

Welcome
Spring



Groton & Conde & Britton UMC

Newsletter

March 2025

906 N 1st St, Groton, SD 57445

...Pastor Rob's Ponderings

As many know, a point of emphasis for me is to encourage people to develop a relationship with Jesus. I grew up in a church where the emphasis was on "getting saved" and "asking Jesus into your heart." Once that was done, you were "good to go." Nothing was said about having a relationship with Jesus for the rest of your life. I realized, as I got older, the importance of that relationship, and now I talk about it whenever I can.

I came across a column by Rev. Shane Bishop, pastor of Christ Church in Illinois, and a friend on Facebook, which speaks to the importance of relationship and God. See you in church. The Upside of a Bad Relationship with God

Today I have been thinking about what it means to have a relationship with God. First of all, to be in relationship means you know something of another. You may not know everything and some of what you think you know may well be wrong but you know something of each other. Secondly it does not necessarily imply that the relationship is good. We all have relationships that are a bit rocky or have traversed some rough patches of highway. Even the best of relationships get cross threaded now and then. Some people are cross threaded with God. Good relationship? No. Relationship? Yes.

Since the Bible teaches



that relationship comes at the initiative of God, anyone who is struggling with God is doing so because God is reaching out to them. People with no relationship with God don't struggle with God at all. In fact they seldom think of God and if they do it is dispassionately; like a discussion about a baseball game that really doesn't interest you or the weather in the fall. If you are thinking about God, be assured God is thinking about you.

Sometimes we get concerned because we or people we know are struggling with their faith. They don't have it all figured out and we wish they did. They are angry with God and we wish they weren't. I would remind you that the very act of struggle is clear evidence of relationship. No one struggles with strangers or those they care nothing about.

If you are struggling with God, take heart. Keep knocking, yelling, asking, weeping and seeking. God can handle your pain, your questions, your issues, your doubt and even your bad theology.

It is only when the gloves come off, the gauntlet is thrown and raw honesty sets in that we can face our issues. Ugly? Perhaps. Necessary? Absolutely! Stay in the struggle. Keep attending church when you don't feel like going. Keep worshipping when you don't feel like singing, keep believing when you don't understand and stay at the table when what you want to do is run away.

And one day you will find, much to your surprise, you have made it through the storm and that you were loved every step of the way...

The upside of a bad relationship? It is still a relationship.



March 9th

OFFICE
HOURS

Pastor Rob
In Office
Tuesday &
Thursday
Evenings
6-8 pm

Monday
Day Off

MY BAPTISM

Groton & Conde



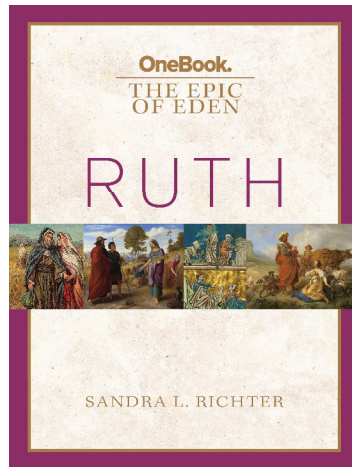
To my Church family,
Thank you very much for the gift of money honoring Jett's baptism. I am very thankful for you all thinking of him on his special day!

Trent & Sydney
Kurtz

January 12 at the Groton UMC

Tuesday 10 am Bible Study

We will begin a new study on Ruth March 4th. Join us for this study during Lent!



Jean Walter

Died January 30, 2025



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Pastor Rob's Story in Britton Journal

By Bridget Shileny
Editor

No matter the denomination, clergy shortages are a growing challenge across the country, especially in rural areas—and Journal Country is no exception. At one point last year, more churches in Britton were without a pastor than with one. Fortunately, that has started to change with the recent arrivals of two new pastors. In the past few months, St. John's Lutheran Church and the United Methodist Church have both welcomed new leadership. The two new pastors recently spoke with the *Journal* about their journeys to holiness and to the area.

Pastor Rob Moorlach recently stepped up to the pulpit at United Methodist in Britton. Though Moorlach was born overseas in Holland, he spent his formative years in the Brandon Valley area. Raised in the Wesleyan faith, he graduated from Brandon Valley High School before heading south to attend Bartlesville Wesleyan College.

Initially, Moorlach pursued a business degree, but a friend, noticing his distaste for math, encouraged him to explore his strengths in teaching and public speaking. Taking that advice to heart, he spoke with the head of the religion department and promptly switched his major to Christian Education. This decision set him on a path that eventually led to Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky. Another unexpected turn—again prompted by a friend's suggestion—led him to pursue a Master of Divinity degree, and by 1991, he was ordained as a pastor.

