



Lent, it is the time of year that we are about to embark upon which will lead us to Easter morning. What is this season of Lent and what are we to be doing? Historically, Lent is a period of time 46 days or 40 days, not counting Sundays, in which fasting, prayer, and self-denial are practiced.

Typically, during Lent, one will give up something that is meant to draw you closer to God. Maybe you give up drinking soda, smoking, or watching television. Whatever it is, this item should help you to focus on our creator.

I want to encourage all of you to do something during Lent that will help you do just that; draw closer to God. It might be as listed before or maybe instead of giving something up you decide to take something on such as praying every morning and night or reading a chapter each day in the Bible.

I encourage all of you to give this much thought and when you come to the Ash Wed service March 2<sup>nd</sup>, come prepared to start or stop whatever activity you plan. Make a full commitment to follow it through the whole time of Lent and may whatever you choose to do draw you closer to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Rev. April Wegehaupt*



**Ecumenical Lenten Services 2022**

All Lenten services start at 7:00 p.m.

- March 2<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday service at FUMC
- March 6<sup>th</sup> Friend Congregational Church
- March 13<sup>th</sup> Trinity Lutheran Church, Cordova
- March 20<sup>th</sup> Friend Christian Assembly
- March 27<sup>th</sup> Dorchester UMC
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> Friend Congregational Church
- April 10<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday, Friend UMC
- April 14<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday – Dorchester UMC
- April 15<sup>th</sup> Good Friday – Friend Congregational Church
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Easter 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Youth Group service with Easter brunch to follow at DUMC,  
9:30 a.m. communion service at DUMC  
10:30 a.m. communion service at FUMC

*Speaker – Pastor April Wegehaupt*



*The Dorchester/Friend  
United Methodist Church  
Newsletter*

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***March 2022***

Condolences to the family of:

*Deryl Sysel*

who passed away Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

Funeral service Monday, February 21, 2022

at the United Methodist Church of Dorchester.

**Minutes of Administrative Council Meeting  
Dorchester United Methodist Church  
Monday, February 14, 2022**

**Present:** Steve & Vicky Parks, Rebecca Steuk, Chris Krivohlavek, Matt Hansen, Pastor April & Carol Olson.

Steve called the meeting to order.  
Pastor April gave devotions.

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

**Trustees:** Chris reported (1) the Roomba vacuum is working well, set to vacuum three times a week at 10:00 p.m. (2) He will schedule an outside spring cleanup day prior to Easter.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor April reported (1) the next Bible Study will be *The Lord's Prayer* by Adam Hamilton. (2) March 27<sup>th</sup> will be Lenten service in Dorchester. (3) Microsoft Word & Power Point need to be upgraded; cost is \$60 each. Andy Keller will do the upgrade. Approximate \$200 total. *Vicky made a motion to have Andy do the upgrade. Rebecca seconded. Motion carried.*

**Endowment Committee:** (1) The Endowment Committee is meeting Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. with a Nebraska Foundation representative regarding the writing of by-laws. (2) The committee will consider a request from Rhonda for money (approx. \$100) for new plants/flowers.

**Memorial Committee:** Vicky reported \$4,147.48 in memorial checking account.

**UMW:** Soup luncheon will be Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**NOW:** (1) The NOW Committee is planning an afterschool social event April 22<sup>nd</sup>. (2) NOW will provide breakfast after Easter sunrise service, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth:** The Youth will oversee the Easter sunrise service.

**Good of the Order:** It was decided the duties of the ushers & greeters will be combined until more members start attending.

Next meeting will be, Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Carol will give devotions.

Recording Secretary,  
Carol J. Olson

**Friend United Methodist Church  
Ad Council Meeting  
February 21, 2022**

Attending the February 21, 2022 Friend UMC Ad Council were: Diane Odoski, Pastor April, Linda Hanneman, Mary Jo Weber, Gaylen Huff, Kate Vossler, Jen Stutzman, Kay Stinson and Margo Houlden. The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Pastor April. Diane moved to accept the minutes from the November meeting with a second from Kay. Motion approved.

**Treasurer/Finance Report:** Diane gave the report. Mary Jo moved to place the report on file with a second from Jen. Motion approved.

**Worship Committee Report:** The Lenten service will be held at the Methodist Church on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments will follow the service. Ash Wednesday services will be on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00. The community service for Good Friday will be held at the Friend Congregational Church on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Trustee Report:** Mary Jo gave updates on the front entry work, drywall for the upper level and stump removal.

**Endowment Report:** Gaylen reported that the endowment committee had met twice since our last Ad Council meeting. He reviewed the recent donations to community groups, college grants to six students, as well mission giving.

**Education Committee:** Kate reported the Sunday school has had a drop in attendance. There will be a meeting in March to set a date for VBS.

**UMW:** The next meeting will be on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Pastor's Report:** The refurbished computer is working well. Discussion was held on The Shepherd Staff membership program. Kay Stinson moved to allow extra hours for the church secretary if needed to utilize the finance and treasury portion of program. Gaylen seconded the motion and motion approved.

