

# Our Pastor

Dear Body of Christ,

I have been in Dorchester and Friend for 9 months now all during a pandemic and have come to realize more than ever that people need community. Here at Dorchester and Friend, I am finding more that our faith communities are centered around grace—the unearned, unending, unconditional love of God. This is something special.

So, in the months ahead, I want to encourage all of you to look into ways on how you might share our grace-filled community with others. For myself, that will be me out in the community more interacting with others. As this pandemic is slowing down, I am seeing more than ever I want to be involved in our communities helping make a difference in people's lives.

The goal for yourselves would be to find something you like doing with others (like walking, ball games, drinking coffee), then invite someone to join you. While you are engaging more in the community, let the love and grace of God show through you and try inviting them to Church sometime.

I hope everyone will join me on this journey and try ways to reach out in love to our neighbors. It's an exciting road ahead for us as we prayerfully move past this pandemic in the months ahead and strive to reconnect with our communities.

Blessings, Rev. April



## Sermon by Phone

is still available for those who do not have access to Facebook to listen to worship services.

In order to listen to the service, all you have to do is call 1-402-261-0413 and listen. It is a Lincoln phone number. I am only able to upload one service at a time, so it will alternate between Dorchester and Friend.

Blessings, Rev April  
620-212-6784

## APRIL SCRIPTURE

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Holy Thursday*  
Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14;  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19;  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
- 2<sup>nd</sup> *Good Friday*  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22;  
Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *Holy Saturday*  
Job 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16;  
1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66  
or John 19:38-42

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## *The Dorchester/Friend United Methodist Church Newsletter*

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## **April 2021**

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# He is Risen

## **Easter Vigil**

### **Old Testament Readings with Psalms or Canticles**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 or  
Psalm 33; Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-  
13; Psalm 46; Genesis 22:1-8; Psalm 16;  
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21;  
Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18; Isaiah 55:1-11;  
Isaiah 12:2-6; Ezekiel 36:24-28; Psalm 42;  
Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 143

### **New Testament Reading and Psalm**

Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 114

### **Gospel Reading Mark 16:1-8**

4<sup>th</sup> *Easter Day*

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18  
or Mark 16:1-8

11<sup>th</sup> Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2;  
John 20:19-31

18<sup>th</sup> Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4: 1 John 3:1-7;  
Luke 24-36b-48

25<sup>th</sup> Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24;  
John 10:11-18

**CONDOLENCES TO:**

Sam Pendleton and family  
on the passing of his father, *Samuel Pendleton*,  
Friday, February 26, 2021.

the family of Delores Dvorak.  
Delores passed away Monday, March 8, 2021  
in Aurora, Colorado.  
Burial services at a later date in Pleasant Hill.

*Lillian Barker Hannon*  
Celebration of Life  
Sunday, April 11, 2021  
1:00 p.m.  
at the United Methodist Church of Friend  
Service will be in the Chapel room.



**Baptism**

*Kyler Eugene Neeman*  
son of Dan & Shelena Neeman  
was baptized  
Sunday, March 14, 2021  
at the United Methodist Church of Dorchester

**Dorchester United Methodist Women**

Wednesday, April 7, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

*Call to Prayer & Self-Denial*  
May Baskets

Devotional:  
Prayer Calendar: Vera Mazour  
Program: Prayer & Self-Denial –Lois Nohavec

Serving Committee: Lois Nohavec,  
Doris Broz-Clauss, Dona Heeren



The Dorchester United Methodist Church will be having a prayer vigil on Good Friday, April 2, 2021. The prayer times will be from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The increments are in 30 minute time slots. We ask that if you would like to sign up and participate for one or more times that you contact Rhonda Schlick @ 402-946-2143; or Matthew Hoffman @ 402-947-1528. We would like to have all the time slots filled by March 31<sup>st</sup>, if possible. If you would like to participate virtually, please let Rhonda or Matthew know and they will fill in the time accordingly! Any and all prayer warriors are welcome and appreciated!



The Friend UMW met March 3, 2021, with 9 members present. Following the reading of the Purpose, the minutes of the February meeting were read and the treasurer gave a report.

We will host this year's World Day of Prayer program on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The three churches participating will be introduced to the Island of Vanuatu. At this time, we will vote on whether to continue the yearly program.

Members were reminded to pay their yearly dues.

Joan Weber presented the program and refreshments were served by Carla Moore and Diann McClatchey.

World Day of Prayer: Due to the very small turnout March 5<sup>th</sup>, it was unanimous to no longer continue the program.

**FRIEND UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Wednesday, April 7, 2021  
2:00 p.m.

Program Nancy Sue Vossler  
Time to Share .....  
Committee Charlotte Hayek, Arline Vossler

**Minutes of Administrative Council Meeting  
Dorchester United Methodist Church  
Monday, March 8, 2021**

**Present:** Randy & Rhonda Schlick, Steve Parks, Bernice Weber, Judy Ottmann, Carol Olson and Pastor April & Susan Weber via phone.

Randy called the meeting to order.  
Randy gave devotions – *What Now?*

Bernice made a motion to accept the All-Committees February minutes, Rhonda seconded. Motion carried.

