



Elisha...set out to follow Elijah and became his servant. — 1 Kings 19:21

Elijah the prophet placed his cloak over the shoulders of Elisha the farmer. At God's command, Elijah was summoning Elisha to leave his farm and

take on the work of prophet for God's people. Elisha was to be Elijah's apprentice. This was not a small request, and it would require a great commitment from Elisha.

Elisha made his commitment clear. Elisha wanted to show God and everyone that he was fully committed to this new call on his life. Elisha did not look back.

Discipleship requires a willingness to be taught and redirected. It requires a commitment to letting the Spirit work in our lives. Hesitation and looking back are not going to work. Either God is our only comfort, or we will try in vain to find comfort elsewhere.

Discipleship does not always demand a major career change, but it does require placing everything in God's service. Taking a step of faith requires a full commitment to being discipled.



Like Elisha, do you need to put away things from your past to be committed to being discipled by the Spirit?

Through this month let us work on our commitment to God's will in our lives.

*The Dorchester/Friend
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Newsletter*

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May 2021



**NEW FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR DORCHESTER UMC**

We have made a new business Facebook page under UMC Dorchester.

You can search and add or let us know and we will friend request you. We are looking through and trying to request as many as can. Live streaming will now be coming from this new account.

Friend United Methodist Church Facebook page has remained the same, follow them on their page.



The last day of Sunday School for Friend UMC will be May 2nd.

The last day of Sunday School for Dorchester UMC will be May 23rd. We will be breaking for the summer.

May Scripture

2nd Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

9th Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

16th Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

23rd Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

30th Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

**Updating our records.
Please let the office know if any of your
contact information has changed.**

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." –John Wesley

**Confirmation Class of 2021
The United Methodist Church of Dorchester
Sunday, March 28, 2021**

Lily Love Lehr, daughter of Kyle and Shelly Lehr
Livia Marie Schweitzer, daughter of Shane and Kelli Schweitzer



**Confirmation Class of 2021
The United Methodist Church of Friend
Sunday, March 28, 2021**

Gracie Morgan-Jean Vyhnalek,
daughter of Scott and Lori Vyhnalek
Sponsors-Brielle Ricenbaw & Kate Vossler



Dorchester United Methodist Church Class of 2021



Jacee Zoubek

Jacee will be attending Doane University where she will be on the Track & Field team and plans to major in Secondary Education/Coaching or Pre-Pharmacy.



Collyn Brummett

Collyn will be attending Southeast Community College-Lincoln Campus; beginning August 2021. He has been accepted in the Computer Information Technology Program and will be focusing on computer programming.



Alli Novak

My future intentions are to attend Chadron State College and major in Pre-Chiropractic Medicine.



Megan Kotas

In the fall, I am planning on attending Northeast Community College and majoring in Diversified Agriculture.

**Minutes of Administrative Council Meeting
Dorchester United Methodist Church
Monday, April 12, 2021**

Present: Steve & Vicky Parks, Randy & Rhonda Schlick, Bernice Weber, Lyle & Cathy Weber, Maxine Filipi, Carol Olson & Pastor April. Susan Weber & Vera Mazour via phone.

Steve Parks accepted the position of Administrative Council Chairperson.

Steve called the meeting to order.

Steve asked if a Committee/Committee Member has a topic for discussion, that they submit a brief explanation via e-mail to the UMC office 1-week prior to the next Ad Min meeting. A Committee Member must then be present at the meeting for discussion to seek approval.

Steve gave devotions – *Reprogram Your Mind*

March minutes were distributed and approved.

Treasurer's report: Bernice presented the treasurer's report. She reported we are short income of \$8,043 for the first quarter. Vicky made a motion to accept Bernice's report. Lyle seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's report: Pastor reported 12 Youth attended the lock-in. Confirmation went well. Bible Study continues. May 2nd, Joel from Camp Fontanelle will do the Worship service.

Finance & Endowment: Lyle reported the Finance & Endowment Committees held a joint session to discuss responsibilities. Endowment will be responsible for financial needs outside the normal scope of the church. Finance Committee will handle budget items.

The by-laws will need to be re-written and voted on at the charge conference, but the desire going forward: Endowment meetings would include their 3 members & their chair, plus the Finance chair, the Trustee Chair and one at large committee member. They would continue to meet 2 -3 times per year. Right now, Endowment is working on College scholarship applications.

Live Stream: Live streaming continues to be a work in progress. The Facebook account is being modified.

Staff Parish: Matthew Hoffman accepted the position of Staff Parish Chair for Dorchester. The parsonage has been rented out again.

Worship: Few attended the Good Friday prayer vigil, but those who did, enjoyed the experience. Mothers will be honored on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9th. Laura Sysel gifted the church a stained-glass picture of Jesus. Calling all campers, scholarships are available to help pay for camping fees.

