



From the Pastor's Desk

Change..... Change can be many things: hard, easy, exciting, scary, etc. Over the past few months, we all have experienced social change through the pandemic. I would have never thought that face masks would be a fashion statement. This social change has been hard for many of us. Now to top it off you have a change in how we worship and your Pastor.

Through all of this change one thing is constant and we find this fact stated in the scriptures. Malachi 3:6 states, "I the Lord do not change." This is a comforting fact.

Over the next couple weeks I hope to help you feel comfortable with the change before us. I will be sharing some about my call, how my faith has been formed with our son Christian. Also, I am always open to hear from you. If you are struggling or would just like to chat give me a call 620-212-6784.

I am looking forward to seeing what wonderful opportunities this change will bring us.

Blessings, Rev. April

*The Dorchester/Friend
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Newsletter*

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July 2020



July 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Loose Coins: (F) Food Pantry (D) Friend Ministerial Association			1 (F) No UMW (D) No UMW	2	3	4 Independence Day
5 Pastor April Wegehaupt's first Sunday 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (F) Worship	6	7	8 7 pm (F) Ad Council Meeting in person	9	10	11
12 9:30 am (D) Worship (F) Food Pantry Sunday 10:30 am (F) Worship/baptism of Natalie Pendleton	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (F) Worship	20	21	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23	24	25
26 (D) Food Pantry Sunday 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (F) Worship	27	28	29 10 am (F) Folding the Newsletter	30	31	

July Scripture

5th Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67;
Psalm 45:10-17 or Psalm 72;
Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

12th Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112 or
Psalm 25; Romans 8:1-11;
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

19th Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24;
Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

26th Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b;
Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

FRIEND UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

No meeting in July.

DORCHESTER UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

No meeting in July.

Condolences to:

the family of *Howard Ach*
who passed away Saturday, June 6, 2020.
Funeral service Thursday, June 11, 2020
at the United Methodist Church of Friend.

Baptism:

Ridge Weston Stutzman
son of Trevin and Liz Stutzman
was baptized Sunday, June 14, 2020
at the United Methodist Church of Friend.



Dorchester United Methodist Women

June 3, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Rhonda led the reciting of the Purpose to open the June meeting. Carol read the minutes of the February meeting.

Thank you notes were read.

Vera gave the treasurer's report. Soup luncheon netted \$1,532.63.

Vicky gave a card report. Marva Kasl mailed 27 May basket cards.

New Business:

Lois made a motion to skip Mission Study this year. Vicky seconded. Motion carried.

Vicky made a motion to give Pastor a stole as a farewell gift. Lois seconded. Motion carried.

Carol made a motion to award the 2021 Dedicated Light to Shirley Kasl & Special Recognition Award to Pastor Baptista. Vicky seconded. Motion carried.

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

Elfi Lee – *Watching Over Me* has been rescheduled to give the September 2nd program.

The District Fall meeting will be October 17th at Grace United Methodist of Crete.

Program: There was no program.

Lois brought chocolate brownies for everyone's enjoyment.

Attendance: Rhonda Schlick, Lois Nohavec, Vera Mazour, Vicky Parks & Carol Olson.

The United Methodist Church of Friend honored their Seniors on Sunday, June 14, 2020 during the worship service.



Mason Kelley, Caitlin Sharkey, Josie Vyhnaelek and Kate Houlden.

Dorchester United Methodist Church May 31, 2020

Financial Statement

5 months budgeted	\$39,507.40
5 months income	<u>\$23,675.25</u>
Short	\$15,832.15

Expense	\$41,859.97
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<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

**Administrative Council
United Methodist Church of Friend
June 3, 2020**

The Friend UMC Ad Council met on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 7:00 via Zoom. Attending were Pastor Baptista, Margo Houlden, Linda Hanneman, Sherri Rohrig, Shane and Jen Stutzman, David Bruntz, Sylvia Stokes, Mary Jo Weber, Kate Vossler and guest, Pastor April Wegehaupt.

Shane opened the meeting with prayer followed with devotions lead by Jen Stutzman. The minutes of the last meeting were read. David B moved that the minutes be accepted as read with a second from Sherri R. Motion approved.

David B introduced Pastor April and asked her to share with the group via Zoom. Pastor April's first Sunday will be July 5th. David also reported on behalf of the PPR that he had been in contact with the Dist. Superintendent regarding saying goodbyes and hello as we change pastors. Pastor Baptista's last Sunday will be on June 21st.

The Treasurer's report was given as well as information of the PPP loan that we were able to obtain.

Linda H. reported that UMW is not currently meeting. Kate V reported that VBS material is here, but felt that it was too early for a decision on holding VBS this year. Mary Jo reported on behalf of the Trustees and concrete is being poured.

Discussion was held on opening the church for in-person services. David B moved to open church beginning June 7th with proper protocol in place. Sherri seconded the motion and motion approved. David and Sherri volunteered to prepare the church building on Saturday, June 6th at 9:00. Others are welcome to help. Preparation will be based on protocol shared by Pastor Baptists via email. Members discussed the protocol and any possible changes. Members not feeling comfortable attending at this time are encouraged to participate online. We will be recommending that masks be worn for Sunday service for the health and safety of all members in attendance.

