



UMC Messenger

SEPTEMBER 2018

GROTON/CONDE



From the Pastor

Hello Church!

Two months in the books already. Where has the time gone? Ashley, Wesley (our kitten), and I are adjusting very well to this beautiful community and are excited for the Fall!

This summer we walked from Genesis through Revelation and I hope that we were all able to take something new from the stories that were shared. As we walked through the weeks it seemed to bring us to the same place each time... COMMUNITY. We are so blessed to be where we are, and God is truly doing remarkable things in these communities. The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples for the transformation of the world and if we believe in that and adopt that as our mission we will change lives in this area. But it doesn't stop there! The gospel travels like a ripple on a lake and with each rescued heart the ripple expands further and further. With

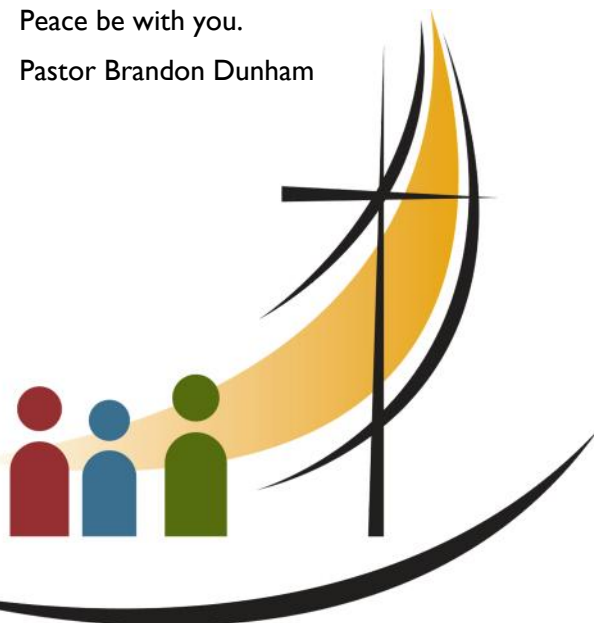
the power of the Holy Spirit we will reach this community in ways they have never seen before.

With each school year comes busier schedules and hopefully you were able to find relaxation in the summer. As our schedules speed up it becomes easy to get lost in the madness, but its in these moments we can look to Jesus. Remember that Jesus lived a rather hectic life as well. But we see time and time again where he withdrew to be with God, and never allowed the pressures of the world dictate the pace at which He ministered. He modeled this "pace of grace" coined in Alan Falding's book *An Unhurried Life*.

So take time to step back this month if things are starting to speed up, and allow God to steer the ship for a while.

Peace be with you.

Pastor Brandon Dunham



Congratulations!



(Left Photo) Clayton Ross Morehouse was born August 21st at 7 lbs 10 oz and 19.75 inches long to Justin & Amanda. Joining sisters Kaelee and Jaeden.



(Right Photo) Baptism Blessings to Ava & Zoey Strom baptized on August 5th. Parents are Nick & Jenna Strom.



Thank You
for the front
entrance
sidewalk in memory of Jerry
Rix and in honor of the Rix
Family

**Memorials
& Gifts**

Photo Right: Congratulations to Caroline Graf & Matt C Richards, Sisseton on the birth of their son, Xavier, born on August 22nd.



Photo Below: Vic John Fliehs, son of Adrienne and Tigh, was baptized Saturday, August 25 with family and friends present at the Groton UMC



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September Sermon Series

In a day when the fruits of creation are often exploited and so much chaos pervades the world in which we live, it is imperative for us to take a moment to pause and breathe in the same Ruach (Spirit of God) that was at work in the beginning of creation. God is still at work! Join us this month as we look at creation and the imagery it paints for us.



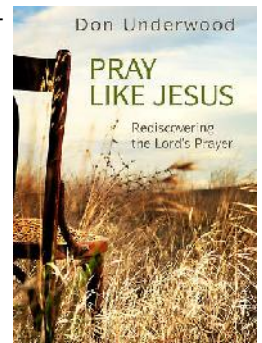
Men's Bible Study

Men need encouragement, Godly wisdom and hope today more than ever. While the world tends to tell men to hide their emotions and act tough, God's Word is filled with men who passionately and wholeheartedly sought God with their heart, mind and soul! God has a special calling for men to be strong, courageous leaders, and His Scripture can provide the inspiration you need to make daily steps towards your calling.

