and Essential Challenge of Christian Community

Big Idea of the Series: American culture is a culture of comfort. It's being sold to us everywhere we look. We're encouraged to do what we want, when we want, with whomever we want. If something is uncomfortable, we want to avoid it at all costs. The Christian faith, though, is just that: uncomfortable. This four-week series, based on *Uncomfortable* by Brett McCracken, will help people embrace, understand, and see the beauty and hope in the challenging realities of being part of God's people.

Groton Sunday School Christmas Program

**Program is Sunday
Dec 16th at 5 pm
“Light of the World”
Meal Following
By High School Youth Group**

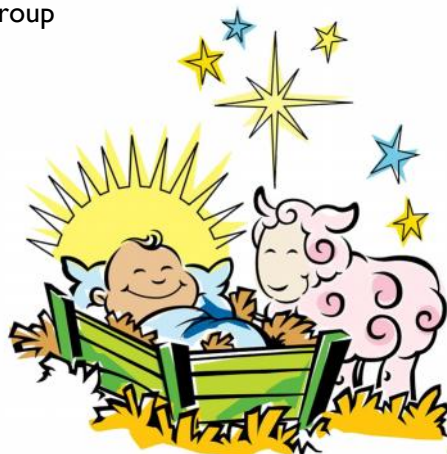
Sunday 10 am Practice Schedule

-) Nov 4: Church at 10 am with dismissal to practice after the children's sermon
-) Nov 11: speaking parts handed out
-) Nov 18: do artwork for program and take photos of nativity groups
-) Nov 25: no practice
-) Dec 2: practice
-) Dec 9: practice

Bells Group will meet at the elementary school each Wednesday till Dec 12 from 4-4:30 pm. Except Thanksgiving Week.

Saturday Dec 15th Practice

-) 1 pm soloists and bells practice
-) 2-3:30 pm rehearse complete program with entire group



3rd Grade Bibles Presented

October 7th the Groton UMC 3rd Graders Received Bibles. Receiving Bibles were Rylie Rose, Journey Zieroth, and Taryn Thompson (not pictured).



Groton UMC Mission

**ENRICHING SPIRITUAL
LIVES
THROUGH CHRIST**

Groton UMW - October

Our meeting began with a program by Jeanne Wanous who shared information related to our UMW annual World Thank Offering. She shared a list of worldwide initiatives made possible by the monetary gifts given through our World Thank Offering. One such initiative is material and child health. The UMW wants to decrease maternal mortality rates by 2020 and they are working to decrease the rate of baby deaths as well. Members then offered their monetary gifts for the World Thank Offering.

Our meeting continued with reciting of the UMW Purpose and devotions given by JoAnn Krueger. Previous minutes were read and approved. Jeanne Wanous shared the financial report stating that we have a current balance of \$3,090.58.

President Jolene Townsend asked mem-

bers for names to lift up in our prayers. Recent recipients of our annual Special Recognition, Karla Pasteur & Jewel of a Woman, Marlys Rodman honors were reviewed.

Attendees took time to rank a list of local mission projects to which they would like to have our UMW contribute fund.

Members then took time to help with preparation of our UMW Trunk or Treat decorations. They were also given an opportunity to contribute to our candy fund for the Oct. 31 event.

The activity was followed by a delicious dessert prepared by Darlys Kampa & Jan Raap.

Jeanne Wanous

UMW Secretary/Treasurer

Groton UMW Meeting

Nov 15th

1:30 pm

Program by
Kay Daly
Hostess

Marj Overacker
Executive Mtg
at 3 pm

You will have plenty to eat ...
and you will praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has worked wonders for you.

