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THE DORCHESTER/FRIEND UNITED METHODIST NEWSLETTER

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PASTORAL POINT "The Value of A Promise"

Luke 1:26-32

²⁶Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" ²⁹

²⁹But when she saw him, ³⁰she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³¹Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³²"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. ³³"He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³⁴"And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

³⁵Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

³⁶And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁷"Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. ³⁸"For with God nothing will be impossible."

³⁹Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

ILL: "What if someone who has a reputation of being unfaithful and untrue, gives you a promise? How much value would you give to that promise? Not much! What if someone who has a reputation of being faithful and true, gives you a promise? How much value would you give to that promise? Great value.

The value of a promise depends upon the reputation or character of the one giving the promise. Well it's that time of year again when in a fit of optimism many of us make great promises to ourselves and to others what we are going to do in the New Year. At the beginning of the year we say, we are determined, it is going to be different. I think that the best resolution for the start of New Year is to challenge yourself, I am going to, with help of God, change from my past. I am going to stop torturing myself about what I did or didn't do. This New Year is a good time to stop being chained to our past failures. God is saying here in His Word that He doesn't want you to go through your life branding yourself as a failure. *Rejoice, favored one, the Lord is with you.* Christ died on the Cross so that He could forgive.

What God's Word is saying is that we must not allow ourselves to be bogged down by our past failures. "For with God nothing will be impossible."

God in His great love gave the promise to a young girl. This young girl's name is Mary. "Then the angel said to her, do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." (Lk. 1:30-35).

Today we can take hold of the promise because God gives us a special part in His rescue plan. The good news is that God is faithful and true, the creator of heaven and earth and all things good, the one who heals the broken hearted, proclaims liberty to the captives, opens the eyes of the blind, sets at liberty those who are oppressed and we proclaim that this time now, is the acceptable year of the Lord God Almighty. Not in our own faithfulness.

Maybe you are starting this New Year feeling shattered due to prevailing circumstances in your life at present. Be encouraged however to know that, as the Lord did for Joseph, He can give you, 'A dream of assurance and guidance'. Let's remember that guidance, through dreams, was very much a part of the Christmas story and the events that followed! For instance, Joseph was guided to Egypt for safety, through a dream (Mt 2:13), then guided back to Israel after Herod's death through a dream (Mt 2:19), and thereafter he received guidance to settle down in Nazareth, also in a dream (Mt 2:22-23)! Much of this 'dreamy' guidance was also fulfilling prophecies regarding the Messiah! God wants to give you a 'dream of guidance' today, just trust Him.

Let us not forget that the value of a promise is on the character of the giver who is faithful and true, who provide us with the means, who gives the power in His great love. Let us encourage one another to look to the Lord for a 'dream of assurance and guidance'.

Have a Happy New Year.



January Readings

01/07	Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
01/14	1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51
01/21	Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20
01/28	Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Are you or someone you know in need of prayer?

Please indicate if you would like:

- ❖ Your prayer request put in the bulletin/newsletter. There are prayer request cards located in each church's pew or you can call the church office at 402-946-3091 or 402-947-3481 or email um71502@windstream.net or
- ❖ Your prayer request to be for the Pastor only.

Please pray for: *Danyelle Schultz-Kitten; Bob Mazour*

Condolences to:

Angie Pierce & family on the passing of her father,
Leroy Duchek
who passed away on Tuesday, December 5, 2017.
Funeral service Monday, December 11, 2017
at Kuncl Funeral Home, Crete.

the family of *Mary Ann Weber*
who passed away on Sunday, December 17, 2017.
Funeral service Thursday, December 21, 2017
at the United Methodist Church of Friend.

the family of *Marilyn Rohrig*
who passed away on Tuesday, December 19, 2017.
Funeral service Friday, December 22, 2017
at the United Methodist Church of Friend.

the family of *Shirley Veprovsky*
who passed away on Saturday, December 23, 2017.
Funeral service Thursday, December 28, 2017
at Kuncl Funeral Home, Crete.

FRIEND UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Wednesday, January 7, 2018
2:00 p.m.

Program Call to Prayer and Self-Denial –
Diann McClatchey
Committee Sherri Rohrig, Arline Vossler

DORCHESTER UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Wednesday, January 7, 2018
2:00 p.m.

