
*The Dorchester/Friend
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Church Newsletter*

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PASTORAL POINT

“Glorify Thyself; (A Reflection on The Lord’s Prayer)”



Matthew 6:4-13

⁵ *And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.* ⁶ *But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.* ⁷ *And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.* ⁸ *Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.* ⁹ *“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one’.”*

Jesus told the disciples; “You ought always to pray, and not lose heart” (Luke 18:1). The question is how can we personalize our prayers? Are prayers just routine words that we give to God or is it personal communication between us and God? Prayer should be personal. It should be personal communication with God. It should be a conversation, and we must always remember who the conversation is with. In life, when we do talk to someone we talk differently by the person. If it is our friend, we would be more relaxed. If it is a job interview, we would be keener to answer the questions. If it is the president, we would be respectful, but what if it is God, the creator of the universe? How do we speak to God who made us and saved us? We should speak carefully but with personal words. Jesus told the disciples and those listening that when we pray we are not to pray for the attention of others for but for the ear of God. We

should pray not as others listen but as God listens. Jesus also told us not to use vain repetitions. This is repeating ourselves with mantras and meditative phrases, it is not how many times we ask that makes God answer but with the heart and motives that we ask with.

From here, Jesus goes into what we call “The Lord’s Prayer.” It is not words in which we have to recite to pray but it is an example in which we should glean from as we study and desire to pray. Prayer is a growing process as much as any spiritual area in our lives. We do not start as great prayers but we develop into one. And the best way to do this is as anything else. The best way to get good at something is to practice. ‘Our Father which art in heaven’, we speak to God with all the rights and privileges of being his children. This is why it is so important to make prayer personal, so that we may know the mind of God. He is our father and with that there are privileges as we respond to God in praise. Praising God means that when we go to Him our responses will be only of what His desire and will is. With prayer, we recognize the need for God’s leadership (assistance) in our lives and admit that we can’t do it ourselves. With prayer we recognize that our lives and all its substance belong to God and we are introduced to a spiritual realm into our lives of health and growth.

Prayer is the method that Jesus modeled to communicate with God and creates opportunity for blessings as we partner with God. Prayer helps us to act as a conduit to unleash the power of God. Prayer cultivates miracles. Prayer brings about change. Prayer is the avenue for personal reward. We are praying to the Father in the name of Jesus. In prayer, there is always a trinity. In prayer, there is the including of the Father who answers, the Son who justifies the answer, and the Holy Spirit who has the power. Our interests should not be for this world but for his kingdom. Now that we have put the interest of the kingdom first are we allowed to bring our petitions before Him. Yes, God cares for us, Yes, God loves us, but He is always looking out for the best interest of the kingdom of God.

God is the giver of all. “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation (two-faced) or shadow of turning (fickle).” (James 1:17). We must be careful that we don’t get so caught up with ourselves that we miss out on God’s relationship with us. God is more of a deliverer. He will deliver us when we call Him. But he waits many times until we show that we want His deliverance. We see that our provision for everything we need comes from God, but part of His will be done is that we participate in the kingdom work of God on earth just as we will one day do in heaven! God gives us life for another day. God gives us work or school or other activities for another day; we do what He has given us to do. As a result of this, we come into contact with those who do not know the joy of knowing Jesus and we get to share that great truth with them and hopefully many of them come to know Christ as their Savior as well!

We need to be sincere and genuine from the heart. And Jesus gives us the model for us to follow and way that we should pray. Jesus gives us the reason why we should pray and what we should pray for. There is no longer a need to live in fear of life and what life brings. God gives us a point of certainty in the midst of the uncertain situations of life. God has given you a precious promise that He will never leave you or forsake you. God makes us His children and we need to remember that our goal is no longer to do what is best for ourselves. God is over all things and there is nothing beyond His ability to accomplish. God expects His children to obey His guidance and direction. **Amen.**

JUNE READINGS

2nd Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23;
Luke 24:44-53

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14,
16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

9th Acts 2:1-12; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17

16th Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8;
Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

23rd 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42;
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

30th 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20;
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Dorchester United Methodist Women

The reading of the Purpose opened the Dorchester UMW meeting on May 1, 2019.

Twelve members were in attendance.

Carol read the April minutes.

Rhonda gave devotions.