Joel 2:26, NIV

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

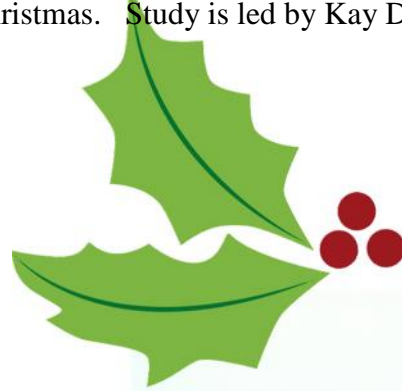
The Wonder of Christmas Once You Believe, Anything Is Possible

Advent begins on Sunday, December 2nd, and we will start an exciting new Advent program, *The Wonder of Christmas*. This program explores four elements of the Christmas story that teach us about the wonder of God's great love for us: a star, a name, a manger, and a promise. As we look to these wonder-filled aspects of the Christmas story, we will rediscover that the true wonder of Christmas is found in the love of Christ and made real in our hearts when we share that love with others. This transformational program will include special sermons and study groups for adults. Join us this Advent as we embrace and celebrate the true wonder of Christmas, believing that because of God's great love and light in Jesus Christ, anything is possible!

Led by Pastor Brandon, groups will meet in Conde on Tuesdays at 7pm beginning November 27th and Groton on Wednesdays at 6pm beginning November 28th.



Tuesday 10 AM Bible Study will start the Wonder of Christmas Nov 6. We will take a break the week of Thanksgiving and finish the study Dec 4 before taking a break for Christmas. Study is led by Kay Daly



**Groton
UMC
New
signage
on the
doors!**



One Thing - October



November is here and so is the chilly weather. This month this faith community of Groton and Conde will be asking for any and all donations of winter gear. At the end of the month we will host a free sale at the Groton Community Center of whatever we are able to gather. We love our community and want to make sure everyone stays warm this winter season.

SO LETS CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS!

United Methodist Student Day - Nov 25

Across the country, the people of The United Methodist Church are serving the people God loves in Jesus' name. We're doing it at home, but so often we'd like to do more.

We want to serve those in other places who are suffering.

We want to offer spiritual words of hope and life. And we want to be well-equipped to do both!

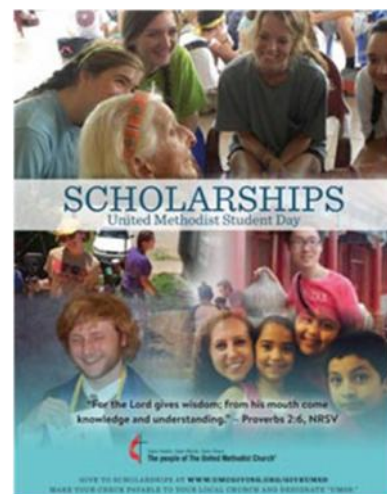
But the reality for most of us is that our responsibilities—home, family, work—don't allow us to engage with every need we'd like to meet.

Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist

Student Day. When you give generously you are support these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.

What no one person or congregation can do alone, we're doing together. When you support United Methodist Student Day, you make it possible for more students to serve the world God loves. So although you can't meet every need you'd like to, your giving allows members of Christ's body to do it in Jesus' name.

Will you give to United Methodist Student Day?



Groton UMW Jewel of a Woman 2018

This is a very special award given by the UWM group to show our appreciation to one woman each year for their service to our UMW mission and our church. This recipient is given a special pin, and a monetary gift is given to missions by the UMW in honor of this special lady.

Our honoree has done so much to help our church, community, and our UMW mission of helping women, children, and youth. She will probably say "I doesn't deserve this", but she does! Over the years she has been a confirmation mentor; been instrumental in packing UMCOR Ingathering Kits with school and health supplies; decorated Christmas coffee cans; provided food; helped prepare gallons of chicken salad; supported our missions financially; made a daily habit of stopping at the church to clean; is known for a good singing voice; been a regular and active attendee of UMW; and is the best lefse fryer

we've ever had, according to Alan Townsend.