Officer Installation

Devotional: Rhonda Schlick
Prayer Calendar: Vera Mazour
Program: Rhonda Schlick
Serving Committee: Vera Mazour, Rhonda Schlick,
Joan Frahm

Thank You

The Bible Study class would like to "Thank You" for being so generous in purchasing gifts for the school kids. Dorchester Public Schools also were blown away at our generosity. I was told that the smiles on the children's faces and parents were wide across their faces and that a couple parents exclaimed "all these are for us?" "So many."

God bless you all for helping make their Christmas brighter.



**Minutes of the Administrative Council
The United Methodist Church of Friend
Monday, October 2, 2017**

The meeting was called to order with 6 members present: Mary Jo Weber, Margaret Eberspacher, Sylvia Stokes, Sherri Rohrig, Pastor Baptista and Shane Stutzman.

Pastor had a prayer. Shane had devotion. Sherri volunteered to have devotions next meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

Pastor reported that there will be 2 services on Christmas Eve, the 10:30 regular service and a 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. The children's Christmas program will be held on 12/17/2017 at the UCC church at 4:00. Sunday school will switch to FUMC in January. Also in January, the Dorchester United Methodist service time will change to 9:30 from 9:00.

Mary Jo Weber gave the trustees report.

Sylvia Stokes gave the financial report. She reported that FUMC's offerings are above the forecasted budget by approximately \$1800. The group discussed where next year's coin offerings would be donated and decided on the Friend Backpack 1st Quarter, Epworth Village 2nd Quarter, "I've Got a Name" 3rd Quarter and Friend Food Pantry 4th Quarter.

Sherri gave the Treasurer's report.

Mary Jo made a motion to adjourn, Sherri second. Motion passed.

Shane Stutzman,
Ad Council Chair

**Update on the Backpack Program
at Dorchester Public School**

As we begin Semester 2 of the 2017/2018 school year, we are also looking toward funding for 2018/2019, which will be our 7th year of participation in the Backpack program for D.P.S.

The Backpack program, which is based through the Food Bank of Lincoln, provides week-end nutritional support for children of low-income families in our small, rural community school district.

The past and present support of businesses, organizations and individuals makes it possible to provide \$262 per year to sponsor each student. (Qualification for the Backpack Program is determined by Federal qualification of the student for free school lunch.)

Payment to Food Bank of Lincoln is made at the beginning of each Semester, with our required commitment to provide the program to qualifying students for the full school year.

On behalf of the Backpack Program at Dorchester Public School, I express heartfelt gratitude to all of the individuals, organizations and businesses who have provided financial support throughout 2017. We are now looking forward to continuing the program next year, our seventh year of the program at our school. With the Lord's help through generous, loving hearts, many young families in our small, rural community have hope for a better life. Your gift in any amount, specified for Backpack Program at Dorchester Public School, may be mailed any time to Dorchester Public School, 506 West 9th Street, Dorchester, NE 68343.

You may contact me at 402-946-4481 with any questions.



I thank you and ask the Lord's blessing upon you.

Kathy Palky, volunteer community coordinator
for Backpack Program at D.P.S.

**The United Methodist Church of Friend
2017 Advent Candles**



Terry & Diane O'Neel (2)
In Memory of Boyd O'Neel and Dean Hayek

Max Kellough (1) *In Memory of Roberta Kellough*

Linda Sealey (1) *In Memory of Greg Sealey*

Anne Woolsey (1) *In Memory of Robert Woolsey*

Darlene Shippen (1) *In Memory of Lawrence Shippen*

Stan & Margo Houlden (2)
*In Memory of Donald Muhlback
and Melvin & Berdina Houlden*

Roger & Linda Hanneman (1)
In Memory of our parents

Paul & Charlene Huber (1) *In Memory of Jon M. Linner*

Oris Williams (1)
In Memory of my wife, Phyllis Williams

Leo & Sylvia Stokes (2)
*In Memory of our parents
and other deceased family members*

Janice Vinderslev (2)
*In Memory of Roger Rohrig, Chris Vinderslev,
parents and other family*

Charles & Arline Vossler (2)
In Memory of our parents and In Honor of our families

Glenn & Peg Kinsman (1)
In Memory of deceased family members

David & Ann Bruntz (4) *In Memory of Julie Bruntz,
Andrew Bruntz, Dwaine & Olga Bruntz,
and Eugene & Donna Ramm*

