



Twelve Months.... It has been 12 months since my family and I have been here. It hardly seems possible. We have made it through social distancing, mask wearing, shutting doors and opening doors. I do not recommend moving during a pandemic, there have been many challenges, but we have gotten through them together.

One challenge that is bugging me the most is the issue that I have not gotten to know you as well as I would like. I have been reading, 'How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going' by Susan Beaumont. This last year we have been in a Liminal period. As the Author points out that this year has been disorienting, but it has opened us up to new identities and opportunities.

I hope over the next months to be able to connect with many of you. If you would like to get to know me, and/or, my family better, I could come and see you, or you are very welcome to come to our house and visit with the whole family. This way we can move together towards reorientation/a new identity as we grow together past this pandemic.

Over the next few months, I am hoping to have many visits. If you would like to visit, please call me at 620-212-6784 or e-mail me at [awegehaupt@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:awegehaupt@greatplainsumc.org), so we can set something up. It is my desire that over the next 12 months we grow in knowing each other.

**Romans 1:12 says,** When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.

I look forward to walking with you on your faith journey and getting to know all of you better.



Blessings, Rev. April

*The Dorchester/Friend  
United Methodist Church  
Newsletter*

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*July 2021*

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**Vacation Bible School**

at the Friend Congregational Church.

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

& Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

Ages 5 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Vacation Bible School**

Dorchester United Methodist Church

July 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

6:00-8:00 p.m.

A light meal will be provided

each night at 5:30 p.m.

\*\*Note: July 26<sup>th</sup>, please arrive before 6:00 p.m.  
for registration.

Ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**July Scripture**

4<sup>th</sup> 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48;

2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

11<sup>th</sup> 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24;

Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

18<sup>th</sup> 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37;

Ephesians 2:11-12; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

25<sup>th</sup> 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14;

Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21



# Baptism

*Colsen Matthew Pracheil*  
son of Brant & Andrea Pracheil  
was baptized Sunday, May 30, 2021  
at the United Methodist Church of Dorchester.



&

*Bishop Douglas Franke*  
son of Dustin and Ginger (Paulsen) Franke  
was baptized Sunday, June 20, 2021  
at the United Methodist Church of Friend.

I am a child of *God*

The Friend UMW met June 6 at 9:00 a.m. with seven members present.

A Community Sunday service will be held July 4<sup>th</sup> at the park. The Methodist Church will also be open that morning if members and visitors wish to stop in. Plans are being made for Table Grace to have another Sunday service this fall.

There will be no meeting in July.

Arline Vossler presented the lesson. Sherri Rohrig and Kay Stinson furnished refreshments.

**FRIEND  
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**  
No meeting in July.  
Next meeting, Wednesday, August 4, 2021  
at 9:00 a.m.



The Dorchester UMW will be serving a light breakfast following the fun run/walk on July 3<sup>rd</sup> in front of the community building.

**DORCHESTER  
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**  
No meeting in July.

**Condolences to:**

Bev Gish and family on the passing of  
*Larry Gish,*  
Sunday, June 6, 2021.  
Funeral service Wednesday, June 9, 2021  
at the United Methodist Church of Dorchester.



**“BACK TO THE BEACH”**

**DORCHESTER UMW  
GUEST NIGHT**  
Wednesday, **JULY 21, 2021**  
**6:30 P.M.**  
**612 Lincoln Ave., Dorchester**



Please RSVP to Dorchester UMC  
@ 402-946-3091 or  
[dorchesterfriendumc@gmail.com](mailto:dorchesterfriendumc@gmail.com)  
by **July 15<sup>th</sup>**

Please wear what you usually wear at the beach.



**Featuring: Sue McLain, Yesterday's Lady**

All women are invited.  
All UMW members please bring a large salad.

