



Groton and Conde  
United Methodist Church

# Newsletter

August 2019

906 N 1st St, Groton, SD 57445

## ...from Pastor Brandon

Hello Church Family,

It has been quite a summer as I'm sure many of you can attest to, and here at the church office it has been no different. Though the summer objectives and tasks change, we kept churning right along. It had me thinking about the church many of you saw last May and the church we are today. The building hasn't had any major changes to it, nor has our services changed times or added anything too wild, but one thing that has been happening here is we have been MOVING.

Let me explain...

1. Your church has been **active**. We have been meeting, working, and responding to the Holy Spirit this summer as we seek for our church to be one of mission. Whether its continuing to have regular administrative meetings or Tuesday morning bible study, or starting new projects like our Community Table of Plenty in Groton where we provide free produce from our parking lot each week... or maybe it's



simply relaunching still one of the most impactful children's ministries possible Vacation Bible School in both churches... we are a church that has been active.

2. Your church this summer has been **preparing**. Through Vacation Bible School in Conde we saw 18 children in our community come through our doors and can continue to build off that momentum and hopefully reach their families next. God is so good! In Groton we have been having meetings for months now to make future changes in the sanctuary and kitchen, while also making improvements to

the outside of the parsonage. In addition, we have a team that has begun a Children and Youth Ministry Cohort through the Dakotas UMC Conference to receive training and build up volunteers to improve the way we do our young discipleship ministries. God is so good! I've been preparing messages and sermon series for both churches as well as exploring new ways to communicate God's word not just with our in-service people but into the communities of Conde and Groton. We are a church that has been preparing.

3. Finally, with the deepest sincerity, I want you to know we are a

church... that never left. Summer is a wild time for travel and activities and family; we honor that. But, we also want you to know that when the dust settles, we never left your corner. We continue to pray for you, wonder how you are doing, and are thinking of ways to serve you better. We are a family and you were always, and are always, loved in this church.

Fall kickoff is August 25<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!

Bless you, Pastor Brandon Dunham



Pastor  
In Office  
Tuesday &  
Thursday  
Mornings

Friday  
Day Off

## Groton Baby Shower

Avery Lynn Hanson will be honored at an Open House Baby Shower on Saturday, Aug 3 from noon - 2 pm at the Groton UMC. The shower is hosted by friends and family. Baby Girl, Avery, was born June 5 to Cody and Bethany. Avery is registered at Target.



### Groton UMW

#### No August Meeting

Continuing Date Book Plans

Newsletter Update

Budget Plans

Save Coffee Cans

Love Ribbon Grant Due 9/15

Annual Dist UMW Mtg

UMW has tables or rooms to rent for church members for the Citywide Rummage Sale on Sept. 7. Please see Jeanne Wanous if interested or there is a sign-up sheet on the kitchen counter.

#### Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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



## AAUW Collecting Books for Sept Sale

The American Association of University Women is collecting books for it's September book sale. There are bins located at Ken's in Aberdeen and at Kessler's. Also on the corner of Main Street and Railroad Ave SW. Donations accepted through

August 30th and should be in good condition. No Magazines, textbooks or encyclopedias.

The book sale will be Sept 4-7 in the Super City Plaza in Aberdeen.

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## Rev Hyde's Great-Grand-Daughter Visits

Friday morning, July 26, a group gathered to meet and greet Liz & John Rieken. It was a joy to gather and learn many things about the Reverend Hyde who started the Methodist Church in Groton.

"Dig or Die, Brother Hyde" is an autobiography cherished by the family. Liz said everyone has a copy, even the great-great-great-grandchildren! The family has read it several times. Rev & Mrs Hyde's daughter Ethel was Liz's grandmother; she is mentioned several times in the book. Ethel's daughter Dorothy, Liz's mother, is also mentioned. Interestingly, Liz is a fourth generation "Grace." Mrs Hyde was Mary ("Minnie") Grace, Liz's Grandmother was Ethel Grace, her mother was Dorothy Grace and she is Elizabeth Grace. Grandpa Hyde's sister was named Elizabeth ("Lizzie") but she is not sure if she was named after her or not.