As he considered a future in the Wesleyan clergy, Moorlach faced encouragement to marry and start a family in order to serve as a full-time pastor—something that wasn't necessarily in his plans. However, another pivotal conversation with a friend, Pastor David Miller of the United Methodist Church,

steered him in a new direction. At Miller's suggestion, Moorlach explored opportunities within the Methodist tradition, a move that ultimately reshaped his journey.

Moorlach credits Miller and his other friends for shaping the direction of his life, even suggesting it was divine intervention. "I think that God sent those people into my path" he emphasized. "He used my friends to guide me."

Before long, he became a fully ordained United Methodist pastor and took charge of a three-point parish based in Crystal, located in far northern North Dakota.

Over the years, Moorlach's ministry took him across the Upper Midwest and beyond. He served as a pastor in Howard, S.D., before moving to Groton. In addition to his pastoral duties, he took on the role of Director of Benefits for United Methodist ministers—a position in which his administrative talents stood out. Recognizing his abilities, church leadership invited him to serve in that capacity in Kentucky.

However, a pastor shortage soon drew him back to the Midwest, where he took on a parish in Jackson, Minn. In the years following the COVID pandemic, Moorlach arrived in Oakes, stepping in after the sudden passing of the United Methodist pastor there. But changes within the denomination soon led Oakes and several other United Methodist churches to disaffiliate from the main branch of the church.

With retirement on the horizon, Moorlach faced a difficult choice. Not wanting to be left in limbo, he chose to remain with the United Methodist Church. That decision brought him back to familiar ground, serving once again in Groton while also ministering to the congregation in Conde.

In the meantime, Britton's United Methodist Church had been without a pastor for some time. So when Moor-

lach's superintendent asked if he'd be willing to preach there as well, his response was simple: "Why not?"

Now several weeks into his new role, Moorlach is settling in and enjoying getting to know the congregation. He describes the church community as warm and welcoming, and they've been receptive to his preaching style—which includes a 45-minute service and uplifting contemporary music.

When asked what people can expect from his sermons, Moorlach was clear: "What you will hear from me is messages from the Bible. That's my text. I also strive to build a relationship with Jesus Christ and teach who he is and what he's done for us." He emphasized that his sermons are approachable and easy to understand, ensuring that anyone, regardless of their background, can engage with the message.

Beyond the pulpit, Moorlach enjoys leading Bible studies and hopes to start one in Britton in the near future. When he's not ministering, he values time with his family, which includes his three brothers and their children. A devoted sports fan, he also enjoys cheering on the Minnesota Twins.

Pastor Moorlach invites anyone interested to attend worship at Britton's United Methodist Church. Services are held Sundays at 11:15 a.m.

"I would love to have people come check us out," he said.



Conde UMC Happenings

Even though our Conde Church is small in number, we are proud of the support of all members, and especially those who attend regularly. Church service on Sunday morning is at 8:15, which is a wee bit early, and I for one don't usually get up early, so an alarm is required. The fellowship time afterward is when we listen to each other's joys and concerns. Sometimes that might not end until almost noon. It is a very special time.

I would like to encourage more people to come to our Study Group led by Pastor Rob. We just finished a book entitled Encounter Jesus. This study not only had a book to read, but a video that we watched at each session. On March 4th we are going to start a short three sessions on the book of Revelation. There will be no book, but Pastor Rob will copy some sheets for study, and there will be a video for each session. Schedule for these Bible Studies varies, but is usually on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening at 7:00. We adjust the dates to try and accommodate all that want to attend.

Mission work is very important in our church. We have had special offerings for UMCOR disaster relief in the United States. As we all know, there has been many problems with Mother Nature.

On March 30, UMCOR has a special offering. Any money collected on this Sunday goes to pay the administrative costs of all other offerings. So, when a church donates to a disaster relief, all of the money goes to help those people in a disaster area.

We now have a large screen TV and a new computer. This new technology was purchased with Memorial Money that had been building up. It works very well for Sunday morning service and also for the Study Group. With no one to play the piano, we are able to get music through our new equipment. We have access to songs from our Hymn Book and also Contemporary Music. Pastor Rob is also able to put scripture and other information on the screen.

