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PASTORAL POINT TRINITY

John 16

¹² "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

"Trinity" is a description of the unique relationship of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. When talking to his disciples, Jesus said, "unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment." In Mark 1:10. We read; "as Jesus was coming up out of the water at his baptism, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven; you are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Again you see evidence of all three persons in the Godhead.

God is the first person in the triune. God created the heavens and the earth. The Bible starts there. "In eternity past, there was God, and from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God" (Psalm 90:2). God always was. He has no beginning, and He will have no end. He does not exist in time. He exists independent of time and space. Those things are created for us. After all that has been prophesied is fulfilled and God creates a new heavens and new earth, there will be no longer any need for time or space. Jesus said in John 4:24 that God is Spirit. And then in Luke 24:39, He confirms that spirits do not have physical attributes. God is invisible, at least to the eye of flesh. John says "No man has seen God at any time (John 1:18).

God knows all things and there is nothing He does not know. "He knows things immediately, simultaneously, exhaustively and truly. He is all powerful. He is able to do whatever He wills; everything that is in harmony with His perfect nature and character. He is unchangeable. That makes sense, since change takes time and God transcends time. He simply is, and exists in all of eternity at once; yet He can intervene in time to perform His perfect will and relate personally with His creation. God is holy, God is righteous, and God is good, God is truth, in the most complete and perfect sense of all those terms.

Jesus Christ is the second person in the trinity. Today, we have many ways to communicate, such as; electronic mail and chat rooms, video conferencing, and skype which allows us to not only hear words but see the other party we are speaking with, even though they may be hundreds of miles away. What would it be like if God never took it upon Himself to communicate with

us? What if God started the world spinning and then left us to ourselves never to speak with us ever again? There may have been times in your life when you felt like that God was being silent. You were going through some pain or really needed some wisdom on what decision to make. You cried out to God, but as far as you could tell, He was silent. The fact is that God has never been silent. He has spoken to us, and He continues to speak to us today. (Heb. 1:1-2).

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son. God has used many different methods to communicate with his people. He has used angels, burning bush, signs in the heavens, giant fish, storms and prophets. And as appropriate as each of these means of communication was for the time and place, none of them compares to the excellency of the last means of communication, the Son, Jesus. God the Father sent His only Son into the world to bridge the communication gap that separated us from Him in order that the relationship which sin had destroyed might be renewed. Jesus is God's Final Word to humanity. (Revelation 19:13). Jesus is the bridge of communication with the Father because he is eternal. "In the beginning was the Word and through Him, all things were made." He is the source of life and light. "In Him was life, light of men." He became one of us. "And the Word became flesh" (Jn. 1:14).

Who is the Holy Spirit? The concept of the Holy Spirit, the third person in the trinity was not new at Jesus' time. The Spirit of God was on the scene at the beginning of Genesis. Genesis 1:2 says, "...the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters" at the creation. In Genesis 6:3 at the time of the flood the Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever." Jesus told the disciples that on the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit was going to be operating in a different way, not just available to certain people for certain leadership roles once in a while but for all people.

The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sins and draws us to salvation. The Holy Spirit enables and empowers us to live a Christian life. He will expose the error of the world's view of sin. He will convict the world of its sin and call people to repentance. The Holy Spirit has a way of bringing home the sense of sin. You might say; "when I sin I feel guilty or I feel I shouldn't have done it." This is the work of the Holy Spirit trying to let you know that you need to make some changes in your lifestyle.

In Psalm 147:5 we read; "great is our Lord, and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite." So this means that our thoughts are not God's thoughts, neither our ways God's ways. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." **Amen.**

JUNE READINGS

- 06/04 Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39
- 06/11 Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8;
2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20
- 06/18 Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;
Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)
- 06/25 Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17;
Psalm 17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

FRIEND UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Wednesday, June 7, 2017
9:00 a.m.

Program	Connie Garrels
Committee	Nancy Vossler Connie Garrels



Kaidence Renae Stewart

daughter of

Ty Stewart & Adrienne Jenkins
was baptized Sunday, May 14, 2017
at the United Methodist Church of Friend.

Dorchester United Methodist Church Senior Sunday May 7, 2017



The Dorchester Senior Class was honored during the Sunday service.

Those attending were: Michelle Kotas, Brittney Zoubek and Bailey Velder.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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
- Your prayer request to be for the Pastor only.

Please pray for: Danyelle Schultz-Kitten as she continues learning to walk being paralyzed.



**The United Methodist Church of Friend
Senior Sunday
May 7, 2017**

Graduating Senior, Tanner Smejdir was honored during the worship service.

DORCHESTER UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NO MEETING IN JUNE

Ladies mark your calendar for Thursday, July 13th at 6:30 p.m. for Guest Night. All women are invited to come. More details next month.

