

UMC Messenger

MAY 2019

GROTON/CONDE



OFFICE
HOURS



Pastor
In Office
Tuesday &
Thursday
Mornings

Friday
Day Off



From *the* Pastor

Hello Church Family,

In this month of May some big changes will be coming to Ashley, and all of the students in our area graduating from high school or college. As you can imagine it is going to be a time of celebration. But, as I reflect on these graduations from school, or in Ashley and I's case graduation... and getting married, I realize a little different perspective.

For those who are moving on to college it is a time to say goodbye to those you grew up with and a time to take on new adventures. It's the beginning of the next stage of life. But thankfully there is a time in between those jumps called summer that allow a much-needed break. No worries, responsibilities and no deadlines. But for those graduating college, this is not what is in store. We who have gone through it know that we hope that there is no break, but that we will have a job and begin "adulting" right away. Yes, the word 'adult' is a verb now. No more school to fall back on, no more breaks. No more relying on parents to take care of us anymore. Now is the time to try out all we've learned and fly. If we fall, we just have to pick ourselves up and try again.

As I think about our graduates, I cannot help but see the similarity between what they must do in the approaching months to what we must do as people of faith in the church. As followers of Christ we have been given all the teachings and guidance we need. We have heard Jesus' teachings over and over. We have witnessed his sacrifice and resurrection in our lives. We have also been given a commandment to go out into the world and make disciples. We have been told to spread our wings and fly! But that can be intimidating. We don't want to go and be adults, be true disciples of Christ. It's scary to grow up and leave our comfortable and secure places where others take care of us. However, in order for us to grow as children of God and be the church in the world, we have to learn... by going out into the world.

The Good News is that we do not go alone. We are always still supported by those who love us; encouraging, supporting, and being there no matter what. This is exactly what we have from God and God will always do this for us as we go forth living as Christ's disciples. So, let us learn to live as true disciples of Jesus, who are willing to take risks, fall and then pick ourselves up again and again. Let's move out into the world and share the Good News of Christ, bringing Jesus' peace and healing to our broken world.

Pastor Brandon Dunham

Pastor Brandon Sermons

**YOU
ASKED
FOR IT**

Beginning this month, I will be taking requests on the things you, the church, would like to hear addressed. Maybe it's a hot topic... maybe it's a question you always wanted answered... maybe it's a scripture you love so much... or maybe it's just your favorite Bible story! Write it down on the Connection Cards during service in the "Prayer Request" section, and I will do my very best to get to our most requested.



Seniors to be honored this year on May 12 are: Treyton Diegel, Claire Davidson, Caroline Graf, and Clayton Kurtz

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Confirmation Sunday

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

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



Conde News

The Conde United Methodist Church had a potluck supper Wedding Shower on April 28th at 6:00 to honor Pastor Brandon Dunham and Ashley Farrand on their May marriage. We are so happy for this young couple and want to wish them the best for their future.

Pastor Brandon led a very interesting Lenten Study that went along with his sermons during this time period. Now that this is over, the group that had been studying the book entitled, "UNSHAKABLE HOPE" will continue with that class. It will be on either Monday or Tuesday in May, but the date has not been set yet. The ladies who were attending before, will be notified, and anyone else who might be interested can still join in the class. There are still several chapters left in the book. Pat Siefken has been leading this class.



Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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



Little Free Library

Stories, Activities, Light Snack, and Surprise Guest Authors will all be a part of the Little Free Library Story Time in the church front yard. It will start Wednesday, June 5 through Wednesday, July 31 each Wednesday at 10:30 am. There is no story time the week of July 3rd. There is no story time if rainy weather.





New Members were welcomed on Easter Sunday at the Sunrise Service in Groton. They include: Valerie Baker, Ashley Far- rand, and Amanda Morehouse.



Groton UMW - April

There were ten members in attendance at our April meeting. President Jolene Townsend opened the meeting by asking members to recite the UMW Purpose. She handed out coloring sheets to spread the joy of UMW's 150th Anniversary. Members voted to give \$100 donation to the Groton Area Post Prom Party.

Jolene shared that Pastor Brandon will dedicate the purple scarves made for the UMC 2020 General Conference by Val Baker, Rose Tewksbury, and Darlys Kampa for the Lydia Project at an upcoming Sunday church service.

Members were reminded that UMW will host Easter Brunch. Also the May Luncheon plans were reviewed by Marge Overacker.

She asked for help making desserts at 9:30 am on Tuesday, April 30 at the church.

Jeanne Wanous gave the treasurer's report stating a current balance of \$2763. It was decided that UMW officers would provide the June program.

Our program organized by Caralee Heitmann was a photo presentation given by Doreen Nelson on her recent trip to Spain. Doreen provided a map to everyone to help follow her travels through the country.

Jolene closed the meeting with devotions and a prayer. A delicious lunch was served by Laurie Mitchell.

Jeanne Wanous
Secretary Pro Tem



Groton UMW May Mtg

Will be Thursday, May 16 at 1:30 pm. Program will be "Apron's with Eunice: and Hostess Jeanne Wanous.