Donna Hearnen

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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



- Groton UMC
- MAR. 2 – 9:30 (Sing in church)
- MAR. 9 – SS 9:30
- MAR. 16 – SS 9:30
- MAR. 23 – NO SS (Spring Break)
- MAR. 30 – SS 9:30
- APRIL 6 – SS 9:30
- APRIL 13 – 9:30 (Sing in church-Palm Sunday)
- APRIL 20 – NO SS (Easter)
- APRIL 27 – SS 9:30
- MAY 4 – SS 9:30
- MAY 11 – 9:30 (Sing in church-Mother's Day)

Groton UMC Ad Council - January

There being no Chairman or Vice Chairman in attendance, members asked Roger Rix to chair the meeting. Roger called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Jolene Townsend, Jeanne Wanous, Tyke Nyberg, Roger Rix, and Carna Atherton-Pray. Carna shared a prayer prior to conducting business.

The agenda was approved on a motion from Jolene Townsend. The previous meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Tyke Nyberg.

Committee Reports

Membership—Anita Lowary: none

Memorial—Linda Thurston: none

Missions--Val Baker: none

Caring Team—Jolene Townsend:

The Caring Team hosted a blessing shower for Jett William Kurtz, son of Trent & Sydney Kurtz after church on Sunday, January 12.

A Caring team meeting will be held soon. Pastor Rob & Jolene Townsend have been in touch with Groton UMC members Brad & Karlie Olson concerning their young son Max who was diagnosed with Leukemia in early January, 2025. Council member Carna Atherton-Pray motioned approval by the council for Jolene to organize a way for Groton UMC members to provide much needed financial donations to the Olson family. The motion was passed unanimously.

Pastor/Parish Relations: Carna stated that the first PPR Groton/Conde/Britton Pastor/Parish meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Groton UMC with a supper. Pastor Rob feels his trips and services at Britton have been going very well. In addition, the PPR team of all three parishes are planning a parsonage walk-thru for some time in May along with discussions of some needed updates to the parsonage.

Trustees: Tyke Nyberg stated that Locke Electric has installed a new light switch for the north wall of the fellowship hall as it had not been working properly. In addition, our church property insurance company, Church Mutual, sent a free smoke detector as well as a free water leak monitor for the water heater. These items along with sensors can be connected to a monitoring center in order to alert designated persons that there is a problem. More discussion is needed to imple-

ment these devices. Tyke also reported that the second boiler has been turned on due to recent low temperatures.

Treasurer's Report:

Church Treasurer-Jeanne Wanous:

Jeanne shared that our Northwestern Energy natural gas rate increased 7.0% beginning Dec. 19, 2024. Also the Dakotas Conference sent out the following related to 2025: 1) Apportionments are now 13% vs 13.5% for 2024 and 2) The new IRS milage rate is \$0.70 per mile for 2025.

Financial Secretary-Allen Walter: No Report

Pastor Parish-Meri Erickson: No Report
Administrative Report: Pastor Rob, no report.

Old Business: none

New Business:

The BAGS Program: Groton Elementary Principal, Brett Schwann, recently asked Pastor Rob about how the funding for the local BAGS program is managed. Carna Atherton-Pray motioned to give authority to council member Roger Rix to organize a meeting to include Anita Lowary, Pastor Rob, Principal Schwann, and a designated school board member. The motion was passed unanimously.

Child Booster Seat & Highchair Needs: After recent large family gatherings in our fellowship hall, it became apparent that we could use additional appropriate seating for our youngest children. The council decided to ask Kay Daly to include a request for one or two donations of highchairs and booster seats from our congregation in our next newsletter.

Annual Audit: Anita Lowary has asked that all those who maintain financial records for our church, to please finalize your 2024 records and turn them over to Anita for auditing at your earliest convenience so that she can begin the audit process.

Thank You's: The Administrative Council would like to thank all those members who helped to make our recent Christmas season at the Groton UMC a beautiful and meaningful one. Please take time to thank these people for all of their volunteer time and efforts.

Outdoor Nativity: AM Mitchell, Dameon

Bahr, Roger Rix, Cliff & Carna Pray, and Meri & Josh Atherton

Indoor Christmas decorating: Jolene Townsend and Chris & Tyke Nyberg.

Teardown and packing of decoration: Linda Thurston, Anita Lowary, Jeanne Wanous, Kelli Hanson and Carna Atherton-Pray.

Reorganizing and storage of Christmas decoration: Linda Thurston.