<b>United Methodist Church of Dorchester Budgeted Financial Statement May, 2021</b>	
Budget:	\$39,706.15
5 Months income from Givings	\$24,113.54
Expense	\$27,932.08
Budgeted Amount Short	\$ 3,818.54
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



**Minutes of Administrative Council Meeting  
Dorchester United Methodist Church  
Monday, June 14, 2021**

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

Steve called the meeting to order and took roll call.  
Rhonda gave devotions – *Summertime*

Minutes of the last meeting were distributed. *Randy made a motion to accept as presented. Bernice seconded. Motion carried.*

**Treasurer's report:** Bernice presented the treasurer's report. *Lyle made a motion to accept Bernice's report. Cathy seconded. Motion carried.*

**Trustees Report:** Steve reported the Culligan water system has been installed. It was decided to run a water line to the ice maker. Tubing and supplies cost an addition \$65. *Rhonda made a motion to pay the additional charge. Cathy seconded. Motion carried.* Steve reported the sprinkler system has been serviced.

**Pastor's Report:** (1) A new Bible study will start mid-September. (2) She attended the Annual Conference online. (3) Next year's annual conference will be in Grand Island. (4) She will start Friday visitations the second week of July. (5) She will not be able to attend Monday coffee, July 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.

**UMW:** Rhonda reported (1) guest night will be Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, entertainment will be "Yesterday's Lady", from Beatrice. Her program will be on vintage swimwear. (2) The UMW will be serving a 'grab & go' breakfast after the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fun Run. (3) The UMW will serve a light supper during VBS 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Auction & BBQ:** It was decided not to have an auction this year, but put all our energy into a BBQ. Steve volunteered to do the pulled pork; Carol volunteered to do the baked beans. Someone is needed to organize and complete the potato salad, be in charge of desserts and someone to do supplies and dining room. Date set is Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**NOW:** Cathy reported the NOW committee is meeting, Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to fill bags for 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

**Worship:** Rhonda reported (1) fathers will be honored on Father's Day. (2) There will be a sing fest August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth:** Nine volunteers did roadside trash pick-up, Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> and the youth raised over \$1,000 on the golf tee mums.

**Good of the Order:** It was decided signs should be put up "No Skateboards or Bikes allowed on Church Property".

Judy Bors accepted the Vice Chair of the Administrative Council.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July:** Randy is asking for help decorating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July float, Saturday evening, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Next meeting will be, Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (no meeting in July). Carol will give devotions.

Recording Secretary,  
Carol J. Olson

**Friend United Methodist Church  
Ad Council Minutes  
June 21, 2021**

The Friend UMC Ad Council met on Monday, June 21, 2021 with Pastor April, Sherri Rohrig, Diane Odoski, Mary Jo Weber, Dr. Huff and Margo Houlden in attendance.

Pastor April opened the meeting with prayer. Margo Houlden read the minutes of the April meeting. Mary Jo Weber moved to accept the minutes with amendments. Dr. Huff seconded the motion, motion approved.

**Membership Report:** Since the last meeting, one death and one baptism recorded.

**UMW:** There will not be a July meeting for UMW. Table Grace has been scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Endowment Committee:** A letter was sent to college students of the church. Applications for grants will be submitted electronically. Dr. Huff also updated the group of the latest ministry donations in our community. The committee's goal is to have groups receiving donations to present a program to the congregation.

**Worship Committee:** The Friend Ministerial Association will be organizing a community worship service at 9:30 on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Friend Park. The church will also be open to visitors from 9:00-12:00 on the 4<sup>th</sup> as well. The Pastor will be on vacation on July 11<sup>th</sup> and Matt Hoffman will be presenting the sermon. In August, normal communion will return with individual prepackaged communion as a second choice. Individuals may select their personal preference. The passing of the offering plate will also resume in August.

**Financial Report and Treasurer's Report:** Diane and Sherri shared their respective reports.

**Trustee Report:** The parking lot trees have been removed. The flat roof repair will be completed in the summer/fall.

VBS will be held July 19, 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> at the Congregational Church.

Pastor April reported that the Annual Conference was held via zoom in late May. The 2022 Annual Conference will be held in person in Grand Island. Pastor April also shared that our current Bishop will also be covering the Central Texas Conference in addition to the Great Plains Conference starting January 2022 as a fill in until General Conference meets to elect new Bishops. It was also shared that the direction of the Methodist Church will be the focus of the General Conference in 2022. Pastor April will share and clarify information about various plans as it becomes available. She will share a previous 3 option plan at the next meeting as well as other potential plans as they are shared with her.