Trustees: Steve left a message for Ryan Jindra regarding lawn sprinkler repairs. Carol asked the Trustees to consider purchasing a drinking water system for the church.

Memorial: Vicky reported \$3,644.84 in the Memorial checking account.

UMW: Rhonda reported May baskets will be filled, Sunday, April 25th after worship. The seniors will be honored, Sunday, May 2nd. The Blue River District Spring UMW meeting will be, Saturday, April 17th via Zoom and in-person at Elmwood UMC.

NOW: Cathy reported the NOW Committee is working on information cards and mini tote bags to promote the Church. The plan is to have the Village office give one to any new family who moves into the village, give out to children for goodie bags at the

July 4th parade, hang on doors of non-members with young children and give to Vacation Bible school attendees. *Bernice made a motion to purchase the mini tote bags (\$470) and print the information cards (\$81.84). Rhonda seconded. All voted in favor.* The next NOW Committee meeting is Tuesday, April 20th.

Good of the Order: Susan announced her resignation as choir director. She will return as a rotation organist at the end of June. She asked to purchase some of the sheet music that the choir has used over the years. *Rhonda made a motion that Susan could pick out what sheet music she wanted at no charge, as a gift from the church. Randy seconded. Motion passed.*

Vera asked that the hymnals and Bibles be placed back in the pews. Pastor April agreed.

Randy asked for volunteers to put together a float for the July 4th parade. Anyone interested, bring him your ideas.

Next meeting will be, Monday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. Lyle will give devotions.

Recording Secretary,
Carol J. Olson

**United Methodist Church of Dorchester
Budgeted Financial Statement
March 31, 2021**

Budget:	\$23,823.69
3 Months income from Givings	\$16,138.07
Expense	\$24,181.15
Budgeted Amount Short	\$ 8,043.08
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
From Savings March	\$5,000.00
To General Account	-\$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
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 Church
Ad Council Minutes April 19, 2021**

The Friend UMC Ad Council met on Monday, April 19th, 2021 with Pastor April, Jen Stutzman, Kay Stinson, Margaret Eberspacher, Sherri Rohrig, Diane Odoski, Linda Hanneman, Mary Jo Weber, Gaylen Huff and Margo Houlden in attendance.

Jen opened the meeting with devotions. Margo read the minutes from the January meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes with approval. Jen gave a report from the Finance Committee which had met prior to the Ad Council meeting. It was also reported that VBS will be held July 26, 27 and 28th at the Friend Congregational Church.

Diane reported on behalf of the Worship Committee. There is a need to connect the CD player to the sound system. Discussion was held on ways to be involved in Friend's 150th Celebration July 2nd-4th. The Friend Ministerial Association will be hosting a Community Church Service on Sunday, July 4th at the Park starting at 9:30. The parade will be held on July 3rd.

Sherri gave the Treasurer's Report. Mary Jo reported that the Trustees recently met. The church parsonage is currently rented, the flat roof on the church will be repaired and they are looking for possible ideas for outdoor ramp covering.

Dr. Huff reported on behalf of the Endowment Committee. They have made second semester contributions for college tuition for our church youth. Additionally, he outlined the various contributions made to worthy organizations.

Linda reported that membership records show the loss of two members and the addition of one new member through confirmation. UMW will be meeting in May with a morning meeting time. Linda also reported that membership letters will be sent out soon.

A motion was made by Margaret Eberspacher, seconded by Linda Hanneman, to make a \$100 donation to the Friend Volunteer Fire Department. Motion approved.

Pastor April reported that Bible Study has been going well. We will continue to encourage our youth to attend camp at Camp Fontanelle. On May 2nd in the absence of Pastor April, a representative from Camp Fontanelle will be leading the church service. Communion will be held on May 9th, which is also Mother's Day.

Sherri made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Kay, motion approved. The next meeting will be June 14th.

Margo Houlden
Ad Council Secretary

Easter Lilies



The United Methodist Church of Friend

In Memory of Our Parents & children
from Ann & David Bruntz (2)

In Memory of Jon Michael Linner
from Paul & Charlene Huber

In Memory of Greg Sealey
from Paul & Charlene Huber

In Memory of Roberta Kellough
from Max Kellough family

FRIEND UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Wednesday, May 5, 2021
9:00 a.m.

Program	Diane Odoski
Time to Share
Committee	Diane Odoski
Golden Link	Shirley Rohrig

**Dorchester United Methodist Women
April 7, 2021**

The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Purpose. Five members were in attendance and 1 attended via the phone.

Rhonda read from the prayer calendar.

Carol read the February minutes.

Vera gave the treasurer's report.

Program: Lois gave a program on *Empowering Women* and the offering basket was passed.