Vera gave the treasurer's report.

Gladys gave a card report.

Kelli read from the prayer calendar.

Nancy shared the program - *Women of the Tomb*.

Hostesses: Nancy Slepicka & Penny Veprovsky

CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of *Delores Becwar*
who passed away, Thursday, May 2, 2019.
Funeral service, Monday, May 6, 2019
at Milligan Auditorium.

**DORCHESTER UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
NO MEETING IN JUNE**

Dorchester UMW honored
the Dorchester Public School class of 2019
on Senior Sunday, April 28, 2019.

FRIEND UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Program Arline Vossler
Time to Share.....
Committee Sherri Rohrig, Sylvia Stokes
Golden Link Marge Engel



Daisha Hoffman, Summer Carlson, Maricela Magana, Cole Johnson, Neal Ladely & Cole Lisec.

Making Mats for the Homeless

Saturday, June 15

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Grace UMC, Crete

We will be making sleeping mats for the homeless out of plastic bags Saturday, June 15, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Grace UMC in Crete (1245 Juniper Ave., corner of Juniper and 13th St.). There have been requests from several Lincoln social service entities requesting them, although you can choose to take yours home and donate them locally. There are a number of steps to making a mat, including smoothing out plastic bags, cutting them into strips, stringing them together to form the "yarn," and crocheting them. We will divide up into 4 groups - one for each step - so you can choose the group you want to be a part of. Please bring your plastic bags, if you have them. (If not, we have lots!) And we will need scissors (be sure to put your names on them). If you're going to crochet, bring a larger hook. Size N works well, although that exact size is not required. Grace UMW will provide coffee and rolls to snack on during the morning. Please, would each carload of ladies bring a salad to share for lunch. The workshop is not limited to UMW members; feel free to bring friends and family to help out.

For questions or more info, contact Sheryl Cooley at 402-418-8268 or sheryl.cooley@doane.edu. See you then!



The United Methodist Women of Friend hosted Senior Sunday for 3 graduating members of Friend High School on May 5, 2019.

*Congratulations
to*

Edwen Baptista, Blair Miller and Blaze Miller



**Minutes of the Administrative Council
The United Methodist Church of Friend
May 13, 2019**

The meeting was called to order with 9 members present: Dave Bruntz, Danielle Pendleton, Ann Bruntz, Linda Hanneman, Sylvia Stokes, Mary Jo Weber, Pastor Baptista, Sherri Rohrig and Shane Stutzman.

Pastor had a prayer.

The minutes were read from the last meeting and corrections were made.

Dave reported that the Staff Parish evaluation was completed and forwarded on to the conference.

Ann reported that the foundation would be re-wording the letter sent out to the students eligible for education grants from the church. \$2000 per student per semester will be available to qualifying students who will have 1 chance to apply for the grant. The money will be available after the 1st semester is completed and the student is still in school.

Linda reported that FUMC confirmed 5 new members, had 3 graduate high school and 1 member death. The next UMW meeting will be on June 5th.

Sylvia gave the financial report. Discussion was had as to where the coins would be donated for the 3rd and 4th quarter. The decision was made to donate to the backpack and food pantry based on which needed the funds worse in the 3rd and 4th quarters.

Mary Jo gave the trustees report. The trustees plan to meet after graduation. 2 bids have been received to replace the kitchen. Concrete bids for the parking lot still being accepted. Cole Meyer is looking into the Audio Visual situation. Stan Houlden will be looking at the holes in the soffit/fascia area of the north side of the church and repairing. The church received a donation to go to the foundation and be set up as an endowment to the general fund. The organ has been fixed.

Sherri gave the treasurers report and reported for the kitchen committee.

Danielle Pendleton was welcomed as the new NOW committee chair. There was discussion of hosting a community picnic/outdoor service as well as having a breakfast for lunch event in June.

Pastor reported that Margo Houlden had agreed to be the new Ad council secretary. Mary Jo made a motion to accept Pastor's recommendation and Ann second. Motion passed. Vacation Bible school will take place July 7, 8 and 9 this year. The Annual Conference is May 29-June 1st in Topeka, KS. Morning Bible study will have 3 more sessions and the topics are open for suggestion. The hospital bible study will be moved from Monday to Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Sherri made a motion to give the Trustees authority to make a decision on the kitchen before the next meeting. Danielle second. Motion passed.