Dorchester United Methodist Women May 3, 2017

The reading of the Purpose opened the Dorchester United Methodist Women meeting on May 3, 2017.

Betty Ahlschwede was posthumously honored as the 2016 Dedicated Light – her granddaughter Stephanie accepted the award on behalf of Betty's family.

Kathy Palky accepted the Special Membership pin for her outstanding mission service.

Carol Olson read the April minutes which were approved with one correction.

Lindsey Zoubek gave the treasurer's report.

Laura Sysel gave devotions "Other Mothers."

Lindsey Zoubek read from the Prayer Calendar.

Gladys Pierce gave a card report.

Vera Mazour reported on the Reading Program.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Lois Nohavec gave the program, "Peace" and a "Mother's Day Poem".

Fourteen members and two guests were in attendance.

Hostesses were: Donnetta Hoffman, Doris Broz-Clauss & Daisha Hoffman.

United Methodist Church of Friend Update Church Directory

It is time for our church to update our picture directory. We will be taking pictures on different nights to try to accommodate everyone's schedule.

If you have recently had a picture taken and would like to use that it is perfectly fine, just get it to Sherri by August 1, 2017.

There are three ways to schedule.

Call at 402-366-8678

Text at 402-366-8678

email at picturesherri@hotmail.com

These are the dates so far,
others will be added as needed.

Sunday, June 4th from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Wednesday, June 14th from 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Friday, June 16th from 4:30 pm-6:00 pm

Tuesday, June 20th from 5:00 pm-6:30 pm



The pictures will be taken outside in the church yard.

15 minutes for family and
10 minutes for a single person or
couple is the scheduled time.

Dress casual or formal is up to you.
There will be seating provided for the pictures.
Proofs will be shown at a later date.

Thank you, Sherri Rohrig

**Minutes of Administrative Council Meeting
Dorchester United Methodist Church
Monday, May 8, 2017**

Present: Steve Ottmann, Randy & Rhonda Schlick, Larry Gish, Vera Mazour, Pastor Baptista and Carol Olson. Carol gave devotions.

Steve Ottmann called the meeting to order. The April minutes were distributed. Rhonda made a motion to accept as presented. Larry seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: The April treasurer's report was distributed. Randy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and file for audit. Rhonda seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Committee: Pastor reported the Grant Committee approved a \$30,000 pledge to the village park splash pad.

Pastor: Pastor Baptista (1) reported the Annual Conference will be June 7-10 in Grand Island. Larry will be our representative. (2) Vacation Bible School is July 10-12.

Worship Committee: Charlie has music scheduled for several Sundays during summer including a Church Group Sing July 16th.

Trustees: In Steve's absence, Carol asked for permission for Steve to contact Ricky Lewis about spraying dandelions on the west lot in the fall. The request was approved.

Auction: Bernice sent a note, resigning as the Auction Committee chair. Pastor will ask her to schedule a meeting to get the committee together to start making plans for a replacement and the event.

Membership Committee: Pastor asked if 25 or 50 year members or both should be recognized. It counts being a member of any UMC, not just Dorchester UMC. The decision was to honor 50 year members only.

SPRC: The joint SPRC Committee members met May 2nd in Friend. It was a meeting that introduced the new members to the committee and as a group filled out a questionnaire about Pastor's performance for the Conference.

UMW: Rhonda reported (1) fourteen members & 2 guests attended the May 3rd UMW meeting. (2) Betty Ahlschwede was posthumously honored as the 2016 Dedicated Light – her granddaughter Stephanie accepted the award on behalf of Betty's family. (3) Kathy Palky accepted the Special Membership pin for her outstanding mission service. (4) The UMW will serve a light supper to the VBS participants, July 10-12th at 5:30 pm. (5) Twenty-eight May baskets were delivered. (6) Three seniors attended senior Sunday (Michelle Kotas, Bailey Velder & Brittney Zoubek), NOW committee provided and served the breakfast. (7) UMW guest night will be, Thursday, July 13th – a picnic theme. (8) Vera attended the District Conference, April 22nd in DeWitt.

Youth: Rhonda reported (1) the season-end BBQ was at Schlicks (30 people attended, 20 of whom were youth. (2) The Youth organization is still looking for a new coordinator as Rhonda retires. (3) Trash pick-up will be, Sunday, May 21st.

Outreach: Some suggestions were made to reach out into the community and further our mission. (1) Installing a mailbox/house at the curb for prayers by and for the community. (2) Spending a Sunday morning outside the church helping clean and/or

maintain our community (Carol will contact Penny Keller, the Village Compliance director). (3) Asking Pastor to visit with other Pastors on what Outreach projects have worked for them and their congregations.

