

Pastor's Corner AUGUST

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
Gratitude: What is Gratitude?

Dictionary Definition is: a noun/the quality of being

thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

My family and I are so thankful for all the kindness that has been shared with us since we have been here. Some of brought food, some of you have helped us move in, some of brought books for my children, some have provided the town newspaper, some have brought

ice-cream and vegetables, some of helped direct us into how to sign up for certain utilities, some have helped with our building project at our house, and many of you have prayed. All of this has helped our transition into this community happen smoothly and we are grateful.



I wish that Demian and I could come and visit with all of you and get to know each of you

face to face. Sadly, this pandemic is putting a wrench into the ability of getting to know each of you in the way I desire. My prayer is that soon this may happen. I am hoping to start having weekly coffee hour at each congregation, so that we can fellowship and get to know each other. These times will be in the fellowship halls, so that we can spread out and practice social distancing. I will be getting word out sometime next month of when this might start.

Please note that I completely understand if you are uncomfortable getting out. I want to encourage all of you to either add me as a Facebook friend (if you have Facebook), or e-mail me at awegehaupt@greatplainsumc.org or feel free to call or text me anytime at 620-212-6784, so that we can get to know each other.

As we continue through this pandemic, I want to encourage all of you to find a way to stay in touch with each other, especially those who find themselves in the higher risk category.

Again, thanks to all of you for helping my family feel so welcome.

Blessings, Rev. April

The Dorchester/Friend United Methodist Church Newsletter

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August 2020

My Baptism

Natalie Rose Pendleton

daughter of Sam and Danielle Pendleton
was baptized Sunday, July 12, 2020
at the United Methodist Church of Friend.



August Scripture

- 2nd Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15;
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21
- 9th Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22,
45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-23
- 16th Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-
2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28
- 23rd Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8;
Matthew 16:13-20
- 30th Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b;
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Condolences 

to
Susan Weber
on the passing of her sister,
Sarah Eickman D'Aguanno,
of Rhode Island.
&
the family of Art Pracheil,
who passed away Wednesday, July 1, 2020.
Funeral Service Wednesday, July 8, 2020
at Kuncl Funeral Home in Crete.



to Troy Novak

for the use of your Sound System for the outside Church Services at Dorchester. The Church really appreciates the use of the equipment. Outside Services would not have been possible without your Sound System.

Dorchester 2020 Auction/Barbeque

This year's auction has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 Virus. The Auction Committee will be sending out a letter asking for financial donations to make up some of what will be lost in not having the Auction/BBQ. We ask that you be prayerfully thinking about what you can commit to in helping fund the church during these trying times.



**Dorchester United Methodist Church
June 30, 2020**

Financial Statement

6 months budgeted	\$47,408.88
6 months income	\$30,712.06
FUMC PPP	\$ 6,179.61
Short	\$16,696.82
Expense	\$47,985.81
<u>From Savings</u>	\$10,000.00
6 Scholarships	\$ 6,000.00
To General Acct	\$ 4,000.00
From Savings May	\$ 5,000.00
To General Acct	\$ 5,000.00
From Savings June	\$ 5,000.00
To General Acct	\$ 5,000.00

**United Methodist Church of Friend
2nd Quarter 2020**

ANNUAL BUDGET	\$90,435.23
Needed to Meet Budget	
Weekly	\$ 1,739.14
IDENTIFIED GIVING:	
1 st Quarter	\$17,600.00
2 nd Quarter	\$18,201.56
<u>Total Identified Giving</u>	<u>\$35,801.56</u>
PLATE	
1 st Quarter	\$968.00
2 nd Quarter	\$529.00
<u>Total Plate</u>	<u>\$1,497.00</u>
FUNDRAISERS	
1 st Quarter	\$0
2 nd Quarter	\$0
<u>Total Fundraisers</u>	<u>\$0</u>
MISCELLANEOUS	
1 st Quarter	\$289.76
2 nd Quarter	\$ 3.00 –Upper Room
<u>Total Miscellaneous</u>	<u>\$292.76</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$37,591.32
BUDGETED	\$45,217.64
COLLECTED	\$37,591.32
PAYROLL PROTECTION PLAN (PPP)	\$6,179.61

**FRIEND UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Wednesday, August 5, 2020
9:00 a.m.**

Program: Margo Houlden
Time to share.....
Committee: Margo Houlden, Diane Odoski
Golden Link: Marion Gropp

**DORCHESTER UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Wednesday, August 5, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

Devotional Rhonda Schlick
Prayer Calendar: Vicky Parks
Program.....
There will be no serving committee.

Administrative Council
United Methodist Church of Friend
July 8, 2020

The Friend UMC Ad Council meet on Wednesday, July 8th, 2020 with Pastor April, Mary Jo Weber, Sylvia Stokes, Margaret Eberspacher, Linda Hanneman, Shane and Jen Stutzman, Kate Vossler, Kay Stinson, Danielle Pendleton and Margo Houlden in attendance.

