



October 2019

906 N 1st St, Groton, SD 57445

...from Pastor Brandon

Hello Church Family,
As the weather cools and Halloween decorations begin filling the front of stores, so begins my favorite time of the year. It's brought a lot of peace to my heart after this wild summer as I watch the season turning and the colors beginning to fade from bright green. Growing up in the Black Hills I was always surrounded by trees, and this week as I watched the leaves begin to change, it felt like home.

Aren't the seasons so incredible to watch? How nature works in this powerful cycle year after year. Trees have always fascinated me, and it's been wonderful to witness the beginning of their leaves changing and soon falling in the backyard. In order to flourish in the new season, the tree must let go of its decayed leaves. Though they have performed well, it is their time.

Fall is an especially wonderful time to observe nature. As we watch the swirling leaves stirred by the wind, I am reminded that they display an important lesson for all of us to follow. Just as the trees



don't stubbornly hold on to their dead leaves, we shouldn't hold on to any of the unnecessary weight in our lives. When we find ourselves longing for a new season, the old can easily inhibit the new if we allow it.

God's Word reminds us to: *Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:31-32 (NIV)*

To release negativity in our lives, we must first identify it. How can we do this?

- » By reading God's Word.
- » By allowing His Spirit to show us the necessary heart changes we need.

By being willing to reject practices such as bitterness and anger.

» By asking God to help us let go of the guilt from the past.

Jesus longs to empower and strengthen us for the new season ahead. If we're not sure of the issues keeping us from a kind and compassionate spirit, He will show us when we ask. And if guilt from the past is preventing this beautiful new season, we have His promises to hold close.

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:18,19 (NIV)

What are you holding

on to that is preventing a freshness to the season ahead? Could it be that the decayed leaves are piling up and your heart needs to discard them for good? If so, reach out to the Lord in prayer. He wants to hear from you. Ask Him to shine light on any thoughts, circumstances, habits or other "decayed leaves" you might be clinging to. As you watch the leaves fall this season, my prayer is that you are reminded to let go of anything that would hinder a fresh relationship with God and a new season.

Blessings, Pastor Brandon Dunham



Pastor
In Office
Tuesday &
Thursday
Mornings

Friday
Day Off





Deloris Krueger-Knoll, 95, passed away Sept 15th.



Richard "Dick" Voss, 94, passed away Sept 11th.

Groton 6th Grade Parents-Students

Beginning Wed, Oct 2nd, there will be a class for the students after school from 3:30-4:30. Class will be each month on the 1st and 3rd Wed thru March 2020.

Jesus No Cry

Author Marlo Schalesky recalls her 2-year-old's first table prayer: "Jesus no cry. Jesus be happy. Amen." Her 5-year-old sister was unimpressed, calling it "a funny prayer." But Mom affirmed it as fine, later blogging: "I saw how woefully self-centered my own prayers had become. ... [In my

daughter's] language ... they would sound more like 'Marlo no cry. Marlo be happy.'"

So Schalesky made some intentional changes. "Instead of only asking for God's blessing, I'm focusing more on asking God to help me to be pleasing to him. ... When I

ask for wisdom, I also ask him to help me honor him in all I do and think. And instead of focusing on my desire for all to go well, I ask him what I can do to bring him joy. ... I am learning to pray with child-like faith. I'm learning to pray, 'Jesus no cry. Jesus be happy.'"

Scam Alert

Church members will receive what appears to be an email or text message from their pastor asking them to make contributions through gift cards.

If you receive a message from the pastor asking for a gift card, do NOT respond or act. Our church will never solicit for gift cards via text or email.



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HARVEST Trail Mix

What you need:

- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup pecan pieces
- 1/3 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
- 1/3 cup almonds
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2/3 cup dried fruit (any)

What you do:

1. Microwave syrup, spices, seeds and nuts for 30 seconds at a time, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens.
2. Spread the mixture on a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Let cool and harden.
3. Break the candied nuts into chunks. Combine with dried fruit.
4. Store in airtight container.



Adults and Students... come learn what social issues are involving our youth in our community.

GOSPEL Solutions to Social Issues

SPONSORED BY LOCAL CHURCHES

Youth Groups Welcome -- Large Groups please RSVP 605/377-0709

Seminars are:

**September 11 at United Methodist Church:
Drugs & Alcohol**

**October 9 at Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance Church:
Sex Trafficking and Date Violence**

**November 6 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church:
Suicide and Bullying**

Light Meal at 5:45 p.m. ~ Seminar begins at 6:30 p.m.