It was announced Marla resigned as chairman of the Ad Min committee. Nominating committee will be looking for a replacement.

**Treasurer’s report:** Bernice presented the treasurer’s report. Steve made a motion to accept Bernice’s report. Rhonda seconded. Motion carried.

**Good of the Order:** Judy Ottmann made suggestions for participating in the Community’s July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. Community church service, corn hole tournament and/or meal after the community walk/run.

**Trustees Report:** Steve reported the hot water heater has been repaired. The Trustees had a meeting prior to this Ad Min meeting. Wergin’s was chosen to do lawn care again this year. 5-step program for church lawn - \$300, 3-step program for lot - \$150. \$50 per mowing. Steve made a motion to approve \$530 for step programs & first mowings. Rhonda seconded. Motion carried. He will talk to Jindra’s about control box for the underground sprinklers. He will get estimates for floor tile for the kitchen and anywhere else that needs new tile. He scheduled a work night for Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Pastor’s report:** Pastor reported the first Sunday in May, Joel from Camp Fontanelle will speak. Bible Study will start Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**NOW:** The NOW committee is scheduled to meet, Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**UMW:** There was no meeting in March. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Worship:** There will be a Good Friday prayer vigil from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Snacks will be served after the Lenten service, Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. High school senior Sunday will be the first Sunday in May. Easter sunrise service will begin at 7:00 a.m., brunch will be served. More information/discussion will come on Flock Note.

**Youth:** The youth will have a lock-in March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting will be, Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Steve will give devotions.

Recording Secretary,  
Carol J. Olson

**United Methodist Church of Dorchester  
Budgeted Financial Statement  
February 28, 2021**

Budget:	\$15,882.46
2 Months income from Givings	\$10,609.82
Expense	\$17,702.20
Budgeted Amount Short	\$ 7,092.38
Taken from Foundation in Savings Account distributed as follows:	
From Savings February	\$10,000.00
4 Scholarships	-\$4,000.00
To General Account	-\$6,000.00



**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*







April 1 Rose Bruha, Robert Paulsen, Gary Rohrig  
 April 4 L.J. Barley, Lila Pribyl  
 April 5 Travis Kenney, Norma Knoble  
 April 7 Dinah Cannon  
 April 9 Bennett Johnson  
 April 10 Melinda Rohrig  
 April 11 Ridge Hoffman  
 April 12 Sandy Krivohlavek  
 April 13 Elizabeth Stutzman  
 April 15 Ronald Styskal  
 April 16 Shelley Bruha, LaneyMae Ellison,  
 Ryker Vontz  
 April 17 Janet Cerny  
 April 20 Rhonda Schlick, Susan Stewart  
 April 21 Judy Bors, Diann McClatchey  
 April 23 Sawyer Nerud, Mike Nohavec  
 April 24 Helen Horner  
 April 25 Kelly Brummett, Kyler Neeman  
 April 26 Joan Frahm  
 April 27 Brenda Bruntz  
 April 28 Stefanie Ottmann, Douglas Paulsen  
 April 30 Meredith Behrens, John Bruha,  
 Gary Palky

*April 2 John & Kathy Palky (57)*  
*April 3 Brandon & Kathryn Vossler (17)*  
*April 4 Gary & Penny Veprovsky (34)*  
*April 11 Harold & Sharon Axline (57)*  
*April 15 Harvey & Joan Weber (70)*  
*April 16 Brian & Kelli Kohout (10)*  
*April 17 Robert & Julie Behrens (28)*  
*April 20 David & Ann Betka (36)*  
*April 28 Chet & Jill Sharkey (26)*

Thank you to those that helped with the  
 Dorchester Church yard cleanup  
 Friday, March 19th.  
 Your help was certainly appreciated!  
  
 DUMC Trustees Team



## April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Loose Coins: (F) "I've Got a Name"</b> <b>(D) Friend Ministerial Association</b>				<b>1</b> Holy Thursday 9-10 am (F) Coffee Hour 7 pm (D) Holy Thursday Service	<b>2</b> Good Friday 7 am-11 pm (D) Prayer Vigil 7 pm (F) Good Friday Service	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Easter 7 am (D) Sunrise Service (D) Easter Brunch 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (F) Worship	<b>5</b> 9-10 am (D) Coffee Hour 7 pm (F) Trustee Meeting	<b>6</b> 7 pm SPRC meeting in Dorchester	<b>7</b> 2 pm (F) UMW 5:30 pm (D) Bible Study 7 pm (D) UMW	<b>8</b> 9-10 am (F) Coffee Hour	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:20 am (D) Sunday School <b>(F) Food Pantry Sunday</b> 9:30 am (F) Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship 1 pm (F) Lillian Barker Hannon Celebration of Life	<b>12</b> 9-10 am (D) Coffee Hour 7 pm (D) Ad Council	<b>13</b> 6 pm at (F) Congregational Church Dual Education Meeting to discuss VBS	<b>14</b> 5:30 pm (D) Bible Study	<b>15</b> 9-10 am (F) Coffee Hour	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Native American Ministries Sunday Offering 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:20 am (D) Sunday School 9:30 am (F) Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship 6 pm (D) Igniting Youth	<b>19</b> 9-10 am (D) Coffee Hour 6 pm (F) Finance Meeting 7 pm (F) Ad Council Meeting	<b>20</b> Newsletter Articles Due 6 pm (D) NOW Committee Meeting 7 pm (D) Membership Class	<b>21</b> Administrative Professionals 5:30 pm (F) Bible Study	<b>22</b> Earth Day 9-10 am (F) Coffee Hour	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> (D) Food Pantry Sunday 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:20 am (D) Sunday School 9:30 am (F) Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship	<b>26</b> 9-10 am (D) Coffee Hour	<b>27</b> 10:30 am (D) Folding the Newsletter	<b>28</b> 5:30 pm (F) Bible Study	<b>29</b> 9-10 am (F) Coffee Hour	<b>30</b> Arbor Day	

