



As we are gearing up for fall, things start getting hectic for us. Our calendars tend to fill up with meetings, school, sports, etc.....I want to bring before you that we need to

remember to keep time with God in our calendars.

Slowing down, serving other, and growing closer to God are the last things Satan wants us to do. I once came across.... B.U.S.Y. = Burdened Under Satan's Yoke. He wants to keep us busy so that there will be one less Joyful Follower growing the Kingdom of God.



Don't succumb to that trap. Carve out time to know your values. Let those values drive your decisions and help you build the margin you need to live a life of joy, impact, balance, and intimacy with God and those you love most.

Remember to take time for yourself- go for a walk, read a book, or just listen to some music. You need time to refresh so when it comes to work, school, or life in general you will have the energy that is needed to get you through whatever might come your way.

Lastly and most important of all, remember to take a Sabbath. This is a time set aside each week that is fully centered on God. You might not be able to spend a whole day, and that is okay. But you need to have a set time where you can focus on God and His desires for your life. You might be amazed that when you start doing this you might even find more time in your week for other things.

Blessings, Rev. April



**September Scripture**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149 or Psalm 148; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
- 13<sup>th</sup> Exodus 14:19-31; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35
- 20<sup>th</sup> Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or Psalm 78; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16
- 27<sup>th</sup> Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

*The Dorchester/Friend  
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Newsletter*

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***September 2020***



**Sunday School begins for**  
**The United Methodist Church of Friend**  
September 13, 9:30-10:15 a.m.  
at the Methodist Church.  
Children Preschool through 6th.

**Sunday School for Dorchester United  
Methodist Church is postponed** until the  
Administrative Council meets September 14<sup>th</sup>.  
The hope is to start October 4<sup>th</sup>.



Confirmation will begin Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
at 5:00 p.m. with Igniting Youth at 6:00 p.m.  
The first month will be in Dorchester  
on October 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FRIEND  
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL WILL MEET  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 7:00 P.M.

**Minutes of Administrative Council Meeting  
Dorchester United Methodist Church  
Monday, August 10, 2020**

**Present:** Steve & Vicky Parks, Marla Weber, Randy & Rhonda Schlick, Vera Mazour, Bernice Weber, Lyle Weber, Matthew Hoffman, Susan Weber (via phone), Pastor April and Carol Olson. Susan gave devotions – *“Interruptions & Blessings”*. Marla called the meeting to order.

Carol read the July minutes. Rhonda made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Bernice seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Bernice distributed the (end of June) Treasurers report. Vicky made a motion to accept the report, Vera seconded. Motion carried.

**Audio/Video Report:** Matthew Hoffman gave a report on what it would take to upgrade the ‘live stream’. *Randy made a motion to pay for the upgrades, Rhonda seconded. Motion carried.* Matthew will ask Windstream to do a ‘speed test’.

**Trustees:** Steve reported (1) Andy Keller installed a new computer hard drive (\$187.22). (2) The final bill from Electronic Contracting is \$3,297.97. (3) More mulch was needed to complete the yard project (\$130.00). (4) Steve attended a Village Board meeting getting approval to pave the west side parking area. The trustees feel the two remaining trees need to be removed to do the paving project correctly. Will probably cost \$1,000 per tree.

**Action:** *Steve made a motion to pay Andy Keller & Electronic Contracting. Vicky seconded. Motion carried.*

**Action:** *Rhonda made a motion to follow the Trustees suggestion of removing the trees and paving the entire west side parking. (\$21,000) Lyle seconded. Motion carried.*

**Auction Committee:** Carol asked for approval of the letter the auction committee drafted to recoup dollars lost from not having the auction/BBQ and postage to mail the letters (\$66). The letter was approved.

**Action:** *Susan made a motion to pay the postage. Vicky seconded. Motion carried.*

**Pastor:** Pastor April reported (1) she will be leading a six week Women’s Bible Study, starting Wednesday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> and Matthew will lead a men’s study. The evening will start at 6:00 p.m. with a light supper. (2) She will be hosting a coffee hour in Dorchester at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays, starting September 14<sup>th</sup>. (3) She will purchase a CVLI (Christian Video License Intl) license. She will determine if the churches each need their own license or if they can share. (4) Membership tracking (audit). There will be a demonstration of Shepherds Staff at the next meeting.

