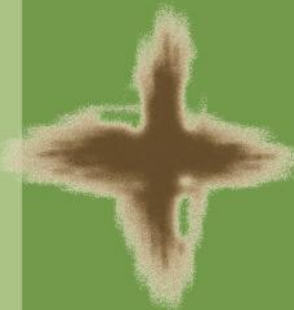


# UMC Messenger

MARCH 2019

GROTON/CONDE UMC



OFFICE  
HOURS



Pastor  
In Office  
Tuesday &  
Thursday  
Mornings

Friday  
Day Off



## From *the* Pastor

Hello Church Family!

In this season of formation and preparation, we again approach the 40 days of Lent from a variety of different perspectives and points along our Christian journey. During this season, new and longtime Christians similarly hear the call to return to God with all their hearts, thus entering a season historically characterized by much prayer and fasting. These works of discipline have for hundreds of years served as a means by which new converts prepare for baptism.

We will also be having a special welcoming of new members to our church through baptism, transfer of membership, or just new membership on our Easter Sunday services for those of you that would like to take part. Baptism is an incredible display of declaration of Christ as our king and it is not just for children. If this is something you would like more information about let me know in the coming weeks and we will make all the arrangements!

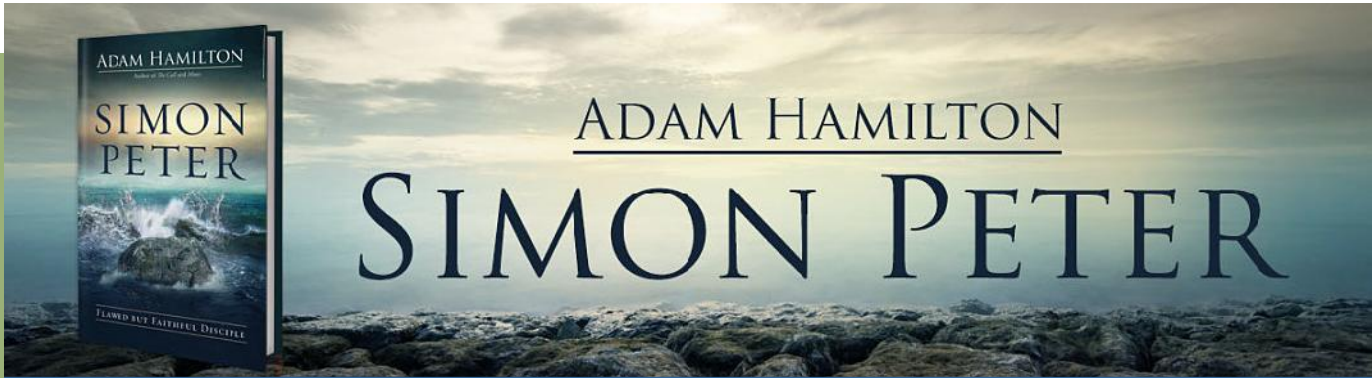
Using the words of Wesleyan theology, we believe all this work is initiated by God, who invites us to come before God with all our hearts. I love you all and may your Lenten season be one of challenge, commitment, and support as the church responds to the call of God – “Return to me with all your heart” (Joel 2:12).

Pastor Brandon



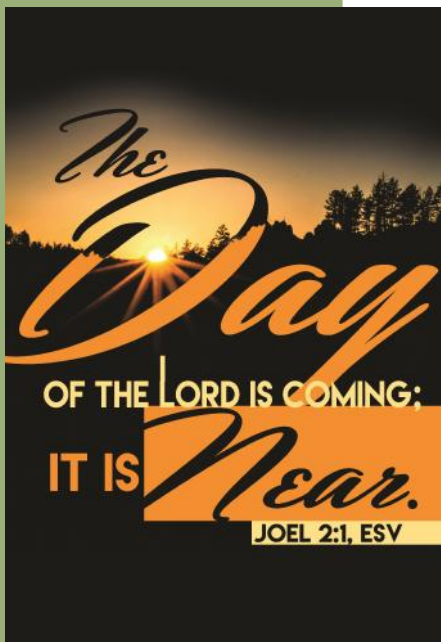
### Lenten Schedule

- J 3/6- Ash Wednesday with Conde UMC at 5pm; Groton at 7pm
- J 3/10- Week 1 “God’s Generous Heart”
- J 3/17- Week 2 “Imitating”
- J 3/24- Week 3 “Repenting” (Communion)
- J 3/31- Week 4 “Coming Together” (Groton Sunday School Teacher Recognition and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles)
- J 4/7 - Week 5 “Making a New Thing” (Communion)
- J 4/14- Palm Sunday
- J 4/18- Maundy Thursday - Conde UMC at 7pm
- J 4/19- Good Friday - Groton UMC at 7pm; Ecumenical Service with Christian Missionary Alliance Church
- J 4/21- Easter Sunday (Communion, Baptism and Welcoming of New Members) Groton UMC Sunrise Service at 7:30am Conde UMC at 9am and Groton UMC at 11am