Kay Stinson (1)
In Memory Bob & Pat Stinson and our parents

Carla Moore (2)
*In Memory of the Robert L. Moore family
and my parents and Joann & Don Weber*

Gary & Ray Rohrig (1) *In Memory of Roger Rohrig
and Chris Vinderslev*

Dave & Diann McClatchey (2)
In Memory of Judy Weber and In Honor of our family

Harvey & Joan Weber (1) *In Memory of our parents*

Tex & Margaret Eberspacher (1)
In Memory of family (here and gone)

Mary Jo Weber (1) *In Memory of Glenn T. Petersen*

Roy & Helen Horner (1) *In Memory of our Parents*

Bob & Sherri Rohrig (3) *In Memory of Robert Woolsey,
Joseph Rohrig and our grandparents*

Shirley Rohrig (2) *In Memory of Gene Rohrig
and Herman & Laura Bruntz*

David & Ann Betka (1) *In Memory of Phyllis Weber
and Anna Marie Weber*

United Methodist Women (10)
In Memory of our deceased members

**Dorchester United Methodist Church
2017 Advent Candles**



Kelli Hromek (1) *In Memory of Ellen Vossler*

Bob & Marva Kasl (1)
In Memory of Bobby Kasl and Bradley Kasl

Larry & Bev Gish (1) *In Honor of Will, Ben, Carter,
Creighton & Berkleigh Gish*

Vera Mazour (1) *In Honor of Bob Mazour*

Maxine Filipi & family (3) *In Memory of Arnold Filipi,
Albert & Rosie Filipi, Lambert & Mabel Kubert*

Phil & Bernice Weber (1)
In Honor of Dani Schultz Kitten

Carol Olson (1) *In Memory of Evelyn Vnoucek*

Vera Havlat (1) *In Memory of Robert Havlat*

Charlie & Doris Broz-Clauss (1)
In Memory of Gene Broz and Charlotte Clauss

Lois Nohavec (2)
*In Honor of Michelle, Megan & Amber Kotas;
Ben, Garrett & Camille Nohavec*

Loren & Judy Vyhnalek (1)
*In Honor of Our Grandchildren,
Maggie, Josie, Will & Gracie;
Owen, Ella, Myles & Mason*

Marlene Stehlik (1) *In Memory of Richard Stehlik*

Shelley & Rose Bruha (1)
In Honor of Mark Lautzenhiser

Steve & Vicky Parks (1)
In Honor of our children and grandchildren

United Methodist Women (1) *In Honor of Dorchester
United Methodist Women*

George & Shirley Kasl (1) *In Honor of our
wonderful family*

Christmas Poinsettias

Dorchester United Methodist Church 2017



Jerry & Gladys Pierce *In Memory of Douglas Pierce*

Lila Pribyl *In Memory of Richard Pribyl*

Shelley & Rose Bruha *In Honor of Mark Lautzenhiser*

Maxine Filipi & family *In Memory of Arnold Filipi*

Marlene Stehlik *In Memory of Carl & Irene Stehlik*

Velma Hansen & family (3)
*In Memory of Wayne Hansen,
Elton Hansen, Leonard Stehlik*

Kelli Hromek *In Memory of Dorothy Hromek*

Bob & Marva Kasl
In Memory of Bobby Kasl, Bradly Kasl

Loren & Judy Vyhnalek *In Memory of our parents-
Milo & Mary Ann Vyhnalek, Bert & LaVerne Halling*

Charlie & Doris Broz-Clauss
In Memory of Gene Broz, Charlotte Clauss

Randy & Rhonda Schlick *In Memory of our Parents*

Debbie Spanyers *In Memory of Dorothy M. Homolka*

Matthew & Donnetta Hoffman family
In Memory of Donald Sand



United Methodist Church of Friend 2017 Poinsettias



David & Ann Bruntz (2)
*In Memory of Dwaine & Olga Bruntz,
Andrew & Julie Bruntz, Eugene & Dona Ramm*