If you are interested in participating in a Men's Study, talk to Pastor Brandon and we will begin the first week of October. Dates and times negotiable.

Tuesday 10 AM Bible

Study will start a new Study on September 25th. We will be studying "Pray Like Jesus, Rediscovering the Lord's Prayer" by Don Underwood.

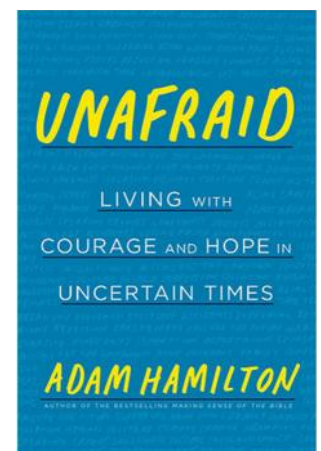


What is the Pastor Reading?

With a new venture as I find myself in, I find it acceptable to be seeking courage and hope. Adam Hamilton is a very successful author as well as Senior Pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood Kansas. "Hamilton shows us how to untangle the knots we feel about disappointing

others, failure, financial insecurity, loneliness, insignificance, and aging."

I am very excited to begin this book September 1st and I hope you join me!



Groton United Methodist UMW**September 8, 2018****Donate Items OR Rent your own table/room****UMW Dakotas Conference**

Annual Celebration and Meeting will be held October 12-13 at the Legacy UMC in Bismark ND. Motel arrangements have been made. Please let Gloria Pharis know if you would like to attend

Groton UMW Meeting

September 20th
at 1:30 pm - Thursday

Program Chris Nyberg

Hostesses JoAnn Krueger
and Caralee Heitmann

-) Nominations Committee Meets to Prepare Slate of Officers
-) Continue Planning Date Book 2019
-) Bring World Thank Offering Boxes in October

AAUW USED BOOK SALE**BOOK DONATIONS**

Please place your book donations in the bins on the south side of the **Railroad Depot** on North Main Street, in the entrance to **Kessler's**, or inside **Ken's Super Fair**.

Sale will be held
Sept 6th – 6pm-9pm
(25% surcharge Thurs)
Sept 7th – 7am-9pm
and **Sept 8th – 7am-1pm**

NO MAGAZINES, NO READERS' DIGEST CONDENSED BOOKS,
NO ENCYCLOPEDIAS, NO TEXTBOOKS

Call 226-0891 for more information





Worship at 11 am
 Grandparents Celebration
 followed by a noon meal
*pork loin sandwiches and hot dogs
 salads and bars and watermelon*
Everyone Welcome!

Groton United Methodist Church

September 9th

Welcome Back!

Coffee Hour at 10 am

Photo Booth Fun!

Sunday School starts Sept 16th at 10 am

**"Welcome to
 Our Church"**
 Blessings
 Shower
following noon meal
 Pastor Brandon
 Dunham
 &
 Ashley Farrand



September Fundraiser

Every child deserves to have books and this month we will be raising money for Groton Elementary to try and achieve just that from September 9th - 23rd. Our goal is to put a book in each child's hand on October 1st we hope that you prayerfully consider helping us in this mission. We will have a display in the back of the sanctuary for donations with a "Noisy Offering" on the 23rd. If you have any questions contact Pastor Brandon at the church!



**Scholastic Paperback
 Book SALE!**
Over 300 Titles - \$1 each!



Groton Science Day

Thank you so much to all of the volunteers who helped make our Kid's Community Science Day successful. An event like this takes a lot of volunteers, and you are truly appreciated! Those assisting at Science experiment tables were Dianne Morehouse, Lorrie Mitchell, Carna Atherton, Hattie Weismantel, Heather Nelson, Julie Morehouse, Lindsey Tietz, Jan Hoffman, KayLynn and Emily Overacker, Emma Schinkel, Karsyn Jangula, and Ashlyn Sperry. Jolene Townsend and Jeanne Wanous were in charge of the registration table. Pastor Brandon assisted us and was our photographer. We are also thankful to those who donated in any way. It was amazing how everyone came through on short notice to help us provide a fun educational morning for sixty two children from our community. A BIG thank you to Valerie Baker for going above and beyond to help me set up the Science Day. She was also in charge of a group of Science experiments the day of the event. We are truly blessed to have you as part of our church family. I appreciate it VERY much!