Grandpa Hyde was a very strong influence on the family, even though he passed away in 1953 when Liz was an infant. Her two elder sisters knew him and had many stories to tell. Liz knew Ethel (grandmother) very well and was quite close to her. Through her she knew Grandpa Hyde. His strength of will and

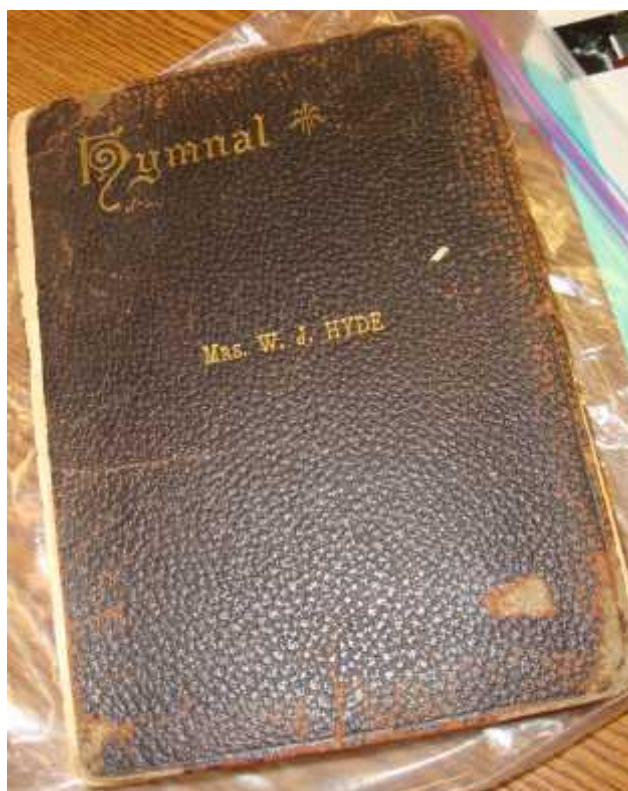
optimism were evident in her and she very much inspired the family in that way.

Rev Hyde was a central figure for the family by loving God and loving people. He was sharp, funny, and a great speaker. Had a great knack for fundraising as he moved through 15+ congregations and preached at many more places. (If you read the book, you will find he frequented the elevator at harvest time for donations to build the church in Groton) Rev Hyde believed in the immortality of the soul, name, and influence. He was known for his hard work and perseverance. Even in his mid 80's he would be walking to keep up his health.

Liz & John Rieken can be reached at 371 E Coker Road, Homer, GA 30547. Or you can email her at

[lizrieken@gmail.com](mailto:lizrieken@gmail.com)

Liz gifted our church the hymnal shown in the photo at the right. It was Mrs. W. J. Hyde's hymnal as you can see from the inscription and she may have used it in Groton but it is not certain when she received it.





## Rev Hyde Book

The photo on the right is the inscription Liz had in her copy of the book "Dig or Die, Brother Hyde" As inspiring as the book itself. You can check a copy of the book out of the church library if you have not read it yet.

We were also blessed with more photos which I will include.