With the re-opening, Seniors will be recognized if they are able to attend on June 14th.

The next meeting will be July 8th with Sherri having devotions. Jen moved to adjourn with a second from Sherri, motion approved.

Margo Houlden
Ad Council Secretary



**Minutes of Administrative Council Meeting
Dorchester United Methodist Church
Monday, June 8, 2020**

Present: Steve & Vicky Parks, Marla Weber, Randy & Rhonda Schlick, Vera Mazour, Larry & Bev Gish, Susan Weber, Pastor April, Pastor Baptista and Carol Olson. Carol gave devotions – Psalm 28:7. Marla called the meeting to order via Zoom.

Rhonda made a motion to accept the May minutes as presented. Vera seconded. Motion carried.

Trustees: Steve reported (1) that purchasing 3 pallets of mulch at \$1.97 per bag would come to \$384.15. *Rhonda made a motion to purchase the mulch. Vicky seconded. Motion carried.* (2) He is calling Drakes to service the air conditioners. (3) Paving the parking area on the west and south was discussed again.

Pastor: Pastor reported he is moving June 25th. Pastor April is moving into their house in Friend June 16th.

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

UMW: (1) UMW held a special meeting Wednesday, June 3rd. (2) The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 5th. (3) Four high school seniors were honored in May on the church lawn.

Worship Committee: Rhonda reported (1) she and Amy Hansen delivered 50 carnations to mothers for Mother's Day. (2) Six youth from the FBLA worked on cleaning up the berm. (3) She asked for permission to purchase some extra banners (spring, summer, communion and patriotic) *Steve made a motion to use memorial money to purchase the banners. Vera seconded. Motion carried.*

Services: *Randy made a motion to hold church services outside the next 2 Sundays, then reevaluate July services with Pastor April. Rhonda seconded. Motion carried.*

Gift for Pastor: *Susan made a motion to give \$1500 (\$100 for each year of his service) to the African University in his honor. Marla seconded. Motion carried.*

The next Administrative Council meeting will be scheduled later.

Recording Secretary,
Carol J. Olson

*The Dorchester United Methodist Church Worship Committee is continuing to want to check on everyone during this strange time. We can't do this by ourselves. Please use the directory that was emailed or mailed to you.
If you would call the person listed above your name and check to see how they're doing that would be wonderful.
Rhonda Schlick*

A GOOD GOODBYE.....

Sunday, June 21, 2020

Honoring Pastor Paixao Baptista

The Dorchester United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Church of Friend said goodbye to Pastor Baptista and his family as he was appointed to Centenary United Methodist Church, Beatrice, starting July 1, 2020.

They were a part of our community for 15 years.



On behalf of Dorchester's UMC, Marla Weber presented a monetary gift of \$1500 (\$100 for each year of his service) to the African University in his honor.



Pastor Baptista's last sermon at Dorchester UMC.



The United Methodist Church of Friend honoring and saying goodbye to Jack, Edwen, Zemua, Pastor and Esperanca.



Pastor Baptista's last sermon at Friend UMC.



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



July 1 Keith Spanyers
July 2 Tom Herr
July 4 Paixao Baptista, Jodie Moore
July 5 Darryl Novak, Freya Sand
July 6 Anita Meyer
July 7 Tiffany Sand
July 8 Marjorie Engel, Scott Vyhnalek
July 9 George Kasl Jr.
July 10 Keila Ricenbaw, Jacee Zoubek
July 11 Roger Hanneman, Madisyn Steuk
July 12 Kyra Barley, Maxine Filipi
July 14 Alaina Betka, Tom Cerny
July 16 Bailie Moore
July 17 Chuck Rains
July 18 Doris Broz-Clauss, Donnetta Hoffman
July 20 Kate Houlden, Jeffrey Pierce
July 21 Paxton Behrens, Ethan O'Neel,
Randy Schlick
July 22 Raelyn Neeman
July 23 Blake Bruntz, Jason Jensen
July 25 Hailey Schweitzer, Nicholas Weber
July 27 Kaidence Stewart
July 29 Jilla McCullough, Amanda Nohavec,
Nate Shaw, Shelby Sullivan

Thank you members of the Dorchester FBLA
for your help in weeding the berm.



Happy Anniversary

July 5 Steve & Vicky Parks (45)
July 7 William & Nancy Vossler (41)
July 8 Phil & Bernice Weber (64)
July 10 David & Ann Bruntz (49)
July 18 Thomas & Michelle Schiffern (23)
July 22 Darin & Cindy Kotas (25)
July 23 Scott & Lori Vyhnalek (26)
July 24 Trevin & Liz Stutzman (10)
July 25 Jeff & Patti Combs (45)
July 26 Randy & Rhonda Schlick (45)
July 31 Tom & Janet Cerny (44)

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

JULY

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

Services have started back up. The United Methodist Church of Friend resumed worship services on Sunday, June 7th.



Dorchester United Methodist Church started an outdoor worship service, Sunday, June 14th.

