



Summer has been a time of vacations, fun, and relaxing. Now that August is here, school

is now in session and the busy school season has begun. It is time to start back to school! Sports and after school activities are starting back up – along with youth group and church activities. Now is a wonderful time to center ourselves in the word of God.

There are so many things that can and do distract us from God and we need to stay disciplined in the Word. In the hectic hours of life, God’s word can rejuvenate our spirits and bodies to handle the daily grind that comes our way. It is my prayer that you will find time this fall to devote yourselves to God through prayer, bible study, Sunday school, and church services.

As we go into the start of school, I want to share with you a back to school blessing that has been put out for the United Methodist Church.

Back-to-school blessing

by the Rev. Marilyn E. Thornton

Bless my paper and my pen.
 Guide my spirit deep within.
 Help me think and help me play,
 This whole school year, day by day.

As I move from class to class,
 Guide my footsteps; clear my path.
 Keep my tongue to speak your words.
 Let your will for me be heard.

In every subject high or low,
 May God's excellence be shown!
 Keep me strong to reach the prize,
 To grow in grace, becoming wise.

Whether far from home or near,
 May I hold God's precepts dear.
 To do my best at every task;
 For this blessing, I do ask.

Help my family be a part
 As I lift my mind and heart.
 As I study, work, and pray,
 Be with them throughout the day.

Of whom much is given, much is required.
 May learning be your greatest desire!

Blessings, Rev. April

September Scripture

- 5th Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125 or Psalm 124; James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 7:24-37
- 12th Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38
- 19th Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37
- 26th Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

*The Dorchester/Friend
 United Methodist Church
 Newsletter*

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September 2021



**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 OF FRIEND
 SUNDAY SCHOOL**

will start up again on September 12th
 at the Congregational Church, 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
 for ages Preschool to 6th grade.

**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 OF DORCHESTER
 SUNDAY SCHOOL**

begins September 12th,
 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. for ages 4 years to 5th grade.

Condolences:

to the family of
Roy Horner
 who passed away Monday, August 2, 2021.
 Memorial service Friday, August 6, 2021
 at the United Methodist Church of Friend.

**Minutes of Administrative Council Meeting
Dorchester United Methodist Church
Monday, August 9, 2021**

Present: Steve & Vicky Parks, Rebecca Steuk, Judy Bors, Judy Ottmann, Randy Schlick, Vera Mazour, Lyle & Cathy Weber, Pastor April, Carol Olson & Susan Weber via phone.

Steve called the meeting to order.

Carol gave devotions – *Good God Almighty* by Crowder

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

Treasurer's report: The June & July treasurer's reports were presented. *Randy made a motion to accept the reports. Lyle seconded. Motion carried.*

Pastor's Report: Pastor April will be gone Sunday, September 12th & October 3rd. Bible Study will begin sometime in September. She will participate in continuing education Sept 30th – October 1st in Kansas City and at a retreat October 18-20th. The ministerial alliance requested participation in the form of welcome bags, we will participate.

Auction Committee: On behalf of the auction committee Carol asked for approval of a letter requesting replacement funds from members & friends for the auction.

NOW: Cathy reported two hundred treat bags were given out during the July 4th parade. It appeared they were well received.

Good of the Order: Randy asked for input on a sign for the church yard, it was decided the sign should read, "Please Respect Church Property".

Facebook Live: Susan mentioned there are still problems in the transmission of Sunday morning services. *Susan made a motion to purchase a new router. Rebecca seconded.*

Afterschool Program: A group is investigating a need or desire for a Free Afterschool Program. It was suggested a survey be sent to the parents. Sam Barley would chair the program; it would likely begin January 2022. *Susan made a motion to send the survey. Vicky seconded. Motion carried.*

Trustees: The Trustees will be given the decision of repairing or replacing the church color printer.

BBQ: Sandy Krivohlavek accepted the chairmanship of the BBQ meal.

Purchases for the Church: Anyone making purchases for the church must turn in a signed receipt for reimbursement. The question was asked about needing new roasters, the consensus was to purchase them as needed.

VBS: Rebecca reported 35 children attended VBS this year. She was pleased with the number of children who attended & the people who helped. Parents were asked to donate toward the Backpack Program, they raised \$230.00.

Next meeting will be, Monday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. Steve will give devotions.