Pastor April also shared information about Project Austin. The project supports and provides education and direction for medically sensitive children across Nebraska. An item that will greatly benefit our community is an ultrasound vein finder. This piece of equipment would have been very beneficial to Christian in previous critical care situations. She will be checking into funding resources for this needed piece of equipment which can be used by various critical care patients.

Sherri made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Dr. Huff. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> with Diane having the devotions.

Margo Houlden  
Ad Council Secretary



- July 1 Keith Spanyers
- July 2 Tom Herr
- July 4 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,  
Demian Wegehaupt
- 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
- July 31 Jade Railsback



- July 5 Steve & Vicky Parks (46)
- July 7 William & Nancy Vossler (42)
- July 8 Phil & Bernice Weber (65)
- July 10 David & Ann Bruntz (50)
- July 18 Thomas & Michelle Schiffern (24)
- July 22 Darin & Cindy Kotas (26)
- July 23 Scott & Lori Vyhnalek (27)
- July 24 Trevin & Liz Stutzman (11)
- July 25 Jeff & Patti Combs (46)
- July 26 Randy & Rhonda Schlick (46)
- July 31 Tom & Janet Cerny (45)

**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*



Paul Ramp performed special music at Dorchester United Methodist Church, Sunday, June 13, 2021.



Nine volunteers did roadside trash pick-up, Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> for the Friends of Marvin Weber and Igniting Youth Highways.





## July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Loose Coins: (F) Friend Food Pantry; (D) Hope Crisis</b> <b>(F) VBS July 19-21, 6-8 pm at Friend Congregational Church</b> <b>(D) VBS July 26-28, 5:30 Registration/light meal, VBS 6-8 pm</b>				1	2	3 (D) UMW Fun Run fundraiser breakfast in front of Community building
<b>4 Independence Day</b> 9:30 am (D) Worship/guest speaker 9:30 am (F) Ministerial Alliance Worship at the Park	5	6	7 (F) No UMW (D) No UMW <b>Pastor on vacation</b>	8	9	10
11 9:30 am (D) Worship/Special music – Kathy Jezl-Wilcox <b>(F) Food Pantry Sunday</b> 10:30 am (F) Worship/Matthew Hoffman – guest speaker	12	13 <b>Pastor back from vacation</b>	14	15	16	17
18 9:30 am (D) Worship/Baptism of Jade Railsback 10:30 am (F) Worship	19	20	21 Newsletter <b>Articles Due</b>	22	23	24
<b>25 (D) Food Pantry Sunday</b> 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (F) Worship	26	27	28 10 am (F) Folding the Newsletter	29	30	31

### Greeters

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

### Ushers

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

### Liturgist

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

### Scripture Reader

4th (D)  
 11th (D)  
 (F)  
 18th (D) Lois Nohavec  
 (F) Margo Houlden  
 25th (D)  
 (F) Diane Odoski

### Children's Time

4th (D) Rhonda Schlick  
 (F)  
 11th (D)  
 18th (D)  
 (F)  
 25th (D)  
 (F) Diane Odoski

### Fellowship Hosts

4th (D) Randy & Rhonda Schlick  
 11th (D)  
 18th (D)  
 (F)  
 25th (D)  
 (F)

### Acolytes

4th (D)  
 11th (D)  
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 18th (D)  
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### Live Streaming

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

4th (D) Doris Broz-Clauss  
 11th (D) Kathy Jezl-Wilcox  
 (F) Margaret Eberspacher  
 18th (D) Lois Nohavec  
 (F) Charlene Huber  
 25th (D) Susan Weber  
 (F) Carolyn Taylor

### **SPECIAL MUSIC AT DUMC**

Kathy Jezl-Wilcox will be our special music on Sunday, July 11th, a very uplifting and wonderful worship.  
 In August, on the 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a hymn fest for the worship service. We encourage you to share three of your favorite hymns for us to sing. Just contact the office to do so or put them in the offering plate by August 6<sup>th</sup>.

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED



Dorchester Worship Service-9:30 a.m.  
VBS – July 26-28, 6-8 p.m. at DUMC  
Friend Worship Service-10:30 a.m.  
VBS – July 19-21, 6-8 p.m. at FCC



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Ages 5 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.



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Where: Dorchester United Methodist Church  
When: July 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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Ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