Please take time to personally thank all of these members and our apologies if we have forgotten to mention someone.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Secretary, Jeanne Wanous

Groton Stewardship Report Dec 2024	Groton Stewardship Report Jan 2025
Average Wkly Giving \$2,298	Average Wkly Giving \$1,380
Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,393	Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,134
Average Weekly Attendance Sun 57	Average Weekly Attendance Sun 44
Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs \$255	Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs \$255



Groton Family Committee - April

April 2025						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			

April 2025 Chairpersons

Chris and Tyke Nyberg
Eugenia and Dwight Strom

- Doris and Ron Anderson
- Pernell Graf
- Charity and Scotty Hinman
- Nancy Hinrichs
- Yvonne Lorenz
- Anita and John Lowary
- Brenda and Tony Madsen
- Belinda and Joe Nelson
- Chris and Tyke Nyberg
- Tim Olson
- Jesse Overacker
- Roger Overacker
- John Padfield
- Carna and Cliff Pray
- Marjae and Dan Schinkel
- Jenna and Nick Strom
- Carol Strom
- Eugenia and Dwight Strom
- Jeanne Wanous

Honorary Members

Sharon Wheeting
Louise Thoreson
Betty Strom
Curtis Krueger

- 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)
- Help with Easter Breakfast -2nd Sunday if held.
- 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
- Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons

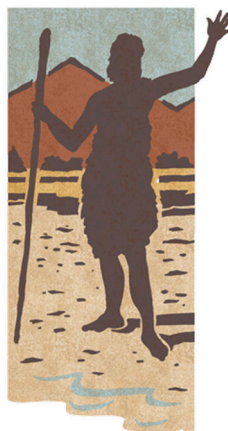
The Lenten Desert

During the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5 this year), Christians figuratively follow Jesus into the desert. Just as our Savior spent 40 days fasting and facing temptation, we focus on self-reflection and contrition.

In an 1873 hymn, Claudia Hernaman wrote, "O Lord, throughout these forty days, you prayed and kept the fast. Inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past."

The desert experience of Lent serves a clear purpose, filling us up rather than

depleting us. "This is what Lent is meant to be," writes theologian Ron Rolheiser. "Time in the desert to courageously face the chaos and the demons within us and to let God do battle with them through us. The result is that we are purified, made ready, so the intoxicating joy of Easter might then bind us more closely to God and each other."



Make a catch of fish to show what happens when Jesus calls his first disciples.

What you need:

- Cardboard egg carton
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Darning needle
- Fishing twine
- Scissors
- Googly eyes or buttons
- Glue



What you do:

1. From the egg carton, cut out the 12 cups. From the lid, cut out two fish tails.
2. On a protected surface, turn the cups upside down. Paint the outside of each cup and both sides of the tails. Let dry.
3. Thread the needle with an arm's length of twine. Tie a knot at the end.
4. Thread the needle through the end of the tail. Tie another knot an inch from the tail.
5. Thread the needle through one upside-down cup. Pull the twine through until the cup rests on the knot.
6. Continue tying knots an inch above each cup and threading on another cup until you've strung six cups. Tie a knot above the last cup and leave a long string to hang the fish. (You can make two fish with each egg carton.)
7. Add googly eyes or buttons to the last cup to make a face.

Our Church Celebrations...

Groton

- Mar 3 Christina Zoellner
Tristan Kampa
- Mar 4 Kay Daly
Kale Pharis
- Mar 5 Bentley Johnson
Chance Strom
- Mar 7 Brian Bahr
- Mar 8 Vic Fliehs
Linsey & Tom Tietz
- Mar 9 Betty Strom
- Mar 10 Linsey Strom
- Mar 13 Ron Anderson
- Mar 14 Sydney Kurtz
Mendy Jones
- Mar 15 Sam Weber
- Mar 16 Lane Tietz
- Mar 17 Asher Johnson
- Mar 21 Harlan Place
- Mar 24 Emerlee Jones
- Mar 25 Laurel McNickle
- Mar 26 Chloe Daly
Clayton Kurtz
Mark Thompson
- Mar 27 Dwight Strom
Michelle Walter
- Mar 29 Sharon Wheeting
- Mar 31 Aiden Strom
Henry Townsend
Caralee Heitmann

Conde

- Mar 17 Myron Fahrenwald (90)
- Mar 23 Greg Peterson
- Mar 31 Renee Hanlon

Britton

- Mar 28 John Smith
- Mar 30 Dorothy Schneider
- Mar 31 Tyler Bush

In need of more member information. Please email the office if you are missing.