Recording Secretary,
Carol J. Olson

The United Methodist Church of Friend Administrative Council meeting for August is rescheduled to Thursday, September 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

**United Methodist Church of Dorchester
Budgeted Financial Statement
July, 2021**

Budget:	\$55,588.61
7 Months income from Givings	\$31,858.20
Expense	\$46,178.96
Budgeted Amount Short	\$14, 320.76
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
From Savings June	\$10,000.00
To Culligan	-\$2,376.62
To General Account	-\$7,623.38
Backpack program	-\$1,000.00



**The Dorchester United
Methodist Community
BBQ**

Sunday, September 19, 2021
Serving Time: 11 – 1 pm

Menu: Pulled pork sandwich, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, pork & beans & a homemade dessert

Eating inside or drive up for orders to go.
Free Will Offering

The Dorchester UMC Bible study group would like to thank everyone who helped supply the school children with school supplies (whether by items or money). Your participation in this is appreciated more than you know.

**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

The Friend UMW met August 4 with 11 members present.

The 4th of July service at the park was well attended and it could become a future event. Table Grace from Omaha will have our UMW Sunday service on October 10.

Pastor April will have a 12 week Bible study this fall. Twelve extraordinary women of the bible will be the topic.

Margo Houlden presented the program and refreshments were served by Margo and Linda Hanneman.

Our next meeting will be September 1 at 2:00 p.m.

Dorchester United Methodist Women
August 4, 2021

The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Purpose. Eight members & a guest were in attendance.

Rhonda gave devotions.

Carol read the May minutes.

Vera gave the treasurer's report.

Vera read from the prayer calendar.

Vicky gave a card report.

Program: Marletta Stark gave the program – *Single Thread* & the offering basket was passed.

Hostesses: Lindsey Zoubek & Penny Veprovsky

FRIEND UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Wednesday, September 1, 2021
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 1, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Devotional

Prayer Calendar Vera Mazour

Program.....

Serving Committee Sandy Krivohlavek, Jen Kasl,
Marcia Beekley



IGNITING YOUTH

The first meeting for Igniting Youth is Sunday, September 19th starting in Friend from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Any youth grade 6-12 are welcome for supper, fellowship and activities. We try to meet every other Sunday alternating between the Friend and Dorchester churches. One does not need to be members of the church to attend, so all friends are welcome

New Bible Study starting Wednesday, September 15th, 5:30 p.m.

Twelve Extraordinary Women
by John MacArthur

The first 6 weeks will begin at Friend UMC and finish up at Dorchester UMC. Sign up is in the back of the sanctuary or contact the office if you would like to join or if you want a book.

The cost of the book is \$14.

A light meal will be furnished.

They were ordinary, common, and in some cases shockingly low-caste, yet each was made extraordinary by her life-changing encounter with God. *Twelve Extraordinary Women* offers a poignant and personal look into the lives of some of the Bible's most faithful women. Their struggles and temptations are the same trials faced by all believers at all ages. *Twelve Extraordinary Women* features the stories of: Eve, Sarah, Rahab, Ruth, Hannah, Mary, Anna, The Samaritan Woman, Martha and Mary, Mary Magdalene, Lydia.



- September 2 Danielle Pendleton
- September 5 Kathy Spicka, Michael Weber
- September 7 Rex Stewart
- September 8 Charles Vossler
- September 12 Thor Nerud
- September 13 Amanda Ellison, Raymond Sharkey
- 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 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



- September 2 Shelley & Rose Bruha (60)
- September 2 Levi & Shelby Sullivan (4)
- September 4 Tony & Judy Schweitzer (45)
- September 5 Paul & Gail Gropp (52)
- September 12 Jack & Nicole Schweitzer (12)
- September 15 Chris & Ashley Vontz (9)
- September 16 Michael & Laura Miller (26)
- September 18 Leo & Sylvia Stokes (65)
- September 19 Alan & Nancy Slepicka (57)
- September 24 Chris & Sandy Krivohlavek (38)

Please consider being on one of the Ministry Teams for 2022. You are welcome to sign back up on the committee you were on or choose another. Contact the office or there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

MINISTRY TEAMS
for The United Methodist Church of Dorchester

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS – Co-Chair: Matthew Hoffman
Randy Schlick-lay leader
2022 2023 2024?
Matthew Hansen Matthew Hoffman
Penny Veprovsky Maxine Filipi
(Going off – Doris Broz-Claus)

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chair: Lyle Weber
2022 2023 2024?
Bernice Weber
(Going off – Rhonda Schlick & Angie Pierce)
Randy Schlick-lay leader Memorials-Vicky Parks, Chair
Finance Sec-Nancy Slepicka; Endowment Convener-Maxine Filipi
Treasurer-Bernice Weber; Ad. Council Chair-Marla Weber