Next AD Council meeting will be July 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Mary Jo volunteered to have the next meeting's devotional.

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

Shane Stutzman,
Ad Council Chair

**Minutes of Administrative Council Meeting
Dorchester United Methodist Church
Monday, May 13, 2019**

Present: Steve & Judy Ottmann, Bernice Weber, Lyle Weber, Randy Schlick, Vera Mazour, Matt & Blake Hansen and Carol Olson. Randy gave devotions.

Steve Ottmann called the meeting to order.

Blake Hansen was attending the meeting on behalf of the ten Dorchester FBLA members who will be attending Nationals in San Antonio, TX. He asked for a donation from the church to help defray the cost for the students attending (each student has to raise \$1,000).

Motion: Lyle made a motion to give the FBLA a \$2,000 donation. Carol seconded. Motion carried with one abstaining.

The April minutes were distributed. Randy made a motion to accept as presented. Lyle seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Bernice distributed the April treasurer's report. Vera made a motion to accept the report and file for audit. Lyle seconded. Motion carried.

NOW: Carol asked if it might be time to reach out to the community again, as there are quite a few new residents/families that have moved to Dorchester. She will contact Jen Kasl.

Member at Large: Judy Ottmann circulated photos of wheelchair ramps; there may be a need for such a ramp up to the sanctuary. The photos will be passed to the Trustee Committee.

Staff Parish: Randy reported Staff Parish members met, April 22nd for Pastor's bi-annual review.

UMW: Vera reported (1) she attended the Ecumenical Legislative Briefing Day, February 9th. (2) Six seniors attended Senior Sunday, April 28th. (3) Vacation Bible School is July 8, 9 & 10. (4) Guest night will be, Wednesday, July 24th. (5) An invitation for the Seward UMW salad lunch on June 5th was received. (6) Next meeting is August 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Good to the Order: Carol announced (1) there will be a ground breaking ceremony for the Park Splash Pad. She will notify committee members when plans are set. Judy requested members be thinking about church participation in the July 4th parade.

The next Administrative Council meeting will be, Monday, June 10th at 7:00 p.m. Carol will give devotions.

Recording Secretary,
Carol J. Olson



Sunday, June 2, 2019
The United Methodist
Church of Friend
Breakfast for lunch

following the church service. Bring a side to share. Waffles, pancakes, sausage and maybe bacon (eggs if someone is ambitious), will be furnished!

Sunday, April 28, 2019,
the Dorchester UMW filled May baskets and
delivered the baskets for May Day.



Update on the Backpack Program at Dorchester Public School

The 2018/2019 school year has ended; and we are now focusing on beginning preparation for the next year of our participation in the Backpack Child Hunger Program through the Food Bank of Lincoln.

During the school year, a menu of non-perishable, healthful foods are distributed weekly each Friday via backpacks to students of low-income families qualifying for the program through the School Lunch Program.

Our cost of 250 dollars per student per school year is achieved through generous cash gifts in any amount from individuals, organizations and businesses, providing a great blessing of nutritional support to low-income families in our small, rural community.



Donations of any amount
Designated
"BackPack Program"
may be sent at any time to:

Dorchester Public School
506 West 9th Street
Dorchester, NE 68343

Gratefully, Kathy Palky,
community volunteer
for the BackPack Program at D.P. S.



The youth did trash pick up on
Saturday, May 18th on the
Friends of Marvin Weber
and the Igniting Youth sections.

Great Plains Daily Devotional

Psalm 93

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;
your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.
The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.
More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the Lord!
Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, forevermore.

This passage describes floods and the power of flood waters. These are scenes that we are unfortunately quite familiar with in Nebraska and Kansas this year. We have seen and experienced catastrophic flooding in many areas in which people lost lives, property, and livelihoods and entire communities were devastated. Even as I write this, rivers are rising in Kansas and threatening even more places. When water levels are rising, we feel helpless and can only watch as the banks overflow. During a flood, even if we are not directly impacted, we may have to reroute our daily routine around bridges and roads that become impassable. And when the water recedes, the trauma isn't over. If still standing, homes must be gutted and rebuilt before they can be occupied. Fields may be unable to produce crops for many seasons. Without a doubt, floods are powerful and chaotic forces of nature when they "lift up their roaring."