Trunk or Treat is back!

Groton United Methodist Church, along with other groups in the Groton Community, are hosting Halloween festivities this October 31st, 2019 and EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Last year we had 15 trunks in our parking lot serve over 200 people from the Groton area candy, hotdogs, and chips. Can we beat that this year?

I'm sure of it!

Ways to get involved:

-) Decorate the trunk of your car, put on a costume and hand out candy!
-) Donations of candy for the vehicles to ensure we don't run out.
-) Prayers of safety and smiles for all the families attending
-) Bring your family

) Bring a friend

This was our biggest community event last year and we hope to see plenty of smiles, laughter, and above all glory brought to Jesus on this wonderful night.

Groton Ad Council - Sept

Chairman Brad Morehouse called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Those in attendance were: Pastor Brandon Dunham, Marjorie Overacker, Jeanne Wanous, Brent Morehouse, Linda Thurston, Dale Kramer, Meri Erickson, and Allen Walter. Pastor Brandon shared a prayer prior to the business meeting.

The agenda & previous meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Marjorie Overacker

Correspondence: A thank you note from the Groton Summer Transition Program was shared. The group also donated \$100 to our church for the use of our facility.

Treasurer's Report: The monthly report was reviewed and found to be favorable. The report was approved on a motion by Brent Morehouse.

Financial Secretary: A finance committee meeting needs to be scheduled. Pastor Brandon will schedule this.

Pastor Parish Relations: Meri Erickson stated that the bill for installation of wood flooring in the two upstairs bedrooms at the parsonage will be paid. On a motion by Marjorie Overacker, the council approved moving PPR funds into the parsonage maintenance funds sub account to facilitate payment of the floor installation bill.

Bills: None to approve, however there is still an outstanding balance to be paid to McGannon Plumbing & Heating.

Administrative Report: Pastor Brandon stated that the Sunday school kickoff went well with many people involved. Also, our Children & Youth Ministry Cohort group will be traveling to Storm Mountain in Rapid City for their second training session on October 12, 2019.

Trustees:

-) Brad Morehouse shared that a water leak in the coffee room had been discovered. It has since been fixed.
-) Brad also reported that despite several requests for Aberdeen Glass to come and investigate sanctuary window leaks, they still have not responded with an onsite visit.
-) Brent Morehouse reported that the northeast bedroom of the parsonage basement has been gutted. Paneling and stud boards were found to be moldy. Perry Blocker will give an estimate to sheet rock those walls in February.
-) The outside of the parsonage needs painting. The PPR committee will arrange to have this done after colors are picked out.

Memorial Report: Linda Thurston gave a report of current memorial monies. See below. Estimates for purchases or projects being considered were reviewed.



Old Business:

Fire Extinguishers: Annual inspection of fire extinguishers needs to be completed.

New Business:

-) Spraying for attic flies needs to be completed.
-) Upcoming Calendar Review:
 -) Annual Charge Conference: Oct. 27, location to be announced.
 -) Trunk or Treat: Oct. 31.
 -) Memorial Sunday: Nov. 3
 -) Fall Dinner: maybe Nov. 11

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Jeanne Wanous
Ad Council Secretary

Fund	Amount	Designated for:
E Sippel	\$ 50.00	Undecided
L Bartz	\$ 213.84	Altar Cloths
W Faucett	\$ 263.00	Kitchen
R Breitreutz	\$ 361.34	Baptism, 3rd Grade, & Confirmation Bibles
J Lowary	\$ 385.00	Kitchen
M Padfield	\$ 799.10	Baptism, 3rd Grade, & Confirmation Bibles
M Padfield	\$ 1,500.00	Laptop & Software
D Walter	\$ 3,283.94	Yard Maintenance
J Lowary	\$ 5,000.00	Camping
	\$ 11,856.22	Total Designated
	\$ 4,096.06	Undesignated
	\$ 15,952.28	Combined Total



Conde Ad Council

The Conde Administrative Board met at 6:30 on Tuesday, September 3rd. Those present were Pastor Brandon Dunham, Chairman Cindy Smith, Treasurer Jane Worlie, Patty Knoll, and Donna Hearnen.