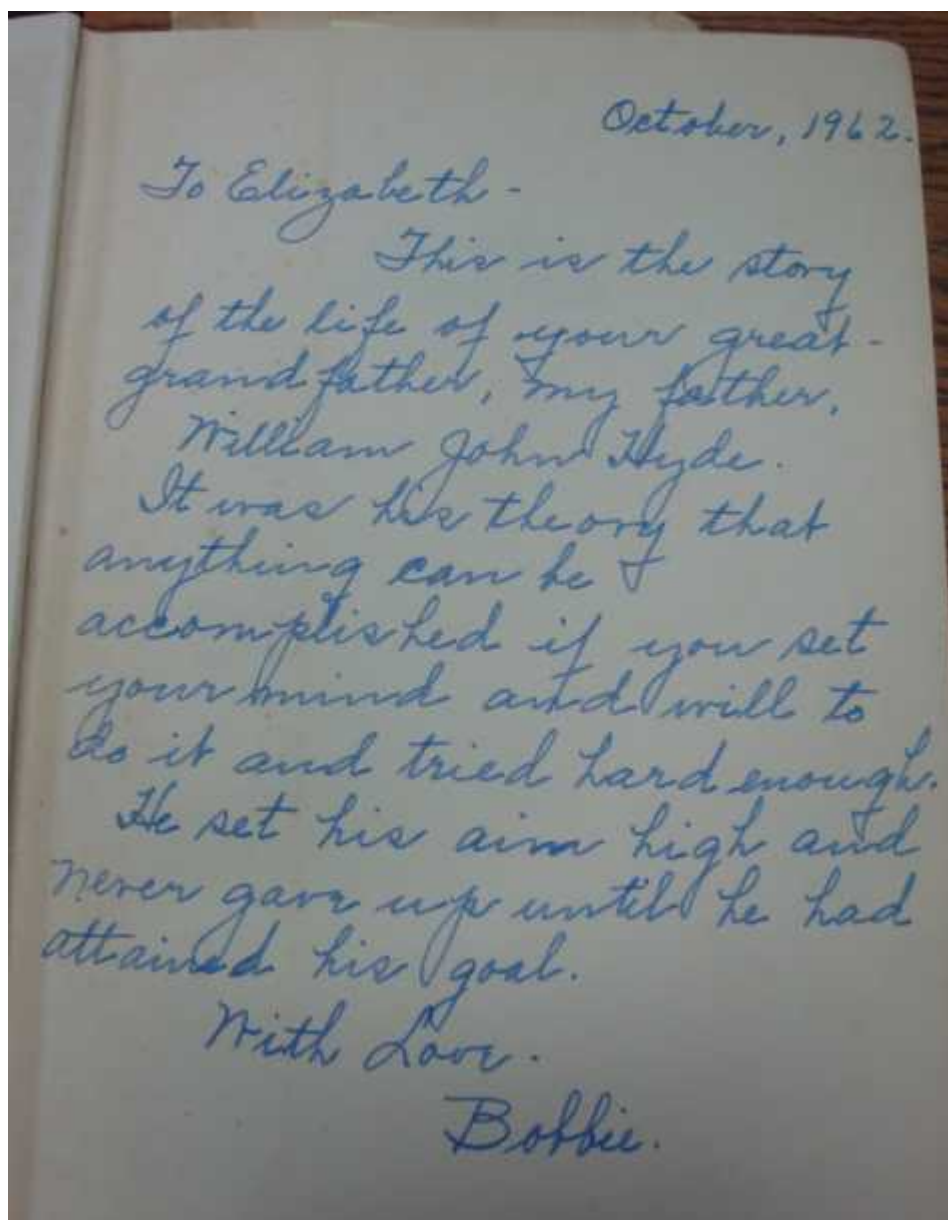
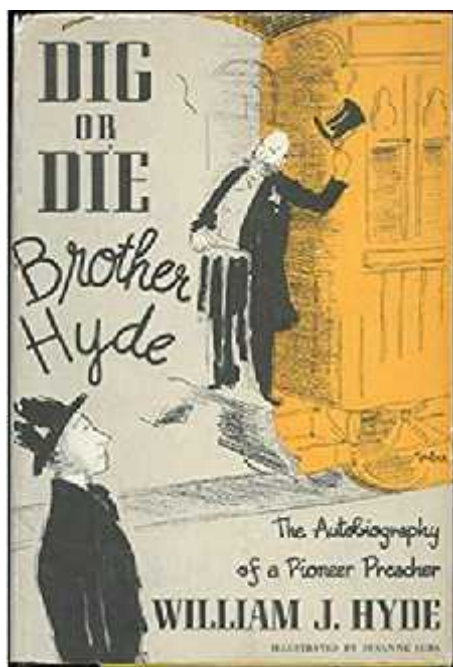