But this passage reminds us that, in the midst and above the tumult of flood waters, God still reigns. Floods are powerful indeed and crashing waves of the sea are relentless. And still, "majestic on High is the Lord!" These verses were likely written shortly after the Israelites had returned from exile—after a time when they had experienced terrible upheavals in their lives and communities. The psalmist testifies that, even in the aftermath of such trauma, God is their sovereign and is girded with strength. Our world is filled with natural disasters like floods and tornadoes that can suddenly and unexpectedly affect our lives and communities. Every day, we subject ourselves and our communities to many sorts of human-made disasters, like violence, oppression, and injustice. It can feel like the flood waters are roaring around us and that we are helpless. And sometimes, in fact, we cannot stand against such forces. But this psalm reminds us that, even though natural and human-made forces of the world are often powerful and destructive, God is greater. The psalmist speaks directly to God and acknowledges that "Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house." These words are meant to remind Israel (and us) that, even amidst the chaos of a rising flood waters, our God is holy and everlasting. The forces of the world are real and powerful, but we should have confidence that our God is stronger and is standing with us.

-Randall Hodgkinson
Topeka District Lay Leader

<https://www.greatplainsumc.org/dailydevotions>

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Loose Coins: (D) Hope Crisis; (F) The Bay Without Partners will not meet in June. DUMC Bible Study will return in the fall.						1
2 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (D) Fellowship 9:30 am (F) Bible Study 9:45 am (F) Fellowship 10:30 am (F) Worship (F) Breakfast for Lunch	3	4	5 9 am (F) UMW (D) NO UMW	6	7	8
9 9:30 am (D) Worship/baptism of Malia James Roth 10:30 am (D) Fellowship (F) Food Pantry Sunday 9:45 am (F) Fellowship 10:30 am (F) Worship	10 7 pm (D) Ad Council Meeting	11	12 9 am (F) Bible Study Hospital Chapel	13	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day <i>Peace with Justice Sunday</i> 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (D) Fellowship 9:45 am (F) Fellowship 10:30 am (F) Worship	17	18	19 9 am (F) Bible Study Hospital Chapel	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21 Summer Solstice	22
23 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (D) Fellowship 9:45 am (F) Fellowship 10:30 am (F) Worship	24	25	26 9 am (F) Bible Study Hospital Chapel	27 10:30 am (D) Folding the Newsletter	28	29
30 (D) Food Pantry Sunday 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (D) Fellowship 9:30 am (F) Bible Study 9:45 am (F) Fellowship 10:30 am (F) Worship/baptism of Bennett Todd Johnson	<div style="background-color: #00ff00; padding: 2px;">Vacation Bible School</div> Friend UMC & Friend Congregational Church combined at FUMC <div style="background-color: #00ffff; padding: 2px;">Sunday-Tuesday, July 7-9. See Liz Stutzman for details.</div> Dorchester United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School <div style="background-color: #ffff00; padding: 2px;">Monday-Wednesday, July 8-10 Contact Jen Kasl for questions.</div>					

Greeters

2nd (D) Chris & Sandy Krivohlavek
 (F) Tex & Margaret Eberspacher
 9th (D) Kelli Hromek
 (F) Houldens
 16th (D) Steve & Judy Ottmann
 (F) Esperanca Soares
 23rd (D) Vera Havlat
 (F) McClatcheys
 30th (D) Shelley & Rose Bruha
 (F)

Ushers

2nd (D) Shelley & Rose Bruha
 (F) Tex & Margaret Eberspacher
 9th (D) Matt & Donna Hansen
 (F) Houldens
 16th (D) Phil & Bernice Weber
 (F) Esperanca Soares
 23rd (D) Lyle & Cathy Weber
 (F) McClatcheys
 30th (D) Larry & Bev Gish
 (F) O'Neels

Video Presenter

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th (D)

Children's Time

2nd (D) Susan Weber
 (F) Jen Stutzman
 9th (D)
 (F) Liz Stutzman
 16th (D) Rhonda Schlick
 (F)
 23rd (D)
 (F) Diane Odoski
 30th (D) Rhonda Schlick
 (F) Sherri Rohrig