# ADAM HAMILTON SIMON PETER

Tuesday 10 AM Bible Study Starts this Lenten Study March 5th



## Pastor Brandon Lent Study

Pastor Brandon will be leading a Lent Study each Weds (except Ash Weds) in Groton at 6 pm starting Feb 27th and in Conde each Tuesday at 7 pm starting March 5th. Join Pastor Brandon for snacks and discussion about the sermon series he is preaching on each Sunday. No books required, everyone welcome.



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## Confirmation Sunday

May 5th is Confirmation Sunday. We will be welcoming the following students to our church.

- J Jackson Bahr
- J Ashtyn Bahr
- J KayLynn Overacker
- J Tyson Parrow

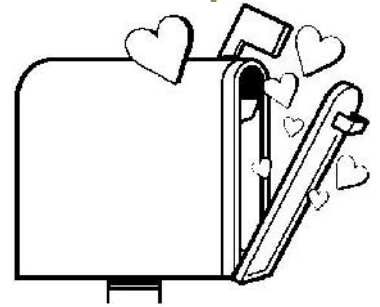


# Spread Winter Cheer

UMW has been supporting a Secret Angel program for many years. The UMW group thinks of church members and friends who would enjoy receiving monthly cards from an Angel. With this winter being harder to go to church and just being able to visit, we encourage you to send cards or make some phone calls. Your gift of time will be a blessing to many. If there should be someone added to our list or if you would like to become an Angel to someone, please contact Jolene Townsend for more information.

- J **Ida Hannon**, 1902 Prospect Ave B2, Aberdeen, SD 57401; 605-715-5705
- J **Anita Voss**, 13850 414th Ave, Andover, SD 57422
- J **Doris Zoellner**, 40094 136th St, Groton, SD 57445; 605-397-2417
- J **Doris Strom**, PO Box 433, Groton, SD 57445; 605-397-7075
- J **Pat Dahlquist**, 407 N Garfield #9, Groton, SD 57445; 605-397-2616
- J **Darlys Kampa**, 13943 401st Ave, Groton, SD 57445; 605-395-6996

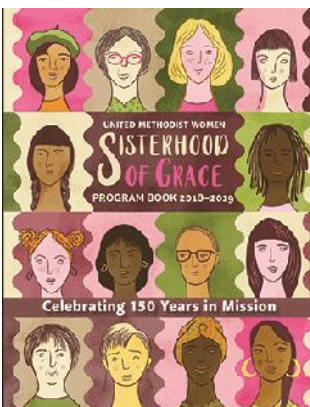
- J **Deloris Knoll**, 705 N 6th St, Groton, SD 57445; 605-397-2681
- J **Ruby Luce**, PO Box 32, Groton, SD 57445; 605-397-8237
- J **Marie McClintic & Larry Schnaidt**, PO Box 727, Groton, SD 57445; 605-397-2770
- J **Jan Raap**, 907 N 3rd St, Groton, SD 57445; 605-397-4408
- J **Ann Rix**, PO Box 635, Groton, SD 57445; 605-397-8478
- J **Carolyn Snyder**, 749 S 30th St, Grand Forks, ND 58201; 920-585-2424
- J **Rose Tewksbury**, 603 N Main #2, Groton, SD 57445; 605-397-8173
- J **Marjory Townsend**, 41258 138th St, Andover, SD 57422; 605-298-5221
- J **Richard Voss**, 314 E 3rd Ave, Andover, SD 57422; 605-298-5656
- J **Jean Walter**, 705 N 6th St, Groton, SD 57445; 605-397-8149
- J **Susan Odland & Karl Rekow**, PO Box 644, Groton, SD 57445; 701-349-3154



## Groton UMW

Next Meeting will be March 21st at 1:30 pm. Program will be by Anita Lowary and the Hostesses will be

Sharon Wheeling and Pat Dahlquist.