### Greeters

1st (D)  
4th (D) Alan & Nancy Slepicka (F)  
11th (D) Penny Veprovsky & Dona Heeren (F)  
18th (D) Loren & Judy Vyhnalek (F)  
25th (D) Phil & Bernice Weber (F)

### Ushers

1st (D) Randy & Rhonda Schlick  
4th (D) George & Jen Kasl (F)  
11th (D) Kyle & Katelyn Vrtiska (F)  
18th (D) Carol Olson & Dona Heeren (F)  
25th (D) Carol Olson & Dona Heeren (F)

### Liturgist

4th (D)  
(F) Sherri Rohrig  
11th (D)  
(F)  
18th (D)  
(F) Margo Houlden  
25th (D)  
(F) Diane Odoski

### Scripture Reader

4th (D)  
(F) Sherri Rohrig  
11th (D) Susan Weber  
(F) Liz Stutzman  
18th (D) Steve Parks  
(F) Margo Houlden  
25th (D)  
(F) Diane Odoski

### Children's Time

4th (D) Rhonda Schlick  
(F) Sherri Rohrig  
11th (D)  
(F) Liz Stutzman  
18th (D) Susan Weber  
(F)  
25th (D)  
(F) Diane Odoski

### Fellowship Hosts

4th (D) Easter brunch  
(F)  
11th (D)  
(F)  
18th (D)  
(F)  
25th (D) Sandy Krivohlavek  
(F)

### Acolytes

4th (D)  
(F)  
11th (D)  
(F) Corbin Stutzman  
18th (D)  
(F)  
25th (D)  
(F)

### Live Streaming

4th (D)  
(F)  
11th (D)  
(F)  
18th (D)  
(F)  
25th (D)  
(F)

**Lillian Barker Hannon  
Celebration of Life  
Sunday, April 11, 2021  
1:00 p.m.  
at the United Methodist Church  
of Friend  
Service will be in the Chapel room.**





FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED



Dorchester Worship Service-9:30 a.m.  
Dorchester Sunday School-10:20 a.m.  
Friend Worship Service-10:30 a.m.  
Friend Sunday School-9:30 a.m.

## The United Methodist Lent Quiz

1. What does the term 'Lent,' which comes from 'lencten,' mean?
  - a. Sacrifice
  - b. Time
  - c. Spring
  - d. March Madness
2. How were ashes imposed in the early church?
  - a. The shape of a cross was drawn on the forehead.
  - b. Ashes were smeared across closed eyelids.
  - c. Ashes were poured or sprinkled over the head.
3. Why do people give things up for Lent?
  - a. To follow the example of Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness.
  - b. To help us focus on prayer and devotions.
  - c. To give the acquired savings to the poor.
  - d. All of the above.
4. What snack food has significance during Lent?
  - a. Chocolate
  - b. Pretzels
  - c. Popcorn
  - d. All of the above.
5. Many people fast during Lent. How often did John Wesley fast?
  - a. Twice a week
  - b. Twice a month
  - c. Twice a year
  - d. Rarely He did not fast.
6. Why does Lent last 40 days?
  - a. To represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, tempted by Satan.
  - b. To recall the 40 days and nights the earth was flooded in the Old Testament.
  - c. To remind us of the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert.
7. What do some United Methodists not sing at Lent?
  - a. Doxologies
  - b. Alleluia
  - c. "In the Garden"
  - d. The communion liturgy
8. Which hymn, based on St. Patrick's prayer, would be a good Lenten devotion?
  - a. "Jesus Walked This Lonely Valley"
  - b. "Christ Beside Me"
  - c. "O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice"
  - d. "Come and Find the Quiet Center"
9. True or false? Sundays are not counted in the 40 days of Lent.
  - a. True
  - b. False
10. When early Methodists in America sat in a church on a mourner's bench, they would:
  - a. Repent their sins
  - b. Experience a new birth
  - c. Rededicate themselves to Jesus
  - d. All of the above

1. c. spring.
2. c. ashes were poured or sprinkled over the head.
3. d. all of the above.
4. b. pretzels.
5. a. twice a week.
6. a. to represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, tempted by Satan.
7. b. alleluia.
8. b. "Christ Beside Me."
9. True.
10. d. all of the above.