This special lady was raised in our church, worked at Dietz Drug Store from 8th grade to her senior year after which she spent many years in California. She returned to Groton about 20 years ago. She loves her family which includes her stepson Doug Rodman who lives in CA; and two nephews who live nearby, Rodney Boehmer of Groton and Bob & Shelley Boehmer and family of Pierre, as well as other nieces & nephews who live away from this area.

The dictionary defines a "jewel" with these words: "polished", "valuable", "precious"; as in someone who is highly valued or admired. Every one of these adjectives applies to our 2018 Jewel of a Woman, **Marlys Rodman**.



Groton UMW Special Recognition 2018

Each year our UMW group honors someone in our congregation with a special recognition pin and certificate, along with sending a monetary gift amount to our national office to be used in mission work around the world. These pins offer a meaningful way to honor individuals who have dedicated so much time and effort to service in our church. Please come forward and receive your pin as I call your name.

Karla Pasteur:

Karla, today we take time to thank you for your faithful leadership and Christian service. Karla was born in Groton. She was baptized, confirmed and raised in our church. She has two girls, Jessica & Alexandra, and four grandchildren. She lived in Denver for a

while but returned to Groton in approximately 2001. Although she works from her home in the travel industry, is a pool manager & lifeguard, and a part-time employee at Kohl's, Karla has been an active and faithful member of our church family and UMW.

For a number of years Karla has chaired the Missions Committee assuring that we support local families with the Angel Tree, Thanksgiving food baskets, teachers & students with supplies, and various other monthly mission projects. She is always willing to give of her time & talents to support our community, church, and UMW mission.



Groton Ad Council Mtg - October

There being no Chairman or Vice Chairman in attendance, Trustees Chair, Richard Krueger, called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm. The following were in attendance: Anita Lowary, Allen Walter, Richard Krueger, Meri Erickson, Diann Morehouse, Pastor Brandon Dunham, Jeanne Wanous, Linda Thurston, JR Johnson. Pastor Brandon shared a prayer prior to business being discussed.

Treasurer's Report: The end of September treasurer's report was briefly reviewed by Anita Lowary. She pointed out that we ended the month with a positive balance. The report was approved by the council.

Pastor/Parish treasurer, Meri Erickson, shared copies of the proposed 2019 Parish Budget and noted that it hasn't been officially approved yet. Meri stated that the Conde group didn't have any objections as they reviewed it and she doesn't foresee any changes. SPRC meets Monday, Oct. 29.

Diann Morehouse motioned to approve the 2019 Parish Budget pending no significant changes. The motion was 2nd and approved by the council.

Committee Reports:

Trustees:

JR Johnson, new owner of our church insurance, explained that our church building is insured for \$1.5MM, the parsonage is insured for \$188,000 and both sheds are also insured.

Richard Krueger shared that we have had some church roof leaks which have been patched.

Old Business:

East Sunday School Rooms: Meri Erickson reported that our youth leaders, Amanda & Justin Morehouse, indicated they have no plans on using these rooms for youth meetings. With that knowledge, Linda Thurston motioned to paint the NE room and move the nursery back to that location. The motion was 2nd and approved by the council.

New Business:

Vote on Church Budget: After review Anita Lowary moved to approve the 2019 church budget. The motion was 2nd by Meri Erickson and approved by the council.

Designation of Christmas Eve Offering:

Anita moved that we designate our 2018 Christmas Eve offering to local missions. The motion was 2nd and approved by the council.

2019 Camping Sponsorship % : After some discussion, Meri Erickson motioned that we pay 75% of our Methodist campers expenses and that the "designated campers expense memorial funds" be used to help meet the 75%. The motion was 2nd and approved.

Request for Use of Memorial Funds: Linda Thurston asked for the council's approval to use undesignated memorial funds to purchase replacement banner scroll bars as the current ones are worn out. The board approved the request on a motion by Linda.