Hostesses: Doris Broz-Clauss & Lois Nohavec

Dorchester United Methodist Women

Wednesday, May 5, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Devotional:

Prayer Calendar: Vicky Parks

Program: Nancy Slepicka

Serving Committee: Vicky Parks,
Nancy Slepicka, Maxine Filipi

Vote on Dedicated Light Recipient

Spring Flowers & Easter Lilies

The United Methodist Church of Dorchester



In Memory of Dorothy Hromek from Kelli Hromek
flowers from Randy & Rhonda Schlick

In Memory of Jim Heeren & Mary McComas
from Dona Heeren

*In Memory of Wayne Hansen, Elton Hansen and
Leonard & Jan Stehlik*
from Velma & Amy Hansen
(3 spring bouquets)

In Memory of Doug Pierce from Gladys Pierce

In Honor of our grandchildren
from Steve & Vicky Parks

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Loose Coins: (F) "I've Got a Name", (D) Friend Ministerial Association						1
2 9:30 am (D) Worship/Honor Seniors 10:20 am (D) Sunday School 9:30 am (F) Last day of Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship 6 pm (F) Last Igniting Youth	3	4	5 <i>Cinco De Mayo</i> 2 pm (F) UMW 5:30 pm (F) Bible Study 7 pm (D) UMW	6	7	8
9 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:30 am (D) Worship/Communion 10:20 am (D) Sunday School (F) Food Pantry Sunday 10:30 am (F) Worship/Communion	10 7 pm (D) Ad Council Meeting	11	12 5:30 pm (F) Bible Study	13	14	15 <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
16 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:20 am (D) Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship	17	18	19 <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i> 5:30 pm (F) Bible Study	20	21	22
23 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:20 am (D) Last day of Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship	24	25	26 10 am (F) Folding the Newsletter 5:30 pm (F) Bible Study	27	28	29
30 <i>Peace with Justice Sunday offering</i> (D) Food Pantry Sunday 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (F) Worship	31 <i>Memorial Day</i>	May 2nd - Last day of Sunday School –FUMC May 2nd - Last Igniting Youth at FUMC May 23rd - Last day of Sunday School - DUMC				

Greeters

2nd (D) Seniors (F)
 9th (D) Karen Sokolik & Kelli Hromek (F)
 16th (D) (F)
 23rd (D) (F)
 30th (D) Charlie Clauss (F)

Ushers

2nd (D) George & Jen Kasl (F)
 9th (D) (F)
 16th (D) (F)
 23rd (D) (F)
 30th (D) Darin & Cindy Kotas & girls (F)

Liturgist

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

Scripture Reader

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

Children's Time

2nd (D) Joel Coleman (F) Joel Coleman
 9th (D) Rev. April (F) Rev. April
 16th (D) (F)
 23rd (D) (F) Liz Stutzman
 30th (D) (F) Diane Odoski

Fellowship Hosts

2nd (D) Senior Sunday (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) Lainey & Neely Stutzman
 30th (D), (F)

Live Streaming

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

Organists

2nd (D) Susan Weber (F) Charlene Huber
 9th (D) Kathy Jezl-Wilcox (F) Margaret Eberspacher
 16th (D) Susan Weber (F) Charlene Huber
 23rd (D) Lois Nohavec (F) Carolyn Taylor
 30th (D) Doris Broz-Clauss (F) Charlene Huber

Have a

HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY

5-01 Brent & Lindsey Zoubek (17)
 5-05 Kevin & Kathy Spicka (42)
 5-16 Rick & Yadira Mason (6)
 5-18 Michael & Marla Weber (42)
 5-27 Bob & Rose Paulsen (67)

Sunday, May 23rd is the Day of Pentecost
 We are inviting everyone to wear red for that service.

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED



Dorchester Worship Service-9:30 a.m.
Last day of Sunday School - May 23rd
Friend Worship Service-10:30 a.m.
Last day of Sunday School - May 2



FUMC
Palm Sunday March 28, 2021



Sunrise Service by
the Dorchester and
Friend Igniting
Youth April 4, 2021



DUMC
Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021



Good Friday Easter Vigil
DUMC April 2, 2021

- May 1 Boone Payne
- May 2 Shirley Rohrig
- May 4 Lois Nohavec
- May 5 Devin Lott
- May 10 Kathryn Vossler, Loren Vyhnaelek,
John Weber
- May 12 Darin Kotas, Bailey Velder
- May 13 Susan Horner, Sam Pendleton
- May 14 Trevin Stutzman, Tyler Sysel
- May 15 Jack Schweitzer, Linda Sealey
- May 16 Isaac Steuk
- May 17 Heather Long
- May 19 David Betka
- May 21 Clarissa Bors, Makayla Schlueter
- May 22 Lori Vyhnaelek
- May 23 Jeremy Pliva
- May 24 Neal Ladely, Greg Ricenbaw
- May 28 Brant Pracheil
- May 29 Martin Wegehaupt
- May 30 Melanie Kunc, Allen Bruntz