

# The Dorchester/Friend United Methodist Church Newsletter

## March 2024

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Change is coming, I already feel it. The packing, listing the house, receiving word of the new pastor that will be starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. Change can bring so many emotions: anxiety, sadness, a sense of excitement, the list goes on. With each emotion that rises, I know I must recognize it and know that God is in the midst of change.

Throughout my life I have come to recognize that change can be threatening, frightening, difficult, but it's not impossible, and nor does it have to be the cause of a negative experience. Change often brings about good things such as growth, new friends, new direction, and joy.

One thing that brings me comfort in change is that God assures us that he will always be with us to provide, watching over us. And while everything around me seems to be constantly changing, then I can see more clearly the unchanging nature of God's love and care. For me that remains solid as a rock. The Bible tells us that God never changes. Malachi 3:6 – “for I The Lord do not change.

Yesterday, today and forever He is the God who is gracious and merciful. The Bible says, “slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is overall that he's made.” Psalm 145. Things will continue to change. It is part of life. Some of those changes will feel like a tiny ripple. Others will be like a 10 ft wave. But no matter what changes we face; we need not fear. We needn't hide. We shouldn't despair, our rock