Pastor April offered prayer followed with devotions by Jen Stutzman. The minutes from the June meeting were read. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as read. Motion approved.

Linda reported that 4 funerals had been held since the being of the year. There were 2 baptisms and the Senior Recognition was held on June 14th. The UMW will meet on August 5th at 9:00.

Sylvia gave the financial report. Due to the limited number of services during the 2nd quarter and fewer coins collected, we will combine money with the 3rd quarter coin collections. The combined amount will be given to the Table Grace Café at the end of the third quarter. The 4th quarter coin collection will be given to the Food Pantry and the Backpack Program.

Mary Jo reported on behalf of the Trustees. The church marquee will be updated soon with Pastor April's name.

Pastor April reported that committees will be meeting in the future to prepare for the Charge Conference which is normally held during October. She currently is working on bible study options as well as finalization of office hours.

Kate reported that VBS will not be held this summer. It is hopeful that Sunday School will begin the Sunday after Labor Day. The fall session and the Christmas program will be held at the Methodist Church.

Jen reported that the finance committee is hopeful a fall fundraising meal will take place.

It was moved by Jen with a second from Kate to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved.

The next meeting will be Sept. 2nd at 7:00 p.m. with Mary Jo having devotions.

Margo Houlden
Ad Council Secretary

Minutes of Administrative Council Meeting
Dorchester United Methodist Church
Thursday, July 2, 2020

Present: Steve & Vicky Parks, Marla Weber, Randy & Rhonda Schlick, Bernice Weber, Maxine Filipi, Susan Weber (via phone), Pastor April and Carol Olson. Marla gave devotions – “His Love”. Marla called the meeting to order.

Rhonda made a motion to accept the June minutes as presented. Vicky seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Bernice reported (1) Friend applied for & received PPP (Payroll Protection Program) for Pastor's & secretary's salaries. (2) Due to interrupted giving, coin offerings are way down. *Randy made a motion to pay Table Grace what we would normally raise. Steve seconded.*

Pastor: “Welcome” to Pastor April. She will be in Dorchester Mondays (8:00 – 12:00) & Wednesdays (10:00-2:00). Pastor April & her family are hosting a BBQ on the last Sunday of July.

Memorial: Vicky reported \$3,997.32 in the memorial checking account.

NOW: A meeting with Pastor April will be scheduled.

UMW: The next UMW meeting will be Wednesday, August 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Worship Committee: Rhonda reported (1) she planted new plants in the berm (\$283.04) paid for by the Potter memorial. (2) Bind weed is a problem; she talked to Blake Hansen about keeping it under control. *Vicky made a motion to pay Blake \$100 for the season. Susan seconded.* (3) Six new banners were purchased with Memorial money. (4) Cookies were given to fathers on Father's Day. (5) Worship Committee is working on a call list.

Auction: *Susan made a motion to cancel the fall auction this year. Randy seconded.* A mailing will be prepared by the Auction Committee to generate lost funds.

Church Services: (1) *A motion was made to have church services outside July 5th. Vicky seconded.* (2) *Randy made a motion that there be no live musicians until end of September, music alternatives would be used. Susan seconded.* (3) *Rhonda made a motion that church services start being inside July 12th. Carol seconded.* (4) It was decided a committee would create guidelines for re-entry into the church.

Trustees: Steve reported (1) he is still working with Electronic Contracting to come to an agreement on their last bill. (2) He will work with the Village on zoning of the handicap parking paving. (3) He purchased 3 new sprinkler heads from Ace Hardware. (4) Drakes serviced the air conditioners. (5) He decided to go a different route with the mulch.

The next Administrative Council meeting will be August 10th at 7:00 p.m. Susan will give devotions.

Recording Secretary,
Carol J. Olson

LIVE STREAMING at FUMC

The church is looking for volunteers to live stream services on Sunday mornings. Please contact Shane (525-4241) or Jen (525-9293) Stutzman if you are willing to help. A tablet will be used and the app will be ready on that, so it would only take a quick training session and anyone could run it.



LIVE STREAMING at DUMC

The church is looking for volunteers who would be able to live stream services on Sunday mornings. It is as simple as clicking record on a phone at the start of service and clicking stop and share at the end of service. Any and all help is appreciated. If you have any interest in this area, please contact Matthew Hoffman @ 402-947-1528 or mthoffma76@gmail.com or through FLOCKNOTE!!