Janice Vinderslev *In Memory of Loved ones*

Darlene Shippen *In Memory of Lori Jo Shippen*

Chris, Ashley, Boone & Ryker Vontz
In Memory of Grandmother Elaine Spicka

Paul & Charlene Huber
In Memory of Jon Michael Linner

Paul & Charlene Huber
In Memory of Greg Sealey

Jim & Nancy Vossler & family
*In Memory of Andy & Julie Bruntz;
Bill & Illa Vossler*



Christmas 2017

Dear Family and Friends,

What an exciting year! On July 19th I became a centurion!!! Wow, it was quite the party!! Over 175 friends and relatives helped me celebrate. I got a 100 dollar bill (which I framed) from the "King" and another friend at Brookdale, a card from the president of the United States, and lots of cards and lovely gifts. It was truly a wonderful day.

In on August 21st, I was blessed my 11th great-grandchild, Everly Jane Hogeland, was born to Grant and Tiffany in Denver. Can't wait to meet her at Christmas time. I so enjoy face timing with the Hogelands throughout the weeks.

My blood pressure went crazy in October. I found myself in the hospital in Seward for ten days. I've got to do some rehab, so I'm spending some time at Nye Legacy in Fremont. Sad to be so far away from my Heartland friends, but it is nice to have family close by. They are working me hard in therapy, so we'll wait and see how much I can do.

Spencer and Ranae are busy keeping up with their five youngsters. Cole and Alex played soccer in Geneva and the triplets tried to get on the field whenever they could break away.

Stephanie and Josh love their time at the lake. Max is quite the reader and Miles loves to run everywhere.

Staci and Terry have two teenagers in the house. Syd is driving to Lincoln High as a freshman. Her love is still volleyball. Take is a busy 7th grader. He helped his dad install a basketball goal so now he's busy shooting hoops.

Nicole and Justin enjoy following Blythe and her basketball, volleyball, and soccer adventures. They are close to Fremont so I so enjoy their visits.

Grant and Tiffany are so enjoying being parents. Evie is a great baby and always seems to have a smile on her face. I am so anxious to meet and hold her.

Steven and Bev, and Duane and Deb are busy trying to keep up with their grandchildren. No one has officially retired so they are all busy with their jobs but stop by when they can.

My phone number remains- 402-720-1467 (Keep calling, because sometimes I don't hear my phone!!!) and my new address is- 3210 N. Clarkson Street, Apartment 215, Fremont, NE 68025.

Wishing all of you a blessed Christmas and a prosperous 2018. Stop by if you are ever in Fremont. I love to have visitors. If I appear to be napping....PLEASE wake me up!!!

*Love,
Erma*

Happy Holidays

Dorchester United Methodist Church December 17, 2017



**Friend United Methodist Church
& Friend United Church of Christ
Christmas Program December 17, 2017**

Piano Solo: Lilly Ellison

Christmas Nativity Program

Songs by the Children:

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" "Away in the Manger"
"O Come All Ye Faithful" "We Three Kings"

Sunday School Children

Mason Vossler	Abbie Milton	Carter Milton
Will Vyhnaek	Marlie Johnson	Max Johnson
Truman Milton	Gracie Vyhnaek	Kellen Vossler
Bob Milton	Maddy Kenney	Maddux Milton
Maddison Allen	Blake Bruntz	Brock Bruntz
Camdyn Kenney	Charlee Stutzman	Corbin Stutzman
Addison Vossler	Kelsie Milton	Mason Johnson

Special thanks to the Sunday School Teachers:

*Amanda Bruntz, Cortney Kenney, Jill Milton,
Tara Milton, Jennifer Stutzman, Lori Vyhnaek and
Kate Vossler*

Thank you to the volunteers serving treats.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**Starting January 7th, Sunday School
will be back at the Methodist Church.**

Dorchester United Methodist Church
Sunday School Christmas Program
2017
"The New Star"



Cast

New Stars	Quinn Kasl
	Atley Zoubek
Old Star	Amber Kotas
Angels	Baylor Behrens
	Addison Lehr
Joseph	Trevan Steuk
Mary:	Lily Lehr
Donkey:	Isaac Steuk
Cow:	Kasen Fuller
Sheep	Peyton Zoubek
Shepherds:	Kendall Kasl
	Camille Nohavec
Wise Men	Paxton Behrens
	Bubba Meade
	Bri Meade



Dorchester United Methodist Church December 17, 2017

Thank you everyone for coming and to those who donated food for our meal and helped serve the meal. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas!