Groton UMC Ad Council - February

Chairman AM Mitchell called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were AM Mitchell, Jolene Townsend, Jeanne Wanous, Anita Lowary, Tyke Nyberg, Val Baker, Meri Erickson, and Carna & Cliff Pray. Pastor Rob shared a prayer prior to conducting business. The agenda was approved on a motion by Anita Lowary. The previous meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Carna Atherton-Pray.

Committee Reports

Membership—Anita Lowary: none

Memorial—Linda Thurston: none

Missions - Val Baker: There will be a Chili Cookoff on Sunday, Feb 23 after church along with our coffee & social time.

Caring Team—Jolene Townsend:

Five people attended the recent Caring Team meeting. Plans are being made to celebrate our graduates in the spring. The Caring Team discussed ideas for giving support to the Brad & Karlie Olson family as they go forward with cancer treatments for their son Max. After discussion, the council approved of an idea that AM Mitchell shared. AM will go forward with planning for this so the congregation and community will hear more about it in the near future.

New child/infant highchairs and booster seats are needed at the church. Val Baker motioned to purchase two new highchairs and two new booster seats. Anita Lowary 2nd the motion and the council unanimously approved the motion. Meri Erickson agreed to oversee making these purchases.

Pastor/Parish Relations: Carna Atherton-Pray
Groton/Conde/Britton Organization: Carna & Pastor Rob feel that all is going well. Carna asked about plans for Easter Sunday. The council agreed that there would be NO Easter Sunrise service, but instead, we will have our normal 9:30 am service time in Groton followed by coffee as usual. In addition, it was noted that our UMYF group will be helping with our Ash Weds service.

Trustees:

It was announced that Tyke Nyberg has resigned from his Trustees Chairman position and that Cliff Pray has agreed to be the new chair. **Many thanks to Tyke for all your time and dedication to the Trustees position in the last several years!!**

Church Mutual-CM Sensor/24-7 Temp & Water Alert System: Church Mutual has reached out to remind us to activate the alert system that they provided to us for

free. We need to decide if we want the notification system to be set up on one person’s phone, iPad, or other device or on multiple persons devices. Kay has suggested we use an older donated device or buy new/used device for the trustee chair and maybe also put the cameras and door lock information on this device also. After some discussion, it was decided that Cliff Pray would visit with Tyke Nyberg and also work with Kay for the best solution.

Treasurer’s Report:

Church Treasurer—Jeanne Wanous:

Designate annual Dakotas United Methodist Foundation Funds to: Anita Lowary motioned to leave the Gerald & Ann Rix (LCE) & Richard Voss (LCE) annual distribution of funds in our general fund as originally deposited. Jolene Townsend 2nd the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

2025 Dakotas Conf. Monthly Apportionments: Pay full 13% of Operating Income? The council discussed whether we are fiscally able to pay the full monthly 13% of our operating income to the conference each month in 2025. After discussion, Jolene Townsend motioned to reduce our 13% apportionment amount by another 25% as we did in 2024. The motion was 2nd by Meri Erickson. The motion was approved. The council agreed that we should revisit this approved 25% reduction mid-year.

Financial Secretary—Allen Walter: none

Pastor Parish—Meri Erickson:

Our Pastor Parish chair, Meri Erickson, shared that the Groton Parish fund received financial assistance from the United Methodist Board of Pensions to help pay for the cost of realignment and redirecting of budget items. The funds received are to be used for pension and health benefits for our pastor.

Administrative Report: Pastor Rob
Pastor Rob reported that: 1) all annual conference reports are done for the church and sent in; 2) There will be no confirmation classes this spring, as we are in between years; 3) The 3 churches (Conde, Groton, & Britton) seem to be doing well.

Old Business:

The BAGS Program: Roger Rix (not present at this meeting) passed along the results of his visit with the Groton School Board members and Elementary Principal, Brett Schwann regarding the history of the fund-

ing for the BAGS program. Anita Lowary shared a background of the program and how the Groton UMC became involved in managing the funds for this program. Roger shared that Brett Schwann indicated an interest in taking over the management of the funds and program but still needed to review his thoughts with the Groton school business manager before going forward. It will be necessary for Roger to get back to the Groton Ad Council with a follow-up report at the March meeting.

New Business:

Annual Audit Report: Anita Lowary Audit Committee Chair, Anita Lowary, shared a spreadsheet of the results of the 2024 audit. Anita was satisfied with the results but did mention that many donations go to the general fund only when it would be an advantage for some of giving be designated specifically to the building fund.