Past and Upcoming Events

Vacation Bible School that was held on July 25th and 26th was discussed. We felt it was successful with about 18 kids enrolled. Changes that were discussed included: having it for about four days, time in summer vacation, advantages of evening or morning sessions and ways to inform parents. The expenses will be taken out of the Education Fund designated in our budget. Fifteen School Kits were put together for UMCOR and each child attending also got a bag of

school supplies. A lot of time and effort was put forth to decorate and prepare for only two days. It would also be nice to have an evening for a short program.

Mission Projects – More School Kits and also Health Kits will be assembled for UMCOR. Donations started coming in after this meeting, and at this time (September 16th) Donna Hearnen, Missions Chairman has purchased items for 15 more school kits and 13 Health kits. These will be taken up to Jobbers Movers in Aberdeen. They transport them out to Salt Lake City to a distribution center. From there, they are shipped to areas in the United States that need them. We pay \$1 per kit for this part of the shipping and also another \$1 for toothpaste for

each Health Kit.

Pastor Brandon gave us the dates that he would be gone (October 13 & December 29). He also said he would have an Advent Bible Study. Time and subject will be discussed later.

Charge Conference will be held in Aberdeen on October 27th.

UMW - Fern Bailey, the Conde and Groton Shepherdess, would like to visit the two Units this Fall. We will try and set a time, possibly October 17th. The Bible Study group will begin meeting this fall. Hopefully we can have the first session on October 1st.

Board Meeting – This has been set for Tues. October 1st at 6:30



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

Groton UMW - Sept

There were nine women in attendance for the monthly UMW meeting.

President Jolene Townsend called the meeting to order. Members recited the UMW Purpose.

JoAnn Krueger read old devotions from 1999 in honor of our 150th celebration. Devotions were followed with a prayer.

Members purchased & shared hugs & candy kisses as part of our Love Ribbons project. It was reported that Valerie Baker has written a Love Ribbons grant for milk funds to support the Groton Area Table Talks program.

Jeanne Wanous read the minutes for our June meeting along with the financial report stating a balance of \$1,913.65. Jeanne read recent thank you notes received from the high school students for our post prom party donation and from a youngster who was a recipient of a summer pool pass due to our donation. In addition a thank you note from Liz & John Rieken was shared thanking our church for our hospitality while she visited recently. Liz is the great granddaughter of our church founder Rev. Hyde. She included a donation that could be used for a special UMW project.

Those in attendance shared highlights of their summer with the group. Jolene reviewed the themed coloring pages our group has done to honor our UMW 150th anniversary and handed out the newest page called "Home Sweet Home".

Old Business: None

New Business:

- J **UMW Sunday:** The date of October 27 was set for UMW Sunday. We will present our Jewel of a Woman & Special Recognition pins that day.
- J **Trunk or Treat:** UMW will sponsor a trunk again on Oct. 31.
- J **World Thank Offering:** We will be collecting our annual world thank offering at our next meeting on Oct. 17. Our Shepherdess, Fern Baily, will be sharing information with us at this meeting and give the World Thank program.

The meeting ended with a prayer given by Jolene Townsend and we were all then treated to a delicious dessert prepared by Caralee Hietmann and JoAnn Krueger.

Jeanne Wanous
Secretary Pro Tem

Groton UMW Meeting

October 17th

1:30 pm, Thursday

Program

"World Thank Offering" by Fern Baily

Unit Shepherdess

Hostess Darlys Kampa

Upcoming Events

Finalize 2020 Slate of Officers

Reading Program

Save Coffee Cans!

A Prayer for Peace

St. Francis of Assisi, an Italian Catholic friar, is commemorated on October 4. Though it's unclear whether this famous "peace prayer" was his, it reflects his gentle spirit as an ardent Christ-follower:

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 Where there is injury, pardon;
 Where there is error, truth;
 Where there is doubt, faith;
 Where there is despair, hope;
 Where there is darkness, light;
 And where there is sadness, joy.
 O, Divine Master,
 Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled
 as to console;
 To be understood as to understand;
 To be loved as to love;
 For it is in giving that we receive;
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 And it is in dying to ourselves that we are born to
 eternal life. Amen.

Groton Rally Sunday School



Rally
SUNDAY



World Communion Sunday - Oct 6th

According to the 1972 Book of Discipline paragraph 163.b there shall be a World Communion (formerly Fellowship of Suffering and Service) offering to support the division of chaplains and ministries, Crusade Scholarships and the scholarship fund for minority groups.

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been

unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

Will You Equip World-Changers?

