

The Dorchester/Friend United Methodist Church Newsletter

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

One of my favorite Series that is on television is ALONE. It is about 10 participants who are dropped off, by themselves, in a remote wilderness. They are to survive alone for as long as they can and the last person wins. I like to watch and think about trying this, but then I think about the alone portion. I don't think I could handle being completely alone especially away from my family.

But are we truly alone? As Isaiah 41:10 says: "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

God is always there, even when we feel most alone all we need to do is call out to Him for he is always near us. John 14:16-17 states: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you." This spirit dwells with us all.

It is so comforting to know that in our most remote times in our lives we are never truly alone for we have God's Spirit with us at all times in all places.

Blessings, Rev. April

- February 18th Friend Christian Assembly,
speaker Pastor Tim
- February 25th Friend Congregational Church,
speaker Pastor Michelle
- March 3rd Dorchester UMC, speaker Pastor Tim
- March 10th Trinity Lutheran Church, Cordova,
speaker Pastor April
- March 17th Friend UMC, speaker Pastor Eric
- March 24th Palm Sunday, No Lenten Service
- March 28th Holy Thursday – Dorchester UMC
- March 29th Good Friday
– Friend Congregational Church,
speaker Pastor April

Dorchester United Methodist Church
150th COMMEMORATIVE ORNAMENT FOR SALE
\$15.
Please make checks out to DUMC and in the memo
write ornament.



**Minutes of Administrative Council Meeting
Dorchester United Methodist Church
Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

Present: Steve & Vicky Parks, Rhonda & Randy Schlick, Lyle & Cathy Weber, Bernice Weber, Judy Bors, Pastor April & Carol Olson.

Steve called the meeting to order & Carol gave devotion. Minutes of the November meeting were distributed. *Randy made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Cathy seconded. Motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report: Bernice presented the December treasurer's report. *Vicky made a motion to accept the report subject to audit. Rhonda seconded. Motion carried.* Bernice reported general insurance has increased in price dramatically.

Finance & Trustee Committees: There will be a joint meeting of Finance & Trustee Wednesday, January 24th @ 7:00 p.m.

Pastor's Report: Pastor April reported (1) a new Bible Study will start (*Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple*, by Adam Hamilton) February 21st at 5:30 p.m. starting in Friend. (2) The Youth Group are researching a mission trip the second week of June. (3) The Annual Conference is June 5th – 9th. (4) There will be a stewardship speaker in May. (5) The After-school fund raiser (concessions) is being rescheduled. (6) The conference is offering committee training via Zoom.

Worship Committee: Rhonda reported 57 families from the school received gifts from the Christmas giving tree.

Memorial: Vicky reported \$1,830.92 in the Memorial checking account.

Good of the Order: Carol asked what charities we want our coin offerings to go to. *Rhonda made a motion to give to (1) After-School program (2) Table Grace (3) Ministerial Assn. (4) Hope Crisis. Vicky seconded. Motion carried.*

Foundation: Carol reported the list of authorized members who can withdraw Foundation funds needs to be updated. It was decided those authorized would be the Finance Chair, The Admin Board Chair & the Treasurer. Two signatures will be required for every account/withdrawal. Going forward the Ad Min board will give final approval of all Foundation gifts/pledges.

The next Ad Min meeting will be Monday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m. Rhonda will give prayer/devotion.

Recording Secretary,
Carol J. Olson

**Friend United Methodist
Ad Council Minutes
January 15, 2024**

Friend UMC Ad Council met on Monday, January 15, 2024 with the following present: Pastor April, Mary Jo Weber, Jen Stutzman, Kate Vossler, Margo Houlden and Diane O'Neel

Pastor offered prayer before the meeting. Diane O'Neel called the meeting to order.

Mary Jo moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting with seconded from Kate, motion approved.

Reports of Committees:

Education: Kate reported Sunday School will reconvene on January 21st and end the first Sunday of May.

Treasurer: Mary Jo moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Kate seconded, motion approved. Motion made by Jen to approve the 2024 proposed budget with a seconded by Kate, motion approved.

Trustees: Update was given by Mary Jo.

Endowment: They will be meeting soon; three college students have turned in applications.

Report from Pastor April:

Lenten Bible Studies will begin in February. The schedule for Sunday evening Lenten services will be set soon by the Ministerial Alliance. Pastor will be gone May 19, 26, as well as June 6th for Conference.

Loose coin offering donations: Motion made by Jen to donate to the Food Pantry and Ministerial Alliance fund for local emergency requests for the first two quarters of 2024, with a second by Kate, motion approved

Church Audit: The Conference has been recommended that church audits be completed by accountants or individuals within the field. Jared Chaffin was contacted and has volunteered to complete an audit. Motion made by Mary Jo to present \$200 gas gift card in appreciation to Jared for the completion of the 2023 audit, second by Jen, motion approved.