Bible Study: A new Bible Study will begin Wednesday – *The Creed: What Christians Believe and Why*.

The next Administrative Council meeting will be Monday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. Rhonda will give devotions.

Recording Secretary,
Carol J. Olson

**Minutes of the Administrative Council
The United Methodist Church of Friend
Monday, May 15, 2017**

The meeting was called to order with 6 members present: Dave Bruntz, Margaret Eberspacher, Sylvia Stokes, Janice Vinderslev, Shane Stutzman and Pastor Baptista.

The minutes were read and approved.

Dave gave the Staff-Parish Relations committee report. He added that we will be having pancakes and sausage after church on 5/21/17 to use up the supplies from the men's breakfasts.

Sylvia gave the financial reports. Members present discussed upcoming fundraisers.

Janice reported that there was a baptism in May of Kaidence Renae Stewart. She also reported that Choir will take summer vacation from the end of May until sometime in October.

Pastor commented that we may bring in some special music during the vacation.

Shane read Mary Jo's trustee report as she could not be in attendance. The trustees met at the end of March and discussed various bills as well as updating the Audio Visual Equipment to include Video streaming of the sanctuary to the cry room and basement, as well as a confidence monitor for those in the front. We are working on getting the parking lot surveyed to get estimates on concrete. The mulch around the church will be spiffed up. Also getting bids on new HVAC unit for parsonage. The current parsonage furnace is a 1989 model.

Pastor Baptista reported that the Annual Conference will be held June 7-10, 2017. He and Margaret Eberspacher will be in attendance. He reported that there will be two weddings this summer: Danielle O'Neel on August 26th and Shelby Spicka September 2nd. Vacation bible school will be held July 31st to Aug 2nd. We discussed finding a new Ad. Council recording secretary. Marge Engel resigned her position after many years of service.

Dave made a motion to adjourn and the motion passed.

Pastor had a prayer.

Shane Stutzman,
Ad Council Chair



Sunday, May 7, 2017

The Igniting Youth and their families enjoyed a cookout hosted by Randy and Rhonda Schlick. This is the last meeting for the youth until fall.



Sunday, May 21, 2017

**NOW ---committee,
The May Breakfast for lunch was a success!**



Igniting Youth

12 youth and 11 adults did their adopt a highway section for the Friends of Marvin Weber and the Igniting Youth area on Sunday, May 21st.

Thank you to all who took the time to help and to the Weber/Vyhnalek families for the use of the van.



Plan on attending the next one in June!!



Sunday, June 11.

**Waffles, Pancakes, Sausage & Sides
Sunday, June 11, 2017
Immediately after church**

Epworth Village
epworthvillage.org



Dear Dorchester UMC members,

With grateful hearts we accept your recent gift of \$171.69 as we work each day to live out your trust in our mission.

We cannot express enough how much you are a part of this ministry. Thanks to you all for so generously supporting our work and service to children, youth and families in need of hope and healing.

With Great Appreciation,
Margaret Donovan
CEO

P.S. Follow us on Facebook and our website for what is new and upcoming in 2017!

**FARMERS' MARKET
Starting Wednesday, June 7, 2017
The location will be at the
Dorchester Fire Hall Lot.
Contact Laura Sysel for more information.
402-580-8533.**



June 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Loose Coins: Hope Crisis (D); Epworth Village (F)				1	2	3
4 9 am (D) Worship with Homeward Bound Gospel Quartet 10 am (D) Fellowship 9:45 am (F) Fellowship 10:30 am (F) Worship	5 10:30 am (F) Bible Study Hospital Chapel	6	7 9 am (F) UMW (D) No UMW 4-6 pm (D) Farmers' Market Fire Hall Lot 7 pm (D) Bible Study	8	9	10
				← Great Plains Conference →		
11 Peace with Justice offering 9 am (D) Worship 10 am (D) Fellowship (F) Food Pantry Sunday 9:45 am (F) Fellowship 10:30 am (F) Worship (F) Breakfast for Lunch	12 10:30 am (F) Bible Study Hospital Chapel 7 pm (D) Ad. Council	13	14 Flag Day 4-6 pm (D) Farmers' Market Fire Hall Lot 7 pm (D) Bible Study	15	16	17
18 Father's Day 9 am (D) Worship 10 am (D) Fellowship 12:15 pm (D) Without Partners 9:45 am (F) Fellowship 10:30 am (F) Worship	19 10:30 am (F) Bible Study Hospital Chapel	20	21 Summer Solstice 4-6 pm (D) Farmers' Market Fire Hall Lot 7 pm (D) Bible Study	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23	24
25 (D) Food Pantry Sunday 9 am (D) Worship/Good News Band/Baptism of Kyra Barley 10 am (D) Fellowship 9:45 am (F) Fellowship 10:30 am (F) Worship	26 10:30 am (F) Bible Study Hospital Chapel	27	28 4-6 pm (D) Farmers' Market Fire Hall Lot 7 pm (D) Bible Study	29 10:30 am (D) Folding the Newsletter	30	