Youth group will be planning the Easter Sunrise Service at Dorchester. Pastor April needing volunteers to help with the youth group. She is planning to take confirmation students to Confirmation Camp held at Camp Fontanelle in July. Our church is needing volunteers to complete the Safe Sanctuary Certification. Lower attendance numbers continue to be of concern and Pastor April is looking of ideas to increase in person attendance.

The next meeting will be April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

Kay moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Linda. Motion approved.

Margo Houlden  
Ad Council Secretary

*The United Methodist Church of Dorchester  
Education Committee will meet  
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.*



*The United Methodist Church of Friend  
Education Committee will meet  
Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.*





**FRIEND UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

March 2, 2022

2:00 p.m.

Friend UMW will hold their regular monthly meeting on March 2, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Pastor April will have Devotions and Arline Vossler will serve refreshments. This is an important meeting as we will be discussing our future. If you plan on being part of this group and cannot attend, please send or give your \$15 dues to one of the officers so we know you have an interest in membership.

Linda Hanneman, President  
Diann McClatchey, Secretary  
Sylvia Stokes, Treasurer

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Dorchester United Methodist Women  
February 2, 2022

The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Purpose. Four members were in attendance plus one attended via phone.

Lois gave devotions.

Vicky gave a card report.

Vera gave the treasurer's report.

Lois read from the prayer calendar.

Program: Lois gave a program on Pledge Service.

Hostesses: Vicky Parks & Doris Broz-Clauss

**DORCHESTER UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Will not meet in March due to Ash Wednesday.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 p.m.



**UNITED METHODIST MEN MEETING**

March 6, 2022

7:00 p.m.

There will be a United Methodist Men's meeting Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Dorchester UMC. It is open to both congregations, Dorchester and Friend.

I am trying to organize a pancake feed fundraiser.

All men young and old are welcome to attend.

Thank you in advance.

-Matthew Hoffman-

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**United Methodist Women  
Blue River Spring Event  
Saturday, April 2, 2022  
at Hallam UMC.**

**Schedule:**

9:00 coffee/pastries

9:30 Program

welcome, greetings

9:45 Mission updates, Big Garden, Epworth, Della Lamb

Dedicated mission for BRD, 2022– Epworth Village

10:00 Awards and remembrances

Offering, Special music

10:30 Guest Speaker- Sue Ochsner— Healing in our world

Short stretch break

11:15 Guest Speaker- Kara Hillhouse—Joy in our lives

11:45 Closing devotion, Blessing

12:00-1:00 Fellowship salad luncheon

1:00 Guest author, Joe Starita, book discussion/question answer, book signing

**To register, sign up**

here: [volunteersignup.org/EEK8Y](https://volunteersignup.org/EEK8Y)

or contact Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Jeanene Cordes cordesjg@gmail.com 402-890-1954

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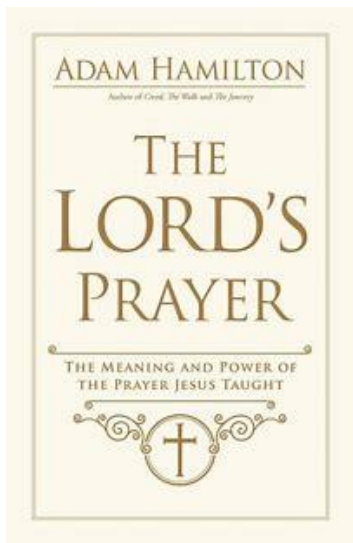
**MARCH SCRIPTURE**

6<sup>th</sup> Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16;  
Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

13<sup>th</sup> Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;  
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

20<sup>th</sup> Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8;  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

27<sup>th</sup> Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32;  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



### NEW BIBLE STUDY

*The Lord's Prayer* by Adam Hamilton

New Bible Study starting Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30 p.m. with a light meal. The first 3 weeks starting at Friend UMC and then finish the last 3 weeks at Dorchester UMC.

Cost of the book is \$15.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary or contact the office if interested.

In *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton guides us to really know—and really pray—the Lord's Prayer. He explores each of its rich lines and their meaning in the Bible, illuminating what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves through its words. And he teaches us how to use it as a pattern for our own prayer life.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| March 1  | Kirk Beekley   |
| March 4  | Alli Novak   |
| March 5  | Kasen Fuller   |
| March 7  | Malia Roth   |
| March 9  | Eric Bresson, Gaylen Huff,<br>Bob Kasl                     |
| March 11 | William Vossler  |
| March 12 | Daisha Hoffman   |
| March 13 | Rose Paulsen   |
| March 14 | Bill McCullough, Atley Zoubek,<br>RJ Zurcher               |
| March 18 | Bill Bruntz, Jennifer Kasl,<br>Diane Odoski, Rebecca Steuk |
| March 22 | Roger Woolsey  |
| March 24 | Pat Anderson   |
| March 26 | Cole Johnson   |
| March 27 | Jeremy Nerud, Miley Ricenbaw,<br>Justin Sand               |
| March 30 | Max Kellough, Andrew Wegehaupt                             |

## Happy Anniversary

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| March 5  | Allen & Twila Papik (45)      |
| March 7  | Robert & Sheryl McKeeman (47) |
| March 14 | Bill & Jilla McCullough (51)  |
| March 20 | Allen & Amanda Bruntz (12)    |
| March 28 | Roger & Linda Hanneman (53)   |
| March 28 | Gaylen & Barbara Huff (52)    |
| March 30 | Jerad & Sadie Fuller (3)      |



### DUMC Worship Committee News

#### Ushers and Greeter Volunteers at Dorchester United Methodist Church

In light of the fact that we have been having a serious volunteer problem, the Worship Committee is combining the greeters and ushers to having the ushers do both.