**Sunday School will be from 10:40-11:30 a.m.
starting January 7, 2018.**

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Friend Sunday School now at FUMC	1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3 2 pm (F) UMW 2 pm (D) UMW	4	5	6
7 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (D) Fellowship 10:40 am (D) Sunday School 9:30 am (F) Sunday School 9:45 am (F) Fellowship/Choir 10:30 am (F) Worship	8 10:30 am (F) Bible Study Hospital Chapel 6:30 pm (D) Next Steps meeting 7:30 pm (D) Ad. Council Meeting	9	10 7 pm (D) Bible Study	11	12	13
14 <i>Human Relations Day offering</i> 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (D) Fellowship 10:40 am (D) Sunday School (F) Food Pantry Sunday 9:30 am (F) Sunday School 9:45 am (F) Fellowship/Choir 10:30 am (F) Worship 6 pm (D) Igniting Youth	15 <i>Martin Luther King</i> 10:30 am (F) Bible Study Hospital Chapel 7 pm (F) Ad. Council Meeting	16	17 7 pm (D) Bible Study Newsletter Articles Due	18	19	20
21 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (D) Fellowship 10:40 am (D) Sunday School 12:15 pm (D) Without Partners 9:30 am (F) Sunday School 9:45 am (F) Fellowship/Choir 10:30 am (F) Worship	22 10:30 am (F) Bible Study Hospital Chapel	23	24 10:30 am (D) Folding the Newsletter 7 pm (D) Bible Study	25	26	27
28 (D) Food Pantry Sunday 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (D) Fellowship 10:40 am (D) Sunday School 9:30 am (F) Sunday School 9:45 am (F) Fellowship/Choir 10:30 am (F) Worship 6 pm (D) Igniting Youth	29 10:30 am (F) Bible Study Hospital Chapel	30	31 7 pm (D) Bible Study	Loose Coins: (D) Hope Crisis (F) Friend Backpack Igniting Youth will meet 6 pm in Dorchester the 14th & 28th.		

January Worship Volunteers

Greeters

01/07 (D) Vera Mazour & Carol Olson
(F) David & Ann Bruntz
01/14 (D) George & Shirley Kasl
(F) the Houldens
01/21 (D) Roger & Sandy Glenn
(F)
01/28 (D) Jim & Dona Heeren
(F)

Ushers

01/07 (D) Matt & Donna Hansen
(F) David & Ann Bruntz
01/14 (D) Randy & Rhonda Schlick
(F) the Houldens
01/21 (D) Phil & Bernice Weber
(F)
01/28 (D) Randy & Rhonda Schlick
(F)

Fellowship Hosts

01/07 (D)
(F)
01/14 (D)
(F)
01/21 (D)
(F)
01/28 (D) Sandy Krivohlavek
(F) Diane Odoski

Scripture Reader

01/07 (D) Susan Weber
(F)
01/14 (D)
(F) Liz Stutzman
01/21 (D)
(F)
01/28 (D)
(F) Diane Odoski

Liturgist (worship leader)

01/07 (D) Matthew Hoffman
(F) Sherri Rohrig
01/14 (D) Randy Schlick
(F) Mary Jo Weber
01/21 (D) Steve Parks
(F) Kay Stinson
01/28 (D) Steve Parks
(F) Diane Odoski

Children's Time

01/07 (D)
(F)
01/14 (D) Rhonda Schlick
(F) Liz Stutzman
01/21 (D) Susan Weber
(F)
01/28 (D)
(F) Diane Odoski

Video Presenter

01/07 (D) Rhonda Schlick
01/14 (D) Tyler Sysel
01/21 (D)
01/28 (D)

Acolytes

01/07 (D)
(F)
01/14 (D) Atley & Payton Zoubek
(F)
01/21 (D)
(F)
01/28 (D)
(F)

Dorchester United Methodist New Worship time
9:30 am with Sunday School 10:40-11:30 am.

The United Methodist Church of Friend
Worship time stays at 10:30 am with Sunday
School back at FUMC at 9:30 am.

Liturgist will be needed with this new change in
time to allow Pastor time to go from Dorchester
to Friend. Please sign up along with other
worship duties. The liturgists for January are
filled up, but please consider the other months
the rest of the year. You can email the church or
call the office and let me know what dates work
for you to volunteer for any of the worship
duties.