Photo Left: William Clifford Hyde & Edythe Sandahl Hyde (1st child of William & Minnie Hyde)

Photo taken in 1917 at Gregory Beach, Magician Lake, Dowagiac, Michigan



L: William J Hyde; C: Ethel Hyde Waltmire (4th child of William & Minnie Hyde); R: Unknown person, possibly Rev John Versteeg, a good friend of Rev Hyde in Ohio

Picture taken late 1940's or early 1950's. Possibly taken at Lakeside, OH, the Chautauqua community Rev Hyde visited for many years.



Homer H Waltmire and Ethel Grace Hyde Waltmire (4th child of William & Minnie Hyde)

Wedding photograph about July 24, 1913



L Photo: Ethel Hyde Waltmire 1894-1983. 4th child of William and Minnie Hyde. Photo taken in mid 70's

R Photo: L: Mary (Minnie) Grace Hyde; C: Dorothy Grace Waltmire (1st child of Ethel Grace Hyde Waltmire and Homer H. Waltmire; R: Clara Hyde - 3rd child of William & Minnie Hyde about March 1918





# Groton Community Table of Plenty

**Gardeners donate extra produce from their gardens...**

**AND**

**Anyone can get the extra garden produce free...**

Extra produce may be dropped off at the table **OUTSIDE** of the United Methodist Church  
north door Monday evenings through Tuesday Noon.

Produce may be picked up from the table Tuesday 9 am - 7 pm.

**July 23 - August 27**

**Weekly on Tuesdays**

(2 weeks longer if successful & gardens still producing!)

Hosted by the Tuesday Morning Bible Study Ladies from the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and United Methodist Church  
Questions: Contact Kay Daly 605-397-8389



## Table of Plenty

The Tuesday AM Bible Study that meets at the Groton UMC each week decided to do a vegetable exchange table. Each Monday afternoon we set up a table outside the North door of the church so that community gardeners may drop off their extra garden produce Monday evening or Tuesday morning. Then, anyone in the community is welcome to pick up what they can use for free on Tuesday starting at 9 am through 7 pm or whenever stuff is gone. This was our first week and we are hoping word will spread

and it will catch on more as gardens start producing more. We had some beans, zucchini, and cucumbers this first week. Be sure to stop by each week and see what is available. The Bible Study Ladies from both ELCA and UMC will be doing this project weekly until August 27th or longer if gardens are producing and a success. For more information you may contact Kay Daly at 397-8389.



## Conde VBS

Well Yee-Haw! We had our Vacation Bible School July 22nd and 23rd and goodness was it a joy. 18 children and over half the church were there to celebrate that GOD GIVES GOOD GIFTS. YEE-HAW!!!

It was the first VBS in a little while in our church and that first night was something so special. There were a line of bicycles propped up against the building

and its the most kids we've seen in Conde in awhile. The smiles and laughter was so infectious and tons of new friends were made. We hula hooped, rounded up some cattle, and had all the cactus juice we could handle.

Overall we are so thankful to all who helped put on this ministry and we're excited to continue celebrating God's greatest gift of all time. Jesus Christ.









## Our Church Celebrations...

### Groton

Aug 2 Max Erickson  
 Jessica & Brent Morehouse  
 Dylan Graf  
 David Strom  
 Aug 3 Lance & Kristie Hawkins  
 Aug 4 Craig & Kim Weber  
 Aug 5 Tigh Fliehs  
 Aug 6 Damian Bahr  
 Aug 7 Kelli Hanson  
 Sherwin Nyberg  
 Aug 8 Yvonne Lange  
 Brad & Diann Morehouse  
 Margaret & Clint Jacobson Jr  
 Aug 9 Loel Schott  
 Jackson Wells  
 Aug 12 Tom Lipp  
 Amber Wolken  
 Aug 13 Logan Nilsson  
 Aug 16 Rose Tewksbury  
 Jim Jones  
 Jenna & Nick Strom  
 Alissa & Michael Wells  
 Aug 17 Chanda Nilsson  
 Aug 19 Jaeger Kampa  
 Tia Johnson  
 William Zoellner  
 Sherwin & Chris Nyberg  
 Aug 20 Marc Sippel  
 Tyson Parrow  
 Aug 21 Clayton Morehouse  
 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 Nathan Atherton  
 Jase Bahr  
 Emma Schinkel  
 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