Pastor April shared information on the possibility of a community sponsored after school child care program. Since the FUMC is in close proximity to the school, our church could house the project. A fall survey of parents indicated a great need for this outreach. Funding and support would be from area churches and community foundations. The possible 3-4 day nonprofit program would be open from 3:30-5:30 p.m. There will be an upcoming survey to further gauge interest. The program would potentially be run by three paid employees with one adult employee needed per 10 students, further questions or concerns can be directed to Pastor April.

A future community childcare coordination meeting will be January 31st at the school to address the child care needs. Jen made a motion in support and to move forward with a possible community after school program, Kate second, motion approved.

Pastor April also reported that the youth group is looking into a possible mission trip this summer.

Mary Jo moved that the meeting be adjourned with a second from Jen, motion approved.

The next meeting will be March 18th.

Margo Houlden
Ad Council Secretary

United Methodist Church of Dorchester Budgeted Financial Statement December 2023	
2023 BUDGET	\$116,283.76
12 Months Income from Givings	\$ 79,882.52
Expense	<u>\$130,293.97</u>
Budgeted Amount Short	\$ 50,411.45

**Dorchester United Women in Faith
January 6, 2024**

Rhonda led the reciting of the Purpose. Seven members were in attendance, plus one via phone.

Carol gave devotion. *You Find What You Look For, Look For the Good.*

Kelli read from the prayer calendar.

Carol read the November minutes.

Rhonda & Vera read thank you cards.

Vera gave the treasurer's report & shared a gift of memory card.

Program/Project: Egg noodles were made.

Hostesses: Judy Bors & Sandy Krivohlavek



FRIEND UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

2:00 p.m.

The Friend UMW will meet February 7, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Diann McClatchey will share with the group and we will have coffee after. Come join us for an afternoon of fellowship and Christian Sisterhood. Dues are \$15 payable at the meeting or can be given to one of the officers. Hope to see you all soon.

Dorchester UWF members,
the UWF booklets are at the back of the
sanctuary for you to pick up.



Dorchester United Women in Faith
Soup Luncheon
Sunday, March 3, 2024



Hope Crisis Center

Our church of Dorchester has chosen to partner with the Hope Crisis Center. Besides donating one quarter of our yearly coin offerings, we also are asking our members to donate items that their clients most need.

There is a basket in the Narthex. **The clients are in need of basic cleaning supplies, specifically toilet bowl cleaner & detergent, paper towels, hair conditioner & body wash.**

Other items Hand Soap, Dish Soap, Clorox Wipes, Body Lotion, Plastic Silverware, Napkins, Kitchen Cleaner, Kitchen Trash Bags, Bath Towels, Gallon/Quart Storage Bags, Walmart Gift Cards (\$20-\$25)

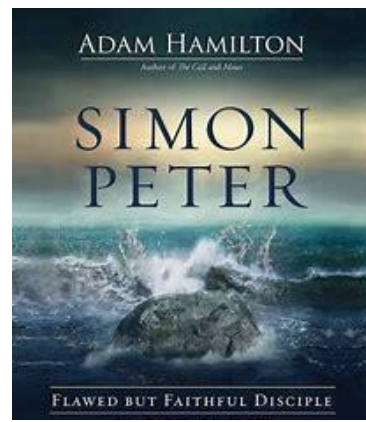
Items will be delivered to Hope Crisis each month after the last Sunday of the month.

For those of you who are not familiar with Hope Crisis or what they provide. They are a non-profit organization that was formed in 1992. They are committed to providing advocacy, education & confidential emergency services to survivors of domestic violence & sexual assault throughout Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Saline, Seward, Thayer & York counties. It is their mission to unconditionally support & serve the needs of survivors as they navigate the challenges associated with domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, trafficking & other forms of abuse.





- February 1 Dona Heeren, Camille Nohavec
- February 2 Kelli Kohout, Chloe Schweitzer,
Kenzi Schweitzer
- February 4 Diane O'Neel, Marla Weber
- February 7 Malinda Phillips
- February 8 Wyatt Hromek, Debbie Spanyers
- February 9 Chris Krivohlavek, Tricia Novak,
Lainey Stutzman, Neely Stutzman
- February 11 Dale Frahm, Carla Moore
- February 14 Catlyn Rohrig
- February 15 Judith Ottmann
- February 17 Brock Bruntz
- February 19 Baylor Behrens
- February 20 Sharon Axline, Emma Kasl,
Hannah Railsback
- February 23 Jacob Railsback
- February 25 Harvey Weber
- February 26 Deb Shaw
- February 27 David Bruntz
- February 28 Ottillee Beach, Amanda Hromek,
Rick Mason, Gannon Payne,
Kathy Ricenbaw
- February 29 Angie Pierce



Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple
by Adam Hamilton

Start Date is Wednesday, February 21st
Starting first at Friend UMC at 5:30 p.m.
with a light meal.

He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That's one way to describe Peter. Here's another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Doesn't even sound like the same man. And that's the point of *Simon Peter*, a new book and six-week adult Bible study by Adam Hamilton. Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today.