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(NEW TIME)

Dorchester worship service - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Friend Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. at FUMC

January Birthdays

1-01	Anne Woolsey	1-16	Georgene Kalnins
1-02	Sheila Krivohlavek	1-17	Hudson Hromek
1-04	Phil Weber		Corbin Stutzman
1-07	Kelli Schweitzer	1-19	Janice Vinderslev
1-09	Kevin Spicka	1-22	Benjamin Nohavec
1-10	Andrea Pracheil	1-24	Cole Dickinson
	Bernice Weber		Camdyn Kenney
	Brent Zoubek	1-25	Erin Spicka
1-12	Katy Blitz	1-28	Marva Kasl
	Kaleb Fuller		Sherri Kasl
1-13	Pamela Fuller	1-29	Donna Hansen
	Maurine Johnson	1-30	Josie Vyhnalek
	Cassidy Olson	1-31	Margaret Eberspacher
	Sara Thomsen		Pamela Herr
1-15	Kolby Houlden		Kathleen Johnson
	Stan Houlden		
	Aubrey Pracheil		

January Anniversaries

1-02	Rex & Susan Stewart (36)
1-07	Christ & Anita Meyer (34)
1-12	Bob & Vera Mazour (44)
1-18	Shane & Kelli Schweitzer (15)
1-19	Eric & Shelly Bresson (11)
1-23	Gary & Vicky Palky (25)
1-27	Paixao Baptista & Esperanca Soares (22)
1-30	William & Mary Plouzek (48)

Dorchester United Methodist Church New Bible Study – Wednesday 7:00 p.m. starting January 10th “Ten Men of The Bible” by Max Lucado

In this 10 lesson workbook, Max Lucado tells some of his favorite accounts of ten men and describes what set them apart. The men in the Bible were not perfect by any means. We find story after story marked by scandal, failure, and intrigue. Noah drank too much. Job thought he knew more than God. Moses murdered a man. David committed adultery. Joseph risked his reputation. Matthew was a tax collector. Lazarus...died. Peter betrayed Christ. Paul killed Jesus' followers. Yet we also find these same men looking beyond their circumstances, trusting in the Lord, and following Him where He chose to lead. Like us, they made both good and bad decisions -- and faced the consequences. We find our hopes and struggles in the pages of the Bible that tell their stories. The ten lessons and the 5 daily Bible studies included in each lesson are

- 1) Noah: Hope When the Floodwaters Rise -- A) Olive Leaves B) The Hope We Need C) Bobby Pins and Rubber Bands D) Dry Land and E) Just One Leaf
- 2) Job: God's Presence In The Storm --A) Why Is This Happening? B) God Speaks C) Who Is God Here D) The Proper Response E) Seeing God
- 3) Jacob: Wrestling With The Past -- A) Showdown At Jabbok B) Do We Matter? C) What's In A Name? D) All In A Night's Work E) Family Reunion
- 4) Moses: A Glimpse Of God's Glory -- A) School's Out B) Throw It Down C) What God Can Do D) The Promise Of Prayer E) Show Me Your Glory
- 5) David: Giant Problems And Colossal Collapses -- A) Challenging The Giant B) Finding Refuge C) Strongholds D) Altitude Sickness E) Coming Clean
- 6) Joseph: Shaky Limbs And Unanswered Questions -- A) The Branch-Sitter B) Tanking Your Reputation C) A Lowly Place D) To Obey Or Not Obey E) Final Scenes
- 7) Matthew: Redefining God's Family -- A) A Going -Away Party B) Being Normal C) Seeking Christ D) Seismos Storms E) Betrayed By All
- 8) Lazarus: The Final Witness -- A) An Extraordinary Story B) Someone Went C) The Canyon Of Death D) Come Out! E) Play Your Part
- 9) Peter: Gospel Of The Second Chance -- A) What God Can Do B) Caught In A Storm C) Betrayal And Redemption D) The Floodgates Open E) The Power Of Prayer
- 10) Paul: Never Too Far Gone For A Turnaround -- A) A Tough Assignment B) A Change In Plans C) The Impact Of A Life D) No Delight In Evil E) True Heroes