FLOCKNOTE FOR DORCHESTER UMC

The church is working on a mass communication platform called FLOCKNOTE. If you have not joined FLOCKNOTE and would like to it is as easy as texting "DUMC" to 84576. This communication system would allow us to send texts, emails, and phone calls to the membership for announcements, prayer requests, meeting notifications, severe/inclement weather updates for service, or general messages. Keeping in touch with one another is vital today and supporting one another is even more so important.

This is all totally free for you to use, you don't even have to download anything or create a password in order to participate. You just take a couple minutes to sign up and it lets you receive email or text messages from the groups and ministries that you choose. It even allows you to reply directly back to those messages, so we can get feedback and hear from you in an efficient manner. Your info is kept totally private and, again, it lets you choose precisely which groups and ministries you want to get email and text messages from here at Dorchester United Methodist Church. So you can choose things like United Methodist Women, Administrative Council, Nurture-Outreach-Worship, Sunday School/VBS, Without Partners, and Igniting Youth Group ministries. In addition to regular group and ministry communication, we'll also use this to send you important updates about special events coming up, inclement weather announcements, and: COVID-19 updates, volunteer opportunities, and community ministry opportunities. **And it's important for you to know that you can update your communication preferences or unsubscribe from any of these updates at any time!**

"Text DUMC to 84576"

Once you send that in, Flocknote will text you back a confirmation message AND another message with a link you'll need to click to complete the process, choosing what updates you'd like from us. Please take a minute to do this now. If you can't complete this on your mobile phone, please go online to: flocknote.com/dorchesterumc. We're on a mission here at Dorchester United Methodist Church and we want you to be a part of it. This is a great opportunity for you to get plugged in to the many wonderful things we have going on here. If you're having trouble, please talk to one of our helpers. We'd be happy to help! Thank you for participating. This is really going to simplify communication and increase engagement here in our community.

If you have questions please reach out to Matthew Hoffman @ 402-947-1528 or mthoffma76@gmail.com or through FLOCKNOTE!!



Dorchester United Methodist Church Backpacks for Students

(NO SCHOOL SUPPLIES, BACKPACKS ONLY!!)
The Bible study is helping the Dorchester Public School with a little different project this year. Instead of collecting school supplies, we have 26 backpacks to provide. They are numbered one through 26 stating which grade the child is in. This list will be in the back of the church for you to sign your name to take the corresponding card and put it in the backpack. The list is also below. If you sign up via email to Rhonda at rschlick@hotmail.com, then just attach a note to the backpack with which number you have chosen. Please return the backpacks to church by **Wednesday, August 12th.**

#1 Girl grade 4 (taken)	#14 Boy -grade 2
#2 Girl -grade 6	#15 Girl -grade 9
#3 Girl -grade 6	#16 Girl -grade 7
#4 Girl -grade 5	#17 Boy grade 2 (taken)
#5 Girl -grade 10	#18 Girl grade 3 (taken)
#6 Girl -grade 11	#19 Boy -grade 3
#7 Girl -grade 5	#20 Boy grade 5 (taken)
#8 Girl -grade 4	#21 Girl -grade K
#9 Boy grade K (taken)	#22 Girl -grade 6
#10 Boy -grade 4	#23 Girl -grade 8
#11 Boy -grade 1	#24 Boy -grade 6
#12 Boy -grade 10	#25 Boy -grade 5
#13 Boy -grade 5	#26 Girl grade 2 (taken)

Indoor Worship

Dorchester United Methodist Church began having indoor worship on Sunday, July 12th. Masks are required and temperatures are checked at the door with every other pew marked off.



August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (F) Worship	3	4 6 pm (F) Education Committee Meeting	5 9 am (F) UMW 7 pm (D) UMW	6	7	8 2-6 pm (F) Chapel reserved
9 9:30 am (D) Worship (F) Food Pantry Sunday 10:30 am (F) Worship	10 7 pm (D) Ad Council Meeting	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (F) Worship	17	18 7 pm (D) NOW Committee Meeting	19	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21	22
23 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (F) Worship	24 6 pm (F) Passion Play info meeting 7 pm (D & F) SPRC at FUMC	25 6 pm (D) Passion Play info meeting 7 pm (D) Education Committee Meeting	26	27 10:30 am (D) Folding the Newsletter	28	29
30 (D) Food Pantry Sunday 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (F) Worship	31	Loose Coins: (F) Table Grace; (D) Friend Ministerial Association				

Greeters

2nd (D) Kelli Hromek
(F)
9th (D) Marla Weber
(F)
16th (D) Gaylen & Laura Sysel
(F)
23rd (D) Carol Olson & Kelli Hromek
(F)
30th (D)
(F)

Ushers

2nd (D) Lyle & Cathy Weber
(F)
9th (D) George & Jen Kasl
(F)
16th (D) Carol Olson, George & Jen Kasl
(F)
23rd (D) Randy & Rhonda Schlick
(F)
30th (D) Steve & Vicky Parks
(F)