**Education Committee:** Pastor April will give 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bibles and catch up any that were missed.

**Memorial:** Vicky reported \$3,623.65 in the memorial checking account.

**UMW:** Rhonda reported (1) the last UMW meeting was Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. (2) November 15<sup>th</sup> will be UMW Sunday; Table Grace Café will lead the

worship. (3) The next UMW meeting will be Wednesday, September 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

**Worship Committee:** Rhonda reported (1) Matthew’s leader guide is \$70.00. (2) A new thermometer will be ordered. (3) Twenty six backpacks were donated. They were blessed during Worship. (4) Individual Communion kits will continue to be used. (5) Fellowship after church will be re-addressed at the September meeting.

The next Administrative Council meeting will be September 14 at 7:00 p.m. Steve will give devotions.

Recording Secretary,  
Carol J. Olson

<b>Dorchester United Methodist Church July 31, 2020</b>	
<b><u>Financial Statement</u></b>	
7 months budgeted	\$55,319.36
7 months income	\$60,964.65
FUMC PPP	\$ 6,179.61
 Expense	 \$54,172.46
 <b>Short</b>	 <b>\$12,971.80</b>
 <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

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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*



**FRIEND UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**  
 Wednesday, September 2, 2020  
 2:00 p.m.  
 Program: Margaret Eberspacher  
 Time to share.....  
 Committee: Nancy Sue Vossler, Sylvia Stokes  
 Golden Link: Mary Stutzman

**DORCHESTER UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**  
 Wednesday, September 2, 2020  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Devotional Carol Olson  
 Prayer Calendar Vicky Parks  
 Program..... Elfie Lee “Watching Over Me”  
 Serving Committee Vicky Parks, Lindsey Zoubek,  
 Carol Olson

Program is by Elfie Lee, speaking about her life of survival during WWII in Germany. Everyone is welcome to come at 7:00 p.m. to hear this woman’s story. The community is invited as well. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE PROGRAM.**

“Watching Over Me”  
 A German Girl’s World War II  
 Story of Survival and a Quest for Peace



Watching Over Me, by Rachel Hartman, records the recollections of Elfi Gartzke, supplemented by her mother and other relatives.

Elfi was born in eastern Germany in 1940. Her family did not subscribe to the ideologies of the Nazi party. Devout Christians, they managed to lead fairly quiet lives on their acreage as war consumed the world around them.

This changed in 1944 as her father, (along with all men between the ages of 16 to 60 who could bear arms,) was drafted into the *Volkssturm*, “people’s army.” He was sent away to an unknown location just before Christmas.

His family still knew nothing of his whereabouts- or even if he were still alive- when they fled their home in January of 1945 to escape the advancing Russian army.

They managed to find transport via train. The journey was interspersed with frantic scrambles to shelters to avoid falling bombs, where Elfi’s mother, “Mutti,” would sing hymns in the dark to comfort her three children.

Reaching the relative safety of Harksheide, a city farther west, Elfi’s family struggled to build new lives in the rubble. As refugees, they faced negative attitudes, inadequate housing, and meager food allotments.

In spite of the challenges, this memoir is anything but bleak. Trouble was interspersed with joys, such as the return of Elfi’s father. Elfi still experienced some of the simple pleasures of childhood; making friends, finding a place to play (even if it was only a particularly large bomb crater,) and receiving her first doll. Through all, her Mutti strove to keep their hopes alive and their faith strong.

The author also interspersed some significant ‘big picture’ events into Elfi’s narrative. She dealt frankly, if briefly, with the horrible crimes committed under Hitler’s regime. She also related dates in Elfi’s life with events in the world, such as the Berlin Airlift, the conflicts in Korea, and the beginnings of the space program.

The last third of the book described the family’s emigration to the United States, sponsored by a kind stranger from Nebraska and their subsequent lives- learning a new language and a different culture.

**Virtual Mission u Opportunity via Zoom**

**Spiritual Growth Study –  
 Finding Peace in an Anxious World**

The Reverend Bonnie McCord has graciously volunteered to lead the Mission u 2020 spiritual growth study via Zoom. She will lead three sections in August and September. Each section will be limited to twelve (12) participants. Each session will have 8 hours of participation limited to 12 participants each.