Chapters Include:

- The Call of the Fisherman
- Walking with Jesus in the Storm
- Bedrock or Stumbling Block?
- "I Will Not Deny You"
- From Cowardice to Courage
- The Rest of the Story



- February 5 Ron & Diane Odoski (31)

Camp Fontanelle Summer 2024 Registration is now open.

Camp Fontanelle
9677 Country Rd 3
Fontanelle, NE 68044
campfontanelle.com

Register online: campfontanelle.campbrainregistration.com

Grade level is based on the grade completed in the '23-'24 school year.
Scholarships are available.

Week 1 – June 3rd-7th
Week 2 – June 10th-14th
Week 3 – June 16th-20th
Week 4 – June 24th-28th

Week 5 – July 1st-3rd
Week 6 – July 8th-12th
Week 8 – July 22nd-25th
Week 9 – July 29th-Aug 2nd

Campolodeon \$475
Grades 3-6, weeks 1, 2, 3

XP Camp \$475
Grades 7-12, weeks 1, 2, 6

Mini Camp \$240
Grades 2-3, week 5

Base Camp \$300
Grades 10-12, weeks 7-8 (2-week program)

Adult/Child Camps
Oaks and Acorns – 1 night
Adult with Prek-1st grader
June 2-3 \$120/person

Sonshine – 2 nights
Adult with 1st or 2nd grader
June 29-July 1 \$240/person

Confirmation Camp (Middle school/senior high)
\$275, June 19th-22nd

Sports Camps \$475
Grades 6-12, week 3

Night Owls \$500
Grades 6-12, week 4

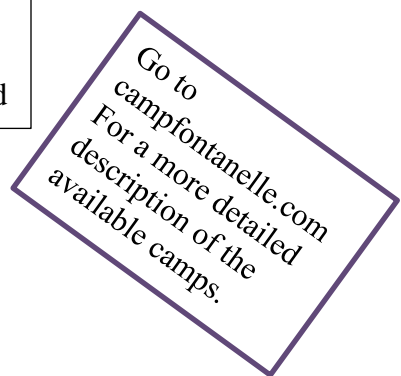
Girls Only \$475
Grades 3-12, week 4

Zoobilee \$525
Grades 3-6, week 8

Splish Splash \$425
Grades 3-6, week 8

Last Campers on Earth \$375
Grades 3-6, week 8

Fontanelle Finale \$500
Grades 3-12, week 9



February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Loose Coins: (F) Food Pantry; (D) Afterschool Program				1	2 Groundhog Day	3
4 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:15 am (D) Sunday School 9:30 (F) Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship 11:30-1 pm (D) Igniting Youth	5 9 am (D) Coffee 1 pm (F) Community Hospital Bingo	6	7 2 pm (F) UMW	8	9	10
11 <i>Super Bowl</i> 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:15 am (D) Sunday School (F) Food Pantry Sunday 9:30 am (F) Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship	12 9 am (D) Coffee 1 pm (F) Community Hospital Bingo 7 pm (D) Ad Council Meeting	13	14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7 pm (F) Ash Wednesday Service	15	16	17
18 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:15 am (D) Sunday School 9:30 (F) Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship 11:30-1 pm (F) Igniting Youth 7 pm ELS @ (F) Christian Assembly	19 <i>Washington's Birthday</i> 9 am (D) Coffee 1 pm (F) Community Hospital Bingo	20	21 5:30 pm at FUMC Lenten Bible Study/ light meal	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23	24
25 (D) Food Pantry Sunday 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) Congregational Church	26 9 am (D) Coffee 1 pm (F) Community Hospital Bingo	27	28 5:30 pm at FUMC Lenten Bible Study/ light meal	29		



Every Monday at 1 pm at the Friend Community Hospital. Everyone is invited. Donations for prizes are welcome (monetary, food, gift cards or simple gifts).

Greeters

4th (F) Vyhnalek family
 11th (F)
 18th (F) Houldens
 25th (F)

Ushers

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

Scripture Reader

4th (D)
 (F) Liz Stutzman
 11th (D) Steve Parks
 (F) Mary Jo Weber
 18th (D) Randy Schlick
 (F) Margo Houlden
 25th (D) Matthew Hoffman
 (F) Diane Odoski

Children's Time

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

Fellowship Hosts

4th (D) Carol Olson
 11th (D) Steve & Vicky Parks
 18th (D) Chris & Sandy Krivohlavek
 25th (D)

Acolytes

4th (D)
 (F) Neely & Lainey Stutzman
 11th (D)
 (F)
 18th (D)
 (F)
 25th (D)
 (F)

Liturgist

4th (F)
 11th (F)
 18th (F)
 25th (F) Diane Odoski

Live Streaming

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

Organists

7th (D) Kathy Jezl-Wilcox
 (F) Charlene Huber
 14th (D) Doris Broz-Clauss
 (F) Charlene Huber
 21st (D) Kathy Jezl-Wilcox
 (F) Charlene Huber
 28th (D) Videos
 (F) Carolyn Taylor



February Scripture

4th Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c;
 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-29

11th 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6;
 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

18th Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10;
 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

25th Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31;
 Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