Thanks again! Kim Weber



Our Church Celebrations

Groton

Sep 2 Kylie Hawkins
 Sep 6 Justin Olson
 Perryn Dobbins
 Laurie & AM Mitchell
 Sep 7 Alana Wolken
 Sep 8 Laurel & Monte McNickle
 Sep 9 Clint & Audrey Jacobson
 Sep 10 Bryce Hanson
 Sep 11 Audrey Jacobson
 Sep 12 Cliff Pray
 Ryder Daly
 Sep 13 Richard Krueger
 Karsten Hinman
 Sep 14 Rick & Sarah Hofer
 Sep 15 Karen Rose
 Mason Madsen
 Sep 16 Camille Sippel
 Sep 17 Jackson Strom
 Kyler Ell

Sep 19 Diann Morehouse
 Jace Hofer
 Sep 20 Marjory Townsend
 Sep 22 Madison McNickle
 Sep 23 Carolyn Snyder
 Sep 24 Jesse Overacker
 Turner Webb
 Sep 25 Sabrina Padfield
 Joey Padfield
 Sep 26 Alan Strom
 Alejandra Heitmann

Conde

Sep 7 Richard Worlie
 Sep 8 Eva Lyren
 Sep 13 Shane Bruckner
 Sep 29 Bud & Julie Bruckner

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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



Groton UMC Mission

**ENRICHING SPIRITUAL
 LIVES
 THROUGH CHRIST**



Groton Ad Council - July

Chairman, Brad Morehouse, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following 7 people were in attendance: Brad & Diann Morehouse, Richard Krueger, Anita Lowary, AM & Laurie Mitchell, and Pastor Brandon. Pastor Brandon opened the meeting with a prayer.

The council will send thank you cards to Kim Weber & Valerie Baker for the work they put into the Children's Science Fair as well as to Allen Walter for the work he did on the storage shed.

Richard Krueger & Anita Lowary will become co-signers on the conference Credit Union account.

The total cost of replacing the front entrance sidewalk was \$4,525.52. The bill will be paid with memorial funds from Jerry Rix and Jerry's family.

Pastor Brandon discussed the calendar

through Christmas. The Fall Dinner was scheduled for Nov. 4th.

The council is looking for a temporary replacement for the position of Financial Secretary currently held by Myndi Kampa.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Following the meeting the group toured the parsonage with Brandon. The front door has a distinct odor. It was decided by the Ad. Council members present that a new door was needed. AM Mitchell and Brandon will look for a new one.



Groton Stewardship Report July 2018

Average Wkly Giving
\$2,023

Needed Wkly for Church Mission
\$2,347

Average Weekly Attendance Sunday
71

Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs
\$55

Groton Oct Family Committee

Kelli & Lars Hanson

Anita & John Lowary

Josh & Merrie Atherton

Melissa & Neil Gilbert, Brooklyn

Pernell Graf, Alex, Caroline, Dylan

Carol Knecht

Yvonne Lorenz, Sage

Brenda & Tony Madsen

Tim Olson

John Padfield

Kevin & Kara Pharis, Kale

Roger & Pam rix

Lynette & Leroy Severson

Francine & Marc Sippel, Anthony

Honorary Members

Darlys Kampa

October 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 the back of committee book

Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements

Potluck 2nd Sunday - give church secretary details for bulletin

Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons



October 2018

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Our Church Happenings

- Sept 5 Sunday School Teachers Meeting 6:45 pm
- Sept 8 Groton UMW Rummage Sale - pg 4
- Sept 9 Groton Rally Sunday with joint Worship Service - pg 5
- Sept 9 Conde Worship with Groton at 11 am
- Sept 12 Groton UMYF begins at 7 pm for grades 6-12
- Sept 16 Groton Sunday School 10 am
- Sept 16 Newsletter Items Due
- Sept 19 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- Sept 20 Groton UMW 1:30 pm - pg 4
- Sept 25 Groton 10 am Bible Study starting a new study - pg 3
- Sept 26 Groton Confirmation begins 4:45 pm
- Sept 30 Worship & Coffee at Nursing Home 3 pm

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