EDUCATION – Chair: Lindsey Zoubek
2022 2023 2024?
Lindsey Zoubek Sam Barley
Katelyn Vrtiska Rebecca Steuk
Nicole Zurcher Rebecca Fuller
S.S. Coordinator – Rebecca Steuk
(Going off – Amanda Nohavec, Cindy Kotas & Shelly Lehr)

NURTURE-OUTREACH-WITNESS – Chair: Cathy Weber
2022 2023 2024?
Kelli Hromek Carol Olson
Cathy Weber Sandy Krivohlavek
(Going off – Donnetta Hoffman & Karen Sokolik)

TRUSTEES – Chair: Chris Krivohlavek Randy Schlick-lay leader
Co-Chair: Judy Bors
2022 2023 2024?
Loren Vyhnaek Steve Parks
Judy Schweitzer Shelley Bruha
Chris Krivohlavek
Roger Glenn
(Going off – Phil Weber, Judy Vyhnaek & Lyle Weber)

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM – Chair: Rhonda Schlick
2022 2023 2024?
Gladys Pierce Danielle Meade
Sandy Rains Amy Hansen
Marva Kasl Vera Mazour
Standing members include pastor, choir director, organists/pianists.
(Going off – Rhonda Schlick, Matthew Hoffman & Marva Kasl)

LAY LEADERSHIP (Nominations) – Chair: Rev. April Wegehaupt
Randy Schlick-lay leader
2022 2023 2024?
Charlie Clauss Vicky Parks
Matthew Hoffman
(Going off – Judy Schweitzer)

ENDOWMENT

Shane Schweitzer Maxine Filipi-Convener Matthew Hansen
Debbie Spanyers

CHURCH AUDITORS

Maxine Filipi & Donna Hansen

YOUTH COORDINATORS & SPONSORS

Cindy Kotas & Brent Zoubek

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Donnetta Hoffman

AD. COUNCIL CHAIR

Steve Parks

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for The United Methodist Church of Friend

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS Co-Chair: David Bruntz
2022 2023 2024?
Margaret Eberspacher David Bruntz
Paul Weber Linda Hanneman
(Going off – Anita Meyer & Ron Corbett)

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE Chair: Jen Stutzman
2022 2023 2024?
Arline Vossler Terry O'Neel
Kay Stinson Diann McClatchey
(Going off – Diane O'Neel, Sylvia Stokes & Margaret Eberspacher)
Finance Sec-Diane Odoski; Treasurer-Sherri Rohrig;
Ad. Council Chair-Shane Stutzman
Endowment Convener-Gaylen Huff

EDUCATION Chair: Kathryn Vossler
2022 2023 2024?
Margo Houlden Liz Stutzman
Amanda Bruntz Amanda Ellison
Julie Ricenbaw Jessica Payne
(Going off – Kathryn Vossler, Jen Stutzman & Cortney Kenney)

NURTURE--OUTREACH--WITNESS Chair: Danielle Pendleton
Shane Stutzman-Chair of Media
Allen Bruntz -Chair of Communication & Social Media
2022 2023 2024?
Sam Pendleton Anne Woolsey
Lori Vyhnaek
(Going off – Ron Odoski, Linda Sealey & Danielle Pendleton)

TRUSTEES Chair: Mary Jo Weber
2022 2023 2024?
Rex Stewart Brandon Vossler
Nancy Sue Vossler Leo Stokes
(Going off – Trevin Stutzman & Stan Houlden)

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM Chair: Diane Odoski
Standing members include the pastor, choir director, organists/pianists.
2022 2023 2024?
Diane Odoski
Margo Houlden
Kevin Spicka
Roger Woolsey

Ron Odoski (Head Usher)

Diane Odoski, Nancy Sue Vossler (Communion Stewards)

(Going off – Yadira Mason & Kathy Spica)

LAY LEADERSHIP - Chair: Rev. April Wegehaupt
Diane O' Neel (Lay Leader)

2022 2023 2024?
Terry O'Neel Danielle Pendleton
Alicia Gay Arline Vossler
Kathryn Vossler
(Going off – Tex Eberspacher & Diane Odoski)

ENDOWMENT

Gaylen Huff-Convener Ex-officio Members
Ann Betka Trustees Chair-Mary Jo Weber
David McClatchey Finance Chair-Jen Stutzman
Ann Bruntz Ad. Council Chair-(without vote)-Shane Stutzman