The Worship committee is looking for someone to help Dona Heeren with getting Usher volunteers. The job is very easy and only one once a month. Please contact the church office or Rhonda Schlick if you are willing.

## EASTER VIGIL *Join Us!*

Looking ahead, there will be a prayer vigil on Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. More information to follow.

Senior Sunday will be May 1<sup>st</sup> at DUMC.



#### 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

## March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Loose Coins:</b> <b>(F) To Be Determined</b> <b>(D) Ministerial Association</b> <b>(D) Education Meeting – March 8<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm</b> <b>(F) Education Meeting – March 15<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Ash Wednesday 2 pm (F) UMW (D) No UMW 7 pm (F) Ash Wednesday Service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> World Day of Prayer	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:30 am (D) Worship/Camp Fontanelle 10:15 am (D) Sunday School 9:30 (F) Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship/Camp Fontanelle 7 pm (D) UMM meeting 7 pm ELS @ (F) Congregational Church	<b>7</b> 9 am (D) Coffee	<b>8</b> 6 pm (D) Education Meeting	<b>9</b> 5:30 pm (D) Bible Study with light meal	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Daylight Saving Begins 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:15 am (D) Sunday School <b>(F) Food Pantry Sunday</b> 9:30 (F) Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship 7 pm ELS @ Trinity Lutheran, Cordova	<b>14</b> 9 am (D) Coffee  7 pm (D) Ad Council meeting	<b>15</b> 6 pm (F) Education Meeting	<b>16</b> 5:30 pm (D) Bible Study with light meal	<b>17</b> Saint Patrick's Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Start of Spring (Spring Equinox) 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:15 am (D) Sunday School 9:30 (F) Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship 7 pm ELS @ (F) Christian Assembly	<b>21</b> 9 am (D) Coffee	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b> 5:30 pm (F) Start of New Bible Study with light meal	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> UMCOR Sunday Offering <b>(D) Food Pantry Sunday</b> 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:15 am (D) Sunday School 9:30 (F) Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship 7 pm ELS @ (D) UMC	<b>28</b> 9 am (D) Coffee	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10 am (F) Folding the Newsletter 5:30 pm (F) Bible Study with light meal	<b>31</b>		

### Greeters

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

### Ushers

6th (D)  
(F)  
13th (D)  
(F) Liz Stutzman  
20th (D)  
(F) Sherri Rohrig  
27th (D)  
(F)

### Liturgist

6th (D)  
(F)  
13th (D)  
(F) Margo Houlden  
20th (D)  
(F)  
27th (D)  
(F) Diane Odoski

### Scripture Reader

6th (D) Lois Nohavec  
(F)  
13th (D) Randy Schlick  
(F) Margo Houlden  
20th (D)  
(F) Sherri Rohrig  
27th (D) Steve Parks  
(F) Diane Odoski

### Children's Time

6th (D) Camp Fontanelle  
(F) Camp Fontanelle  
13th (D) Rhonda Schlick  
(F) Liz Stutzman  
20th (D) Rhonda Schlick  
(F) Sherri Rohrig  
27th (D)  
(F)

### Fellowship Hosts

6th (D) Randy & Rhonda Schlick  
(F)  
13th (D)  
(F)  
20th (D)  
(F)  
27th (D) Steve & Vicky Parks  
(F)

### Acolytes

6th (D)  
(F)  
13th (D)  
(F) Corbin, Lainey & Neely  
Stuzman  
20th (D)  
(F)  
27th (D)  
(F)

### Live Streaming

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

### Organists

6th (D) Lois Nohavec  
(F) Charlene Huber  
13th (D) Kathy Jezl-Wilcox  
(F) Charlene Huber  
20th (D) Doris Broz-Clauss  
(F) Charlene Huber  
27th (D) Kathy Jezl-Wilcox  
(F) Carolyn Taylor

### UNITED METHODIST MEN MEETING

March 6, 2022

7:00 p.m.

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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 FUMC



**FLOWERS for EASTER**

**at the United Methodist Church of Dorchester**

There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary if you would like to provide Spring flowers or Easter lilies. Please indicate if it is "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" someone. If you would like Rhonda to purchase your flowers for you & pay her, please let her know (or indicate it on the sign-up sheet).



**Easter Lilies**

**at the United Methodist Church  
of Friend**

There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary if you would like to provide an Easter Lily and have it "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" someone.



*Kolaches/Soup Making Day*

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

9:00 a.m. to 1:00-ish

at the United Methodist Church of Friend

Monday, April 11, 2022

9:00 a.m. to 1:00-ish

at the United Methodist Church of Dorchester

Open to the community.

More details to follow.