Officers & Program Resource Chairmen will meet at 3 pm to select recipient of Mission Recognition and select Jewel of a Woman.

Upcoming Events are the reading program due date is August 1 and the new opportunities grant is due to Conference MNO by June 1st.

Groton Ad Council - April

Chairman Brad Morehouse called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. In attendance were Pastor Brandon Dunham, Brad & Diann Morehouse, Dale Kramer, Marge Overacker, Roger Rix, Jeanne Wanous, Meri Erickson, Allen Walter, and Nick Strom. Pastor Brandon shared a prayer before the business meeting began.

Agenda & Minutes: The agenda and previous meeting minutes were approved on a motion to approve by Dale Kramer & 2nd by Marge Overacker.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report:

Church Treasurer: Marge Overacker reviewed the March treasurer's report. She explained that the Vanco monthly automatic offerings by members will now be deposited directly into the checking account instead of the savings account. This will avoid making a monthly transfer between accounts. It will also make it easier for annual auditors to follow transactions. It was noted that giving was better in March. The conference apportionment check for March was not written, it will be included in April activity. In addition, Marge shared a YTD budget report. The March Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Meri Erickson & 2nd by Roger Rix.

Financial Secretary: None

Pastor Parish Treasurer: Meri Erickson asked if it was ok to pay a bill from Locke Electric for work involving the parsonage furnace. The bill was allowed.

Bills to be Presented: Richard Krueger stated that the carpet cleaning bill from Dakota Restoration & Cleaning Service was \$764.67 with tax. This included cleaning of 6 chairs. Roger Rix moved to pay the bill upon completion of a recheck in some areas of concern. Motion approved. In addition Brad Morehouse and sons took one refrigerator home to discover what was causing a bad odor. They checked it out and cleaned it and

will probably return it soon as they feel it is not smelling and working ok.

Administrative Report:

Brandon reported that he has been busy with Holy Week planning. Also, a Poet grant for a community program was applied for but not approved by Poet. The community event will still happen. Lang's TV has been out to give an estimate of \$2900 on a new projector for the sanctuary. This does not include installation. We are also looking at memorial funds for this project.

Committee Reports:

Annual Audit Report: Roger Rix gave a summary of the annual audit. He stated that he was not sure if the Special Funds balance was correct and that he would follow up on that. He stated that it took a long time to get through the General Fund activity. He also noted that we need to get statements for the Dick Ruden Fund so we can audit it. Roger stated that monthly bank statement reconciliation pages are necessary. Marge Overacker asked that she be given an outline of what records are needed for the next audit.

Old Business:

Kitchen Update Memorial Project: Meri Erickson stated that Kitchen Tune-up will be coming to give an appraisal for kitchen cupboards. Nick Strom volunteered to contact another vendor for input.

Thank You's: Jeanne Wanous will send thank you notes to Marc Johnson & Adrian Daly for snow removal this past winter.

New Business:

Yard Cleanup Weekend. No specific date was decided, but some of the men present may get together and do some cleanup.

Dale Kramer motioned for the meeting to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Motion carried.

Jeanne Wanous
Ad Council Secretary



Native American Ministries Sunday - May 5

One of the special Sundays authorized by the General Conference to be observed annually throughout the denomination with an offering. Native American Ministries Sunday is to focus the attention of United Methodists on the gifts and contributions of Native Americans to our society and to our church. Of the funds received in the offering, one half remains within each Annual Conference for the building and strengthening of Native American ministries in the Conference. The re-

maining one half is to be used by the General Board of Global Ministries to expand the work for Native Americans in target cities in the United States.



Groton Wedding Shower for Pastor Brandon & Ashley

Took place on April 7th



Congratulations!