### Conde VBS Photos



### Groton Stewardship Report June 2019

Average  
 Wkly Giving  
 \$1,452

Needed Wkly for  
 Church Mission  
 \$2,347

Average Weekly  
 Attendance Sunday  
 49

Total Building Fund  
 Donations  
 for Repairs  
 \$15

## Groton Ad Council - July

Chairman Brad Morehouse called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Those in attendance were: Brad & Diann Morehouse, Allen Walter, Pastor Brandon, Dale Kramer, Richard Krueger & Jeanne Wanous.

The agenda & previous minutes were approved on a motion by Dale Kramer & 2nd by Allen Walter.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved on a motion by Allen Walter and 2nd by Dale Kramer.

Financial Secretary: Allen Walter noted that we need to appoint a Financial Chair on the Finance Committee. Allen is listed as the chair but is actually the Financial Secretary. Allen did suggest that

we form a sub-committee to plan for discussions in the fall regarding tithing and also the building fund.

Pastor/Parish: The PPR committee discussed new flooring & sheetrock for the NE room of the basement in the parsonage. They felt the cost would be approximately \$500 and asked the Ad Council for approval to complete the work. Dale Kramer motioned to approve the work at the parsonage and Richard Krueger 2nd the motion. All approved the motion.

Bills: There were no bills presented.

Administrative Report: Pastor Brandon spoke about the upcoming VBS in both Conde and Groton. He posted the events on Facebook hoping to help let

everyone know they are welcome. Brandon, Justin & Amanda Morehouse, and Laurie Mitchell will be attending the Youth & Children's Ministry Cohort training in Mitchell on July 27.

Committee Reports: Trustees: Richard Krueger reported that a dehumidifier is now running in the parsonage basement. It was determined that water leaking into the NE basement room was due to the gutters being plugged and no extended down spout. Both issues have been corrected. No mold was found after the incident.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Jeanne Wanous  
Ad Council Secretary

## Groton Sept Family Committee

**Melissa & Neil Gilbert, Brooklyn**

**Brenda & Tony Madsen**

Josh & Merrie Atherton

Darlyne Daly, Ryder

Pernell Graf, Alex, Caroline, Dylan

Kelli & Lars Hanson

JR & Paula Johnson

Carol Knecht

Yvonne Lorenz, Sage

Anita & John Lowary

Joe & Belinda Nelson

Tim Olson

John Padfield

Kevin & Kara Pharis, Kale

Francine & Marc Sippel

Carol & Luverne Strom

Mark & June Thompson

Jeanne Wanous

### Honorary Members

- ) Darlys Kampa
- ) Marie McClintic & Larry Schnaidt

### September 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 the Family Committee book
- ) Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
- ) Change decorations on tables in

fellowship hall with the seasons

- ) Potluck 2nd Sunday (Rally Sunday)- give church secretary details for bulletin
- ) Serve at Golden Living Center - 5th Sunday
- ) 5th Sunday may buy donuts and give bill to church treasurer.

September 2019						
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29	30					



June 2019



August 2019						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## Our Church Happenings...

Aug 3 Hanson Baby Shower noon - 2 pm at Groton UMC

### Aug 8 & 9 Groton VBS 6-8:30 pm

Aug 18 Newsletter Items due for September Activities

Groton Garden of Plenty (The Sharing of Extra Garden Vegetables)

Each Tuesday till donated items are gone. Free to our community!

Aug 25 Fall Kick-Off Sunday!