Session 1  
 Monday-Thursday, Aug. 31- Sept. 3 9-11 a.m.

Session 2  
 Friday, September 11 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, September 12 9-11 a.m., 2-4 p.m.  
 Sunday, September 12 2-4 p.m.

Session 3  
 Monday-Thursday, Sept. 21-24 6:30-8:30 p.m.

There is no cost for participation. To register for a session please contact Judy Grant at [judy@thegrantclan.org](mailto:judy@thegrantclan.org) or 620-877-7774

Dorchester United Methodist Women  
August 5, 2020

The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Purpose. Six members were in attendance. Rhonda gave devotions – “*Delight of Prayer*” Carol read the June minutes & thank you’s. Vera gave the treasurer’s report & read Gifts of Memory. Vicky gave a card report. Vicky read from the prayer calendar. Pledge of \$300 was made to the DPS Backpack food program.

The program by Lois Nohavec–*Prayer & Self Denial*

## NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



If you are interested in being on a committee for 2021, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary or contact the office. If you already on a committee and would like to switch, let us know.

### Committees available are:

SPRC  
Stewardship & Finance  
Education  
Nurture-Outreach-Witness (NOW)  
Trustees  
Worship  
Lay Leadership (Nominations)

### Thank you from Dorchester Public School

A huge thank you from the school for providing 26 backpacks for the Dorchester students. All the students that needed a backpack were able to get one. Thank you for your generosity and your prayers providing this service.



### CLEANUP AT DORCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, 18 strong gathered to get the churchyard whipped into shape. Thank you, Steve, for getting the mulch and all of your hard work and lining this up. Thank you workers for sharing your time, tools, energy and most of all the fellowship.



## September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Loose Coins: (F) Table Grace; (D) Friend Ministerial Association</b>		<b>1</b> 6 pm (F) NOW Committee Meeting	<b>2</b> 2 pm (F) UMW 7 pm (D) UMW 7 pm (F) Ad Council Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (F) Worship	<b>7</b> Labor Day	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6 pm (D) Bible Study w/light meal	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Patriot Day	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:30 am (D) Worship <b>(F) Food Pantry Sunday</b> 9:30 am (F) Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship	<b>14</b> 7 pm (D) Ad Council Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Newsletter Articles Due 6 pm (D) Bible Study w/light meal	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:30 am (D) Worship 9:30 am (F) Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship	<b>21</b> 7 pm (D) Nomination Committee Meeting	<b>22</b> Start of Fall 7 pm (F) Nomination Committee Meeting	<b>23</b> 10 am (F) Folding the Newsletter 6 pm (D) Bible Study w/light meal	<b>24</b> 7 pm SPRC at DUMC	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> (D) Food Pantry Sunday 9:30 am (D) Worship 9:30 am (F) Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship	<b>28</b> 7 pm (F) Worship Committee Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6 pm (D) Bible Study w/light meal	<b>Confirmation class starts October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm with Igniting Youth at 6 pm. October 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup> at DUMC</b>		

### Greeters

6th (D)  
(F)  
13th (D) Alan & Nancy Slepicka  
(F)  
20th (D) Kotas family  
(F)  
27th (D)  
(F)

### Ushers

6th (D) Kotas family  
(F)  
13th (D) Loren & Judy Vyhnaiek  
(F)  
20th (D) Loren & Judy Vyhnaiek  
(F)  
27th (D) Judy Bors  
(F)

### Liturgist

6th (D) Cindy Kotas  
(F)  
13th (D)  
(F)  
20th (D) Cindy Kotas  
(F)  
27th (D)  
(F) Diane Odoski

### Children's Time

6th (D)  
(F)  
13th (D) Rhonda Schlick  
(F)  
20th (D)  
(F)  
27th (D)  
(F) Diane Odoski

### Scripture Reader

6th (D)  
(F)  
13th (D) Steve Parks  
(F)  
20th (D)  
(F)  
27th (D) Steve Parks  
(F) Diane Odoski

### Live Streaming

6th (D) Cindy Kotas  
(F)  
13th (D)  
(F)  
20th (D) Cindy Kotas  
(F)  
27th (D)  
(F)

### Acolytes

6th (D)  
(F)  
13th (D)  
(F)  
20th (D)  
(F)  
27th (D)

### United Methodist Church of Friend

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Any questions,  
contact Kate Vossler 540-7808.