Our Church Celebrations

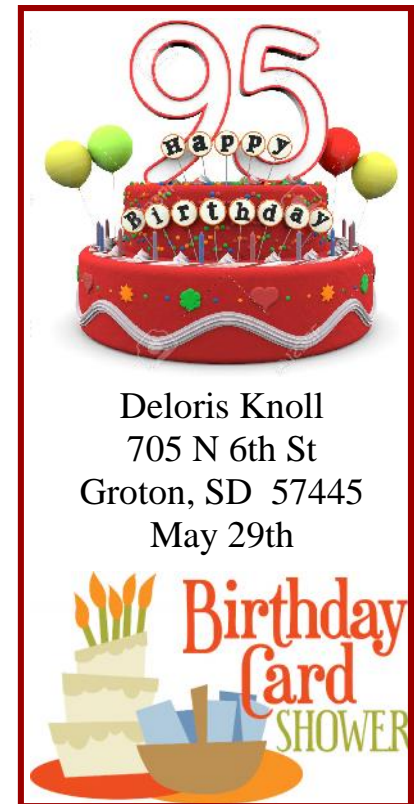
Groton

- May 2 Evan Jacobson
- May 3 Kim Weber
- May 4 Desiree Foltz
Evan Erickson
Tom Strom
- May 5 Gary Thurston
Marlee Jones
Tony & Brenda Madsen
- May 6 Clint Jacobson
- May 7 Gabbie Kramer
Rebecca Padfield
Tigh Hank Irvin Fliehs
- May 8 Austin Jones
Dale Kramer
John Lowary
Rob Wanous
- May 10 John & Anita Lowary
- May 11 Ashley & Pastor Brandon Wedding!
- May 12 Jack & Maggie Oliver
- May 13 Chase Neiber
Doris Strom
Leroy Severson
- May 14 Harry Pharis
Linda Johnson
Pam Rix
- May 15 Mary Nelson
- May 17 Cliff & Carna Pray
- May 18 Jean Walter
Kaylee Hofer
- May 19 John Erickson
Scott Kampa
Taylor Diegel
- May 20 Tom & Kami Lipp
- May 21 Cody Hanson

- May 25 Adrienne Fliehs
Beau Bahr
J.R. Johnson
Jon Voss
- May 26 Sam & Dion Bahr
- May 27 Emmett Morehouse
Luverne & Carol Strom
- May 28 Cheryl Hanson
Jesse & Julie Morehouse
- May 29 Deloris Knoll (95)
Gary & Anita Voss
- May 30 Kami Lipp
Macy Knecht
Randy & Rebecca Padfield
- May 31 J. R. & Paula Johnson

Conde

- May 3 Janette Imsland
- May 7 Jane Worlie
- May 10 Marion Jensen
- May 16 Dwight Lyren
- May 25 Greg Bonn
Floyd & Carol Smith
- May 28 Grant & Janice Hanson
- May 30 Curtis & Cindy Haskell



Easter brought many friends and family to worship with us at the Groton UMC: Bette Meister, Pat Smith, Nancy & Merle Walter, and Jean Walter

Groton Family Committee - June

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Erin & Damian Bahr

AM & Laurie Mitchell

Rodney Boehmer

Karla & Russell Davidson, Claire, Andrea

Seth & Megan Erickson

Caralee Heitmann

Charity & Scotty Hinman

Curtis Krueger

Justin & Amanda Morehouse

Justin Olson

Betty Strom

Cheri & Tom Strom

Alan & Jolene Townsend

Anita & Gary Voss

Sharon & Larry Wheeting

Honorary Members

) DeLoris Knoll

) Richard Voss

) Doris Zoellner

) Gary Heitmann

June 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

) 1 Greeter for each Sunday

) Straighten the Sanctuary Pews

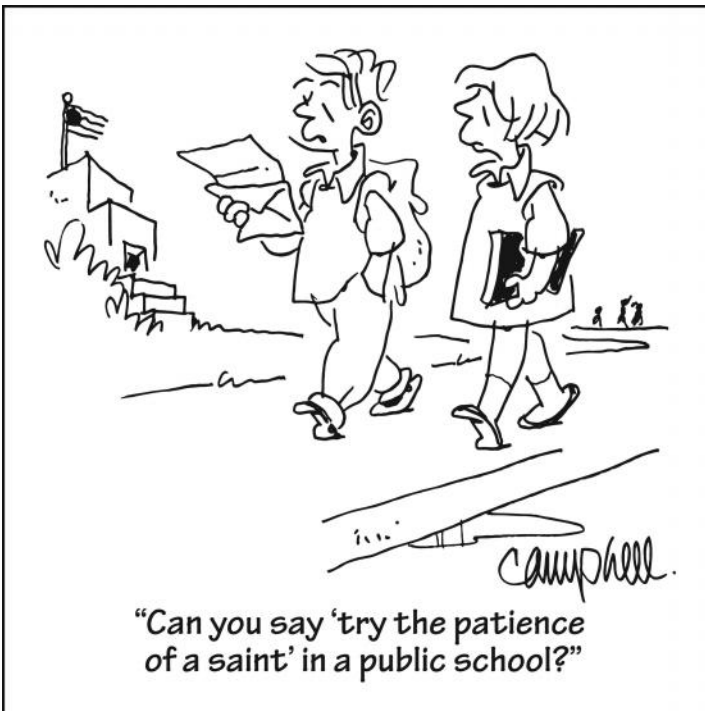
) Change the banners as needed as per schedule is back of Family Committee Book

) Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements

) Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons

) Serve at Golden Living Center - 5th Sunday

) 5th Sunday may buy donuts and give bill to church treasurer



May 27th



Groton Stewardship Report March 2019

Average Wkly Giving \$1,675

Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,347

Average Weekly Attendance Sunday 59

Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs \$215

Our Church Happenings

May 1 Groton UMW Salad & Dessert Buffet
from 11 am - 1 pm

- May 5 Groton Confirmation Sunday
- May 5 Native American Ministries Sunday
- May 12 Groton Honor Graduates Sunday
- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 15 Groton Ad Council
- May 16 Groton UMW 1:30 pm
- May 19 Newsletter Items Due
- May 27 Memorial Day



May 2019

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