Scripture Reader

2nd (D) Susan Weber
 (F) Jen Stutzman
 9th (D)
 (F) Liz Stutzman
 16th (D)
 (F) Ann Bruntz
 23rd (D) Lois Nohavec
 (F) Sherri Rohrig
 30th (D)
 (F) Diane Odoski

Liturgist (worship leader)

2nd (D) Randy Schlick
 (F) Jen Stutzman
 9th (D)
 (F) Margo Houlden
 16th (D) Rhonda Schlick
 (F)
 23rd (D)
 (F) Sherri Rohrig
 30th (D) Cindy Kotas
 (F) Diane Odoski

Fellowship Hosts

2nd (D) Shelley & Rose Bruha
 (F)
 9th (D) Larry & Bev Gish
 (F)
 16th (D)
 (F) Esperanca Soares
 23rd (D)
 (F) Sherri Rohrig
 30th (D) Randy & Rhonda Schlick
 (F) Diane Odoski

Acolytes

2nd (D)
 (F) Charlee Stutzman
 9th (D) Payton Zoubek
 (F) Corbin Stutzman
 16th (D) (F)
 23rd (D) (F)
 30th (D)
 (F) Corbin Stutzman

Breakfast

Sunday, June 2, 2019

The United Methodist Church of Friend

Breakfast for lunch

following the church service. Bring a side to share.

Waffles, pancakes, sausage and maybe bacon

(eggs if someone is ambitious), will be furnished!

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED



Dorchester Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.
VBS - July 8th-10th

Friend Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
VBS - July 7th-9th



Vacation Bible School

Friend United Methodist Church and Friend
Congregational Church combined at FUMC
Sunday, July 7th, Monday, July 8th
and Tuesday, July 9th.

See Liz Stutzman for details.



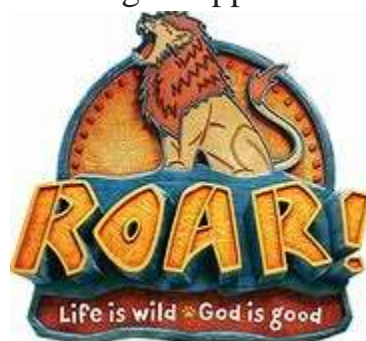
Happy Birthday

June Birthdays

June 1 Cortney Kenney
June 3 Madelyn Kenney, Mary Kay Weber
June 5 Julie Ricenbaw, McKenzie Weber
June 6 Rebecca Pracheil, Levi Weber
June 7 Maggie Vyhnalek
June 8 Peggy Holcomb
June 9 Shannon Paulsen, Trevin Steuk
June 11 Wayne Kenney
June 14 Vicky Palky
June 16 Jack Baptista
June 17 Samantha Barley, Mark Bruntz,
Kayla O'Neel
June 18 Kendall Kasl
June 22 Dave McClatchey
June 23 Kenneth Nohavec, John Potter
June 24 Laura Miller
June 27 Paul Huber
June 30 Roger Glenn, Steve Parks, Will Vyhnalek

Vacation Bible School

Dorchester United Methodist Church
Monday, July 8th - Wednesday, July 10th,
running from 6:00-8:30 p.m.
with a light supper at 5:30 p.m.



Registration beginning at 5:15 p.m.
on Monday.

Contact Jen Kasl if you have any questions.



June Anniversaries

June 1 Terry & Diane O'Neel (35)
June 3 Jim & Jodi Moore (36)
June 6 Jordan & Amanda Hromek (4)
June 8 Robert & Sherri Rohrig (40)
June 12 George & Shirley Kasl (63)
June 14 Randy & Kelly Brummett (23)
June 15 John & Kathy Ricenbaw (50)
June 16 John & Mary Kay Weber (8)
June 16 Levi & McKenzie Weber (1)
June 17 Matthew & Donnetta Hoffman (19)
June 20 Lyle & Cathy Weber (21)
June 21 Mark & Judy Bors (23)
June 21 Ethan & Kayla O'Neel (5)
June 22 Jake & Melanie Kunc (6)
June 23 Matthew & Donna Hansen (35)
June 23 Brant & Andrea Pracheil (7)
June 24 Dale & Joan Frahm (58)
June 26 L.J. & Samantha Barley (9)