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Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. They  
hope to start on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 1	6 pm (F) NOW Committee
Wednesday, September 2	2 pm (F) UMW
Wednesday, September 2	7 pm (D) UMW
Wednesday, September 2	7 pm (F) Ad Council
Wednesday, September 9	6 pm (D) Bible Study
Monday, September 14	7 pm (D) Ad Council
Wednesday, September 16	6 pm (D) Bible Study
Monday, September 21	7 pm (D) Nomination Committee
Tuesday, September 22	7 pm (F) Nomination Committee
Wednesday, September 23	6 pm (D) Bible Study
Thursday, September 24	7 pm SPRC at DUMC
Monday, September 28	7 pm (D) Worship Committee
Wednesday, September 30	6 pm (D) Bible Study
Monday, October 5	7 pm (D) Finance Committee
Tuesday, October 6	7 pm (F) Finance Committee

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED



Dorchester Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.  
**Sunday School Postponed**  
Friend Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30-10:15 a.m. at FUMC

## Happy Birthday



September 1 Jenelle Ziemann  
September 2 Danielle Pendleton  
September 5 Kathy Spicka, Michael Weber  
September 7 Rex Stewart  
September 8 Charles Vossler  
September 10 Esperanca Soares  
September 12 Thor Nerud  
September 13 Amanda Ellison, Raymond Sharkey,  
Adysen Ziemann  
September 14 Bonnie Nerud, John Ricenbaw  
September 15 Quinn Kasl  
September 16 Barbara Huff  
September 17 Marcia Beekley  
September 18 Brian Kohout  
September 19 Colleen Schwisow  
September 20 George Kasl III  
September 21 Dianne Corbett, Conner Shaw  
September 22 Avery Behrens, Mary Plouzek  
September 23 Rick Palky, Mason Vossler  
September 24 Lyle Weber  
September 25 Lucas Apfelbeck, Blake Hansen,  
Shirley Kasl, Christopher Weber  
September 26 Kal Johnson, Sylvia Stokes,  
Charlee Stutzman  
September 28 Charlie Clauss, Cindy Kotas  
September 29 Garrett Nohavec, Nicole Schweitzer  
September 30 Dustin Payne, Justin Schwisow,  
Gary Thomsen



September 2 Shelley & Rose Bruha (59)  
September 2 Levi & Shelby Sullivan (3)  
September 4 Tony & Judy Schweitzer (44)  
September 5 Paul & Gail Gropp (51)  
September 7 Chris & Jenelle Ziemann (18)  
September 12 Jack & Nicole Schweitzer (11)  
September 15 Chris & Ashley Vontz (8)  
September 16 Michael & Laura Miller (25)  
September 18 Leo & Sylvia Stokes (64)  
September 19 Alan & Nancy Slepicka (56)  
September 24 Chris & Sandy Krivohlavek (37)

**If you or someone you know, has a birthday or anniversary and is not on our list or is listed incorrectly, please contact the church office.**

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Starting Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, Bible study begins at Dorchester (then the following study will be at Friend). Starting at 6 pm with light meal (done no later than 7:30). Children are welcome with movie provided. Matthew Hoffman will lead the men's study 'No more Excuses' by Tony Evans. Pastor April will lead the women's study 'Discerning the Voice of God' by Priscilla Shirer.

**"No More Excuses"**  
by Tony Evans

Sometimes circumstances in life make it difficult for men to be all God wants them to be. But Tony Evans urges men to stop looking at their circumstances as excuses and instead to see them as challenges and opportunities for success. Exploring the examples of men of God throughout the Bible, this study will challenge you to lay down your excuses, stop compromising, and fight to be a man of character and commitment. Despite your setbacks, failures, and pressures, you can still find purpose, meaning, and direction in life and become the man God has called you to be. (8 sessions)

**"Discerning the Voice of God"**  
by Priscilla Shirer

A decade ago, Priscilla Shirer authored *Discerning the Voice of God*, and since then God has continued to grow, teach, and challenge her in her walk with Him. This revised and expanded edition reflects that growth through new stories, illustrations, and exercises. Through 7 sessions, discover the root to clear and daily communication with God—humble obedience. Learn how surrender unlocks His many blessings intended for us, centers us in His will, and helps us discern His voice in everyday life.