Liturgist (worship leader)

2nd (D)
(F) Margo Houlden
9th (D)
(F)
16th (D)
(F) Sherri Rohrig
23rd (D)
(F)
30th (D)
(F) Diane Odoski

Children's Time

2nd (D)
(F)
9th (D) Rhonda Schlick
(F)
16th (D)
(F)
23rd (D) Rhonda Schlick
(F)
30th (D)
(F) Diane Odoski

Scripture Reader

2nd (D) Matthew Hoffman
(F) Mary Jo Weber
9th (D)
(F)
16th (D) Matthew Hoffman
(F)
23rd (D)
(F)
30th (D)
(F) Diane Odoski

Videographer/Live Streaming

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

Acolytes

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS (more to be scheduled)

Tuesday, August 4	6 pm (F) Education Committee
Wednesday, August 5	9 am (F) UMW
Wednesday, August 5	7 pm (D) UMW
Monday, August 10	7 pm (D) Ad Council
Tuesday, August 18	7 pm (D) NOW Committee
Monday, August 24	6 pm (F) Passion Play information meeting
Monday, August 24	7 pm (D & F) SPRC at FUMC
Tuesday, August 25	6 pm (D) Passion Play information meeting
Tuesday, August 25	7 pm (D) Education Committee
Wednesday, September 2	2 pm (F) UMW
Wednesday, September 2	7 pm (D) UMW
Wednesday, September 2	2 pm (F) Ad Council
Monday, September 21	7 pm (D) Nomination Committee
Tuesday, September 22	7 pm (F) Nomination Committee
Monday, September 28	7 pm (D) Worship Committee
Monday, October 5	7 pm (D) Finance Committee
Tuesday, October 6	7 pm (F) Finance Committee



Pastor April's Office Hours

In Dorchester – Mondays 8-12
and Wednesdays 10-2

In Friend – Tuesdays 8-12
and Thursdays 8-12

If you need to speak with Pastor April and she is not at the office, please call her at 620-212-6784.

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

August

Dorchester Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.
Friend Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.



August 1	Leo Stokes
August 2	Brynlee Ziemann
August 3	Ray Rohrig
August 6	Sherri Rohrig
August 7	Grady Bresson, Judy Vyhnaelek
August 8	Morgan Roth
August 9	Brad Bruntz, Lillian Pracheil
August 11	Vera Havlat
August 13	Robert Weber
August 14	Cole Meyer, Nancy Vossler, Levi Sullivan, Christian Weber
August 15	Allen Papik, Nancy Slepicka
August 16	Ann Bruntz
August 17	Robbin Krivohlavek, Mary Jo Weber
August 18	John Ellison
August 19	Larry Burrows
August 20	Michael Miller
August 21	Sandy Rains, Christian Ziemann
August 22	Lil Barker-Hannon
August 23	Carlee Bresson, Connie Garrels
August 25	Randy Brummett
August 26	Velma Hansen, Sheri Kasl
August 28	Travis Fuller
August 30	Jessica Hansen
August 31	Charlene Huber

August 8	Shane & Jennifer Stutzman (11)
August 15	Ken & Lois Nohavec (50)
August 17	Roger & Sandy Glenn (37)
August 18	Tom & Pam Herr (36)
August 24	Ron & Diane Corbett (42)
August 25	Matt & Rebecca Steuk (13)
August 26	Sam & Danielle Pendleton (3)
August 28	Chuck & Sandy Rains (44)

If you or someone you know has a birthday or anniversary not listed or listed incorrectly, please notify the church office.

Update on the Backpack Program at Dorchester Public School

During the current school year, the ongoing program of nutritional support for low-income families has continued to offer a meaningful gift to young students in our small, rural community. The current challenges of the virus and its impact on our small community have increased the need for the love and support.

Each student qualifying for the program requires financial support of a yearly total \$250.00 per school year from individuals, businesses and organizations who mail a check in any amount and designated "Backpack Program" and mailed to:

Dorchester Public School
506 West 6th Street
PO Box 7
Dorchester, NE 68343

We are deeply grateful for all of the loving, generous contributions we continue to receive for the support of young families in need in our small, rural community, especially during this difficult time.

May God Bless your generous hearts.
Kathy Palky

Lillian Barker Hannon, a longtime member of the church, has moved to Lincoln. Her new community is Yankee Hill Village and she is in the Autumn View wing. She would love to hear from her "church" friends. Her address is Yankee Hill Village, 8401 S. 33rd Street, Apt. 410, Lincoln, NE 68516. Her new phone number is 402-421-5850. She had a wonderful life in Friend and she misses it every day. Send her a note or give her a call. (Her birthday is August 22nd.)

Susan Swoboda
(Lillian's daughter)