CHURCH AUDITOR

Ann Betka, Margaret Eberspacher

Youth Coordinator

Margo Houlden

YOUTH SPONSORS

Sam & Danielle Pendleton

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Linda Hanneman

AD. COUNCIL CHAIR

Shane Stutzman

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Loose Coins: (F) Friend Food Pantry; (D) Hope Crisis			1 2 pm (F) UMW 7 pm (D) UMW	2 9 am (F) Coffee 7 pm (F) Ad Council Meeting	3 (F) Wedding Rehearsal	4 (F) Logan Kahler & Annie Rohrig wedding
5 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (F) Worship	6 Labor Day	7	8 6 pm SPRC meeting at FUMC	9	10	11 Patriot Day
12 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:15 am (D) Sunday School (F) Food Pantry Sunday (F) 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship	13 9 am (D) Coffee 6 pm (D) Finance Meeting 7 pm (D) Ad Council Meeting	14	15 5:30 pm Bible Study at FUMC with light meal 7 pm (F) Endowment Meeting	16	17	18
19 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:15 am (D) Sunday School 11-1 pm (D) BBQ meal (F) 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship (F) Finance Meeting right after worship 6-7:30 pm (F) Igniting Youth	20 9 am (D) Coffee 6 pm (D) Nomination Committee Meeting	21 6 pm (F) Nomination Committee Meeting	22 Start of Fall Newsletter Articles Due 5:30 pm (F) Bible Study with light meal	23	24	25
26 (D) Food Pantry Sunday 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:15 am (D) Sunday School (F) 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship	27 9 am (D) Coffee	28	29 10 am (F) Folding the Newsletter 5:30 pm (F) Bible Study with light meal	30	Charge Conference Tuesday, October 26, more details to follow	

Greeters

5th (D)
(F) David & Diann McClatchey
12th (D)
(F) Margo Houlden
19th (D)
(F) Sherri Rohrig
26th (D)
(F)

Ushers

5th (D)
(F)
12th (D)
(F)
19th (D)
(F)
26th (D)
(F)

Liturgist

5th (D)
(F)
12th (D)
(F) Margo Houlden
19th (D)
(F)
26th (D)
(F) Diane Odoski

Scripture Reader

5th (D) Lois Nohavec
(F)
12th (D)
(F) Margo Houlden
19th (D)
(F) Ann Bruntz
26th (D)
(F) Diane Odoski

Children's Time

5th (D)
(F)
12th (D)
(F)
19th (D)
(F) Sherri Rohrig
26th (D)
(F) Diane Odoski

Fellowship Hosts

5th (D)
(F)
12th (D)
(F)
19th (D) BBQ
(F)
26th (D)
(F)

Acolytes

5th (D), (F)
12th (D), (F)
19th (D), (F)
26th (D), (F)

Live Streaming

5th (D), (F)
12th (D), (F)
19th (D), (F)
26th (D), (F)

Organists

5th (D) Lois Nohavec
(F) Charlene Huber
12th (D) Doris Broz-Clauss
(F) Margaret Eberspacher
19th (D) Kathy Jezl-Wilcox
(F) Charlene Huber
26th (D) Susan Weber
(F) Carolyn Taylor



Upcoming Meetings

Monday, August 30 – 11 am (D) Membership Committee
Thursday, September 2 – 7 pm (F) Ad Council
Wednesday, September 8 – 6 pm SPRC meeting at FUMC
Monday, September 13 – 6 pm (D) Finance; 7 pm (D) Ad Council
Wednesday, September 15 – 7 pm (F) Endowment
Sunday, September 19 – Right after worship (F) Finance
Monday, September 20 – 6 pm (D) Nomination Committee
Tuesday, September 21 – 6 pm (F) Nomination Committee
Monday, October 11 – 6 pm (D) Vision & Goals; 7 pm Ad Council
Thursday, October 14 – 6 pm (F) Vision & Goals; 7 pm Ad Council

Coffee Hour to resume at Friend UMC starting Thursday, September 2nd at 9 am.

**Discussion of future locations and how often to meet will be discussed (possibly being hosted at a member's house or other locations).
Need not be a member to attend.**

**Coffee Hour continues on Mondays at 9 am at Dorchester UMC.
All friends are welcome.**

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED



Dorchester Worship Service-9:30 am
Sunday School-10:15-10:45 am
Friend Worship Service-10:30 am
Sunday School-9:30-10:15 am at (F) Congregational

Discovery on Adventure Island at Dorchester United Methodist Church – July 26-28

At VBS, we had around 35 kids attend and join in our adventures learning about Jesus. UMW provided wonderful meals for us each night before we began. We also raised over \$200 to donate to the Dorchester Public Schools Backpack Program. It was wonderful having all of the kids together again for VBS this year! I cannot thank all of the volunteers enough for showing up and making this possible!