## Groton UMW Dec & Feb

### Groton UMW Minutes—December 20, 2018

Eleven members met to fill forty-nine Christmas goody containers. We enjoyed a luncheon of chicken pot pie and cranberry cake. Our gathering ended with each member taking several containers to deliver.

### Groton UMW Minutes—February 21, 2019

There were six members present at our February meeting. Jolene Townsend presented an informative program on 150 years of Missions done by UMW. UMW began mission projects in 1869. Jolene explained how mission outreach has evolved during its 150 years. Missions have changed but always have had the same purpose of helping women and children.

President Jolene Townsend opened the meeting with members repeating the UMW purpose. Margery Townsend presented the devotions. The group then sang “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love.”

Secretary Chris Nyberg read the minutes from our November 2018 and December 2018 meetings. She also read several thank you notes.

Other points of discussion included the second anniversary of the Wednesday morning coffee held in the fellowship hall every week from 9:00 to 10:30. The first coffee was held March 8, 2017. Anyone wishing to volunteer to bring morning snacks and make the coffee can contact Jolene. Also discussed was the May Luncheon to be held May 1, 2019. Several committees are working to organize this year’s luncheon which will include a salad buffet and dessert.

The next UMW meeting will be held on March 21, 2019 at 1:30.

Chris Nyberg  
UMW Secretary



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# Conde News

Considering the snowy and cold weather that we have been having, the church attendance has been pretty good. We have missed Joan Fahrenwald on the few Sundays when she has not been able to get out of her driveway. We manage to struggle through the singing without piano accompaniment,

We have not had any Church Board meetings for quite some time. Any business that needs to be discussed can be done after church during our very enjoyable coffee time. It was decided to designate February as World Hunger month (which can be extended into March). In the past, we used the undesignated offering on the fourth Sunday of the month for this Mission, but for various reasons, this was not working out.

The UMW has also not been having the afternoon General meetings, but we have con-

tinued to have Bible Study on Tuesday evenings which has worked out really well. This is more of a Church activity, and ladies who work during the day can attend. There is also one other community lady who has joined the group.. Again, the weather has interfered a few times. The book that we have been reading is entitled , "Unshakable Hope" by Max Lucado. Pat Siefken has been the leader, and there is also a video that we watch. We took a break from this study at Advent ,so we could participate in the study offered by Pastor Brandon. We will do the same, when he does the Lenten Study.

I think everyone looks forward to Sunday morning when we hear a good message from Pastor Brandon, and also enjoy the gathering afterward for fellowship and a chance to catch up on the news from the past week.

## Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

**Lent Begins**

**Ash Wednesday Service - March 6th**  
Groton UMC 7 pm and Conde UMC 5 pm

**Lenten Bible Studies**  
Tuesday 10 AM Bible Study begins March 5th  
Pastor Brandon Lent Study begins  
- on Feb 27th in Groton at 6 pm each Weds  
- on March 5th in Conde at 7 pm each Tues

**Holy Week**

**Maundy Thursday Service - April 18**  
Conde UMC at 7 pm

**Good Friday Service - April 19**  
Groton UMC at 7 pm

**Easter Sunday**

**Easter Worship - April 21**  
Conde UMC 9 am and Groton UMC 11 am

**Sunrise Service at Groton UMC 7:30 am**

# UMCOR Sunday - March 31

When disaster strikes around the globe—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act.

So don't be fooled by the word committee. Since 1940, when UMCOR's forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we've continued to respond to those in desperate need—today throughout more than eighty countries around the world. The response of UMCOR isn't something "they" do, it's something "we" do.

## When You Give You Equip Christ's Body to Serve in His Name

That's because your generous giving to UMCOR Sunday (**formerly One Great Hour of Sharing**) is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to

race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

Because you give, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today. When the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond

UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through UMCOR Sunday. In fact, it's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes.

Not "they."

We.

When we meet the needs of those who suffer we actually minister to Jesus, who said: "I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me." (Mt. 25:35-36, CEB)

As we respond, we recognize Jesus in those who are reeling in the wake of disaster.