JUNE WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters

- 06/04 (D) Maxine & Tammy Filipi
(F) David & Diann McClatchey
- 06/11 (D) L.J. & Sam Barley
(F) Houldens
- 06/18 (D) Steve & Judy Ottmann
(F) David & Ann Bruntz
- 06/25 (D) Tom & Janet Cerny
(F)

Ushers

- 06/04 (D) Shelley & Rose Bruha
(F) David & Diann McClatchey
- 06/11 (D) Shelley & Rose Bruha
(F) Houldens
- 06/18 (D) Charlie & Doris Broz-Clauss
(F) Esperanca Soares
- 06/25 (D) Darin & Cindy Kotas
(F) O'Neel family

Scripture Reader

- 06/04 (D) Susan Weber
(F)
- 06/11 (D) Steve Parks
(F) Sherri Rohrig
- 06/18 (D) Randy Schlick
(F) Ann Bruntz
- 06/25 (D) Lois Nohavec
(F) Diane Odoski

Children's Time

- 06/04 (D) Rhonda Schlick
(F) Liz Stutzman
- 06/11 (D)
(F) Liz Stutzman
- 06/18 (D) Susan Weber
(F) Sherri Rohrig
- 06/25 (D)
(F) Diane Odoski

Fellowship Hosts

- 06/04 (D) Shelley & Rose Bruha
(F)
- 06/11 (D) Steve & Vicky Parks
(F)
- 06/18 (D) Randy & Rhonda Schlick
(F) Sherri Rohrig
- 06/25 (D)
(F) Diane Odoski

Video Presenter

- 06/04 (D)
- 06/11 (D)
- 06/18 (D) Rhonda Schlick
- 06/25 (D)
- Acolytes**
- 06/04 (D)
(F)
- 06/11 (D)
(F)
- 06/18 (D)
(F)
- 06/25 (D) Amber Kotas
(F)

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC



June 4th- Homeward Bound Gospel Quartet (D)

June 25th-Good News Band (D)

July 9th-Shrine Chanters (F)

July 16-Church Group Sing (D & F)
(start thinking what hymns you would like to sing)

DUMC Vacation Bible School will be Monday-Wednesday, July 10-11-12.

We are looking for volunteers to help. For more information, contact Cindy Kotas 402-826-7106 or dnckotas@yahoo.com

FUMC Vacation Bible School will be Monday-Wednesday, July 31, August 1 & 2

For more information and to volunteer, contact Margo Houlden at 402-947-7891 or margohoulden@gmail.com



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DORCHESTER BIBLE STUDY - WEDNESDAYS 7 PM
FRIEND WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:30 AM
FRIEND BIBLE STUDY - MONDAYS 10:30 AM
(HOSPITAL CHAPEL)

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06/01	Cortney Kenney	06/17	Samantha Barley
06/03	Madelyn Kenney		Mark Bruntz
06/03	Mary Kay Weber		Kayla O'Neel
06/05	Julie Ricenbaw	06/18	Kendall Kasl
06/06	Betty Kohout	06/22	Dave McClatchey
	Rebecca Pracheil	06/23	Kenneth Nohavec
	Levi Weber		John Potter
06/07	Maggie Vyhnalek	06/24	Laura Miller
06/09	Shannon Paulsen	06/27	Paul Huber
	Trevin Steuk	06/30	Steve Parks
06/11	Wayne Kenney	06/30	Roger Glenn
06/14	Vicky Palky		Will Vyhnalek
06/16	Jack Baptista		

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

06/01 Terry & Diane O'Neel (33)
06/03 Jim & Jodi Moore (34)
06/06 Jordan & Amanda Hromek (2)
06/08 Robert & Sherri Rohrig (38)
06/12 George & Shirley Kasl (61)
06/14 Randy & Kelly Brummett (21)
06/15 John & Kathy Ricenbaw (48)
06/16 John & Mary Kay Weber (6)
06/17 Matthew & Donnetta Hoffman (17)
06/20 Lyle & Cathy Weber (19)
06/20 Calvin & Marjorie Engel (58)
06/21 Mark & Judy Bors (21)
06/21 Ethan & Kayla O'Neel (3)
06/22 Jake & Melanie Kunc (4)
06/23 Matthew & Donna Hansen (33)
06/23 Brant & Andrea Pracheil (5)
06/24 Dale & Joan Frahm (56)
06/26 L.J. & Samantha Barley (7)