Administrative Report

Pastor Brandon shared the following scheduling of upcoming events:

November 4:

Conde UMC church service at 8:30
Groton UMC church service at 10:00 am
All Saints Sunday during church service
Groton UMC Fall Dinner from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

December 24:

Christmas Eve Services: 5:00 pm Groton & 7:00 pm Conde.

In addition, Pastor Brandon will be offering an Advent Study.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Secretary,
Jeanne Wanous



Our Church Celebrations

Groton

Nov 2 Andrea Eisenbeisz
 Nov 3 Jon & Gayleen voss
 Nov 7 Marva Gellhaus
 Susan Odland
 Nov 8 Kodi Hinman
 Nov 11 Doug Sippel
 Nov 13 Lindsey Tietz
 Nov 15 Fred & Elaine Wolken
 Jack Oliver
 Nov 17 Delaney Atherton
 Nov 18 Luverne Strom
 Roman Bahr
 Nov 19 Crystal Strom
 Garrett Heitmann
 Michael Krueger

Nov 21 Ava Strom
 Larry & Sharon Wheeting
 Trey Tietz
 Nov 22 Calli Wilkinson
 Nov 23 Francine Sippel
 Dwight & Eugenia Strom
 Nov 24 Ian Rose
 Ian & Karen Rose
 Nov 25 Emery Sippel
 Kari Hanson
 Nov 29 Cheri Strom
Conde
 Nov 8 Dorothy Sanderson
 Nov 25 Bud Bruckner
 Betty Geist



Groton United Methodist Church

Fall Dinner

Sunday, November 4, 2018

11 am to 1:30 pm

Adults \$10 Children 6 - 10 \$5

Children age 5 and under Free

Roast Beef Dinner

Groton December Family Committee

Kami & Tom Lipp, Tanae

Brian Bahr
 Dion & Sam Bahr
 Lucy & Andy Daly, Chloe Crosby
 Steve & Becky Diegel, Treyton
 John & Meri Erickson
 Adrienne & Tigh Fliehs
 Jane & Marc Johnson
 Scott & Myndi Kampa
 Julie & Jesse Morehouse
 Janice Raap
 Karen & Ian Rose
 Marjae & Dan Schinkel, Anthony
 Randy & Sue Stanley
 William Zoellner

Honorary Members

J Emery Sippel
 J Ida Hannon

December 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 1 greeter for each Sunday
 J Straighten the Sanctuary Pews
 J Change the banners as needed as per schedule in back of the book
 J Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
 J Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons
 J 5th Sunday may buy donuts and give bill to church treasurer
 J Serve at Golden Living Center - 5th Sunday
 J Help decorate church with Nov committee
 J Prepare Candle table for Christmas Eve Service
 J Setup table and lay out candles for Christmas Eve
 J Shovel snow from doorways before Church
 J Potluck 2nd Sunday - give church secretary details for bulletin

December 2018

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Groton Stewardship Report Sept 2018

Average
 Wkly Giving
 \$1,692
 Needed Wkly for
 Church Mission
 \$2,347
 Average Weekly
 Attendance Sunday
 85
 Total Building Fund
 Donations
 for Repairs
 \$155



Christmas Eve Services

Groton 5 pm
 Conde 7 pm

This Month's **ACTIVITIES**

Nov 4 Groton Fall Dinner 11 am - 1:30 pm

Nov 4 Daylight Saving Time Ends

Nov 4 Worship Time Change:

Conde 8:30 am & Groton 10 am

Nov 4 Groton SS Christmas Program Practice after Children's Sermon in Worship

Nov 11 Charge Conference - Aberdeen North Highland 3 pm

Nov 15 Groton UMW at 1:30 pm

Nov 18 Newsletter Items Due

Nov 21 Groton Ad Council

Nov 25 Groton Morehouse Baptism

Nov 25 All Church Decorating in Conde and Groton

Dec 15 Groton Sunday School Program 5 pm

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service Groton 5 pm and Conde 7 pm

November 2018

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