## Groton One Call

With the weather, the Groton One Call has been used. I have trouble with the calls going through on James Valley phones. So, if you are not receiving these calls please let Kay Daly know and I will try and make a change to get the call to go through. Or, have a designated person call you whenever one is received especially if you have a telemarketer block on your phone. If you would like the email sent to your phone, then please make sure I have the correct email address for that. If you are receiving phone calls and prefer a text message, please let me know. Please help me make this work for everyone. Thank you. Kay



# Our Church Celebrations



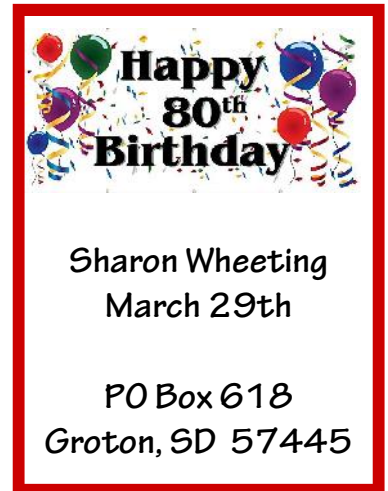
## Groton

- Mar 3 Tristan Kampa
- Mar 4 Christina Zoellner  
Kale Pharis  
Kay Daly
- Mar 5 Chance Strom
- Mar 7 Brian Bahr  
Dale Strom  
Richard & JoAnn Krueger
- Mar 8 Lindsey & Tom Tietz  
Vic Flihs
- Mar 9 Betty Strom  
Everett Foltz
- Mar 10 Lindsey Strom
- Mar 14 Mendy Jones  
Sydney Wilkinson
- Mar 15 Samantha Weber
- Mar 16 Lane Tietz
- Mar 17 Asher Johnson
- Mar 21 Harlan Place  
Kaelee Morehouse
- Mar 24 Emerlee Jones

- Mar 25 Laurel McNickle  
Murdock McNickle
- Mar 26 Justin Morehouse  
Mark Thompson  
Clayton Kurtz  
Claire Davidson  
Chloe Crosby
- Mar 27 Dwight Strom  
Michelle Walter
- Mar 29 Sharon Wheeting (80)
- Mar 31 Aiden Strom  
Caralee Heitmann

## Conde

- Mar 6 Stacey Bonn
- Mar 14 Katie Lyren
- Mar 17 Myron Fahrenwald
- Mar 23 Greg Peterson  
Greg Stark
- Mar 27 Cindy Haskell
- Mar 31 Renee Hanlon



## UMW Community

### Coffee Hour

UMW will celebrate our 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of our “Wednesday Community Coffee Hour” on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us for coffee, goodies and fellowship anytime from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. Come and go or stay awhile! Bring a friend, all are welcome!



# Groton April Family Committee

**Carna & Cliff Pray**

**Roger & Pam Rix**

Cheryl Hanson

Lance & Kristi Hawkins, Kaycie

Rick & Sarah Hofer

Dale & Traci Kramer

Yvonne Lange

Laurel & Monte McNickel

Diann & Brad Morehouse

Karla Pasteur

Dwight & Eugenia Strom

Linda & Gary Thurston

Todd Thurston

**Honorary Members**

) Susan Odland

) Rose Tewksbury

**April 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 this 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



**Groton Stewardship Report Jan 2019**

Average Wkly Giving \$1,353

Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,331

Average Weekly Attendance Sunday 47

Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs \$15



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## Faith Journey

A family was heading on vacation: two little ones were nestled in car seats; the van was packed. As Dad locked the house and Mom secured the garage, an adult neighbor the kids knew walked up and spoke through an open window. "Where are you going?" The kids shrugged. "Well, what road are you taking?" the friend asked with a knowing smile. Of course, they had no idea. "Do you know where you'll eat today, or where you'll spend the night?" Blank stares. Then the friend

asked, "Who are you traveling with?" The children broke into grins and shouted, "Mommy and Daddy!"

On the journey of faith, we don't know precisely where we're headed or how all our needs will be met. But we know who we're traveling with: our loving God who is fully aware of the twists and turns ahead; the loving Parent who promises to care for us wherever we go.





# Our Church Happenings



- Feb 27 Groton Lenten Study with Pastor Brandon begins 6 pm  
(weekly except Ash Weds)
- Mar 5 Groton 10 AM Bible Study will begin Simon Peter Lenten Study (weekly)
- Mar 5 Conde Lenten Study with Pastor Brandon begins 7 pm (weekly)
- Mar 6 Groton Community Coffee Hour 2nd Anniversary
- Mar 6 Ash Weds Service in Conde 5 pm**
- Mar 6 Ash Weds Service in Groton 7 pm**
- Mar 10 Daylight -Saving Time Begins
- Mar 20 SPRING BEGINS!!
- Mar 20 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- Mar 21 Groton UMW 1:30 pm
- Mar 31 UMCOR Sunday
- Mar 31 Groton Sunday School Teacher Recognition
- Mar 31 Groton 3rd Graders Receive Bibles



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