Instant Church Directory: (the directory app that you can put on your phone) Our annual “Auto-renewal” for \$99.80 is due Sept. 3. However, there is a “Renew Early & Save” offer that offers us a savings in the long run. Val Baker motioned to take advantage of the 3-year renewal offer of \$248.40 which offers us the best long-range savings. Anita Lowary 2nd the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

CPR Training: Carna Atherton-Pray shared that she has been working on a renewed plan for offering CPR training at our church for anyone in the community. This training would be hands-on with manikins and would also include a review of AED use. Carna’s brother, Brad Ruden, has offered to do the training and is a certified trainer. Although he is willing to offer the training for free, it would be nice if we could give him some compensation. The dates being considered are April 2 or April 9 in the evening. The Ad Council was in favor of offering this training.

Church Deep Cleaning: There was a discussion of several items and areas in our church in need of deep cleaning—for example: pew pads, fellowship hall chairs, coffee room & refrigerator room floors; refrigerators; stoves; furnace room, etc. The council agreed that we should plan on scheduling a few days in the spring to complete these tasks.














The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Secretary, Jeanne Wanous



Groton UMC

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>23</p>  <p>7th Sunday after Epiphany (green) 8:15am Conde Worship 9:30am Groton Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Chili CookOff 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:15am Britton UMC Worship</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11:00am The Pantry at Groton Community Center</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 3:00pm Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown 4:00pm The Pantry at Groton Community Center</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>9:30am Community Coffee Hour 6:00pm UMYF - Taco Bar/Games/Fellowship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00am Sunday Items Due for Secretary</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00am Groton HS Ag Event</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:00am Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown</p>
<p>2</p>  <p>Communion in Worship (white) Transfiguration Sunday 8:15am Conde Worship 9:30am Groton Worship 9:30am Sunday School (Sing in Church) 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:15am Britton UMC Worship</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:00am The Pantry at Groton Community Center</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study - New Study - the Book of Ruth 3:00pm Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown 4:00pm The Pantry at Groton Community Center</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Ash Wednesday 9:30am Community Coffee Hour 6:00pm Groton Ash Weds Service</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00am Sunday Items Due for Secretary</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>World Day of Prayer</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00am Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown</p>
<p>9</p>  <p>1st Sunday in Lent (purple) Daylight-Saving Time Begins 8:15am Conde Worship 9:30am Groton Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:15am Britton UMC Worship</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:00am The Pantry at Groton Community Center 7:00pm PEO Mtg (outside group)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 3:00pm Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown 4:00pm The Pantry at Groton Community Center</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>9:30am Community Coffee Hour</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00am Sunday Items Due for Secretary</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00am Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown</p>
<p>16</p> <p>2nd Sunday in Lent (purple) 8:15am Conde Worship 9:30am Groton Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:15am Britton UMC Worship</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>St. Patrick's Day 11:00am The Pantry at Groton Community Center</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 3:00pm Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown 4:00pm The Pantry at Groton Community Center</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>9:30am Community Coffee Hour 7:00pm Groton Ad Council</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>First Day of Spring Newsletter Items Due 10:00am Sunday Items Due for Secretary</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00am Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown</p>
<p>23</p> <p>3rd Sunday in Lent (purple) 8:15am Conde Worship 9:30am Groton Worship 9:30am NO Sunday School 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:15am Britton UMC Worship</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11:00am The Pantry at Groton Community Center 7:00pm PEO Mtg (outside group)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 3:00pm Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown 4:00pm The Pantry at Groton Community Center</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>9:30am Community Coffee Hour</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00am Sunday Items Due for Secretary</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00am Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown</p>
<p>30</p>  <p>4th Sunday in Lent (purple) 8:15am Conde Worship 9:30am Groton Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:15am Britton UMC Worship</p>	<p>31</p> <p>11:00am The Pantry at Groton Community Center</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 3:00pm Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown 4:00pm The Pantry at Groton Community Center</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>9:30am Community Coffee Hour</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00am Sunday Items Due for Secretary</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00am Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown</p>

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Our Church Happenings...

- Mar 2 Groton Sunday School singing in worship
- Mar 4 Groton Tues 10 am Bible Study starting Ruth
- Mar 5 Ash Wednesday 6 pm service at Groton UMC
- Mar 9 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Mar 9 1st Sunday of Lent
- Mar 19 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- Mar 20 First Day of Spring/Newsletter Items Due for April/Easter
- Mar 30 UMCOR Sunday