Will you give generously on World Communion Sunday to make education and vocational impact possible for more students? Will you equip gifted and qualified students from around the globe to become the



world-changers God created them to be?

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." And because the people of The United Methodist Church believe that all of God's children have been created and gifted to build the kingdom Jesus ushered in, we're resourcing them to do just that. Because of your giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands.



Our Church Celebrations...

Groton

- Oct 1 Turner Thompson
- Oct 4 Rick Hofer
Josh Atherton
Fred Wolken
- Oct 5 Jeanne Wanous
- Oct 6 Paula Johnson
- Oct 7 Allen Walter
- Oct 8 Gloria Pharis (80th)
Lars & Kelli Hanson
- Oct 9 London Bahr
- Oct 10 Dan & Marjae Schinkel
Charity & Scott Hinman
Kaleb Hofer
Megan Erickson
- Oct 12 Marc & Jane Johnson
Charles & Sabrina Padfield
- Oct 13 Carna Atherton-Pray
- Oct 14 Grady O'Neill
- Oct 15 Brad Morehouse
Jaymie Overacker
Russell Davidson
- Oct 17 Jackson Bahr
- Oct 21 Gary Heitmann

- Oct 22 Kara Pharis
- Oct 23 Randy Stanley
- Oct 24 Karla Davidson
- Oct 25 Lars Hanson
- Oct 26 Harry & Gloria Pharis
Jaeden Morehouse
- Oct 29 Connie Nilsson
- Oct 30 Holden Sippel
Sarah Hofer

Conde

- Oct 22 Janice Hanson
- Oct 29 Marcene Bruckner
- Oct 31 Andee Geist



Gloria Pharis
80th Birthday
October 8th

12490 402nd Ave
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Celebrate with Gloria
during coffee hour on
October 20th



Free Indeed

In his autobiography *Set Free*, Roy Peterson describes how God's Word transformed his life. After making some reckless decisions at age 19, Peterson landed in a Mexican jail. One day, two "long-haired American hippies" visited and gave him an English Bible.

As Peterson read the words of imprisoned men and gained wisdom he wished he'd had earlier, hope emerged: "I observed grace, kindness and the value of humanity during a time when I felt so ashamed and unworthy."

Now, as president of the American Bible Society, Peterson works to provide Bibles to every person in their own language. Having been rescued from sin and death, he wants others to know that Jesus is "the truth [who] will set you free" (John 8:32, NIV).

Groton November Family Committee

John & Meri Erickson

Scott & Myndi Kampa

Brian Bahr

Dion & Sam Bahr

Lucy & Andy Daly, Chloe Crosby

Steve & Becky Diegel, Treyton

Adrienne & Tigh Fliehs

Jay & Linda Johnson

Kami & Tom Lipp, Tanae

Julie & Jesse Morehouse

Karen & Ian Rose

Marjae & Dan Schinkel, Anthony

Nick & Jenna Strom

William Zoellner

Honorary Members

) Ida Hannon

November 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 committee book.

) Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements

) Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons

) Bring Christmas decorations in from the shed and fluff them so they are ready to put up. Check the lights on them as well.

) Check and make sure the Christmas Eve candles are okay for the service early in the month in case we have to order new ones.

) Check and make sure the Advent Wreath Candles are okay in case the need to be ordered as well.

) Put up church indoor and outdoor decorations with December committee and all church members (check on date with Pastor)

) No Potluck if Men have their dinner.

November 2019						
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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

Groton Stewardship Report Aug 2019

Average Wkly Giving \$2,372

Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,347

Average Weekly Attendance Sunday 62

Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs \$15.00



October 2019						
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



October 2019

Our Church Happenings...

- Oct 2 Groton 6th Grade Classes Start 3:30 pm & Youth Group 7 pm
- Oct 2 Conde Ad Council 6:30 pm
- Oct 6 Groton 3rd Graders receive Bibles
- Oct 9 Gospel Solutions to Social Issues - Sex Trafficking & Date Violence at C&MA Church 6:30 pm. Light meal at 5:45 pm.
- Oct 10 PPR Mtg in Groton 7 pm
- Oct 16 Groton 6th Grade Class 3:30 pm & Youth Group 7 pm
- Oct 16 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- Oct 27 UMW Sunday in Groton
- Oct 27 Charge Conference at North Highland UMC 2 pm
- Oct 31 Trunk or Treat 5:30 - 7 pm church parking lot
- Nov 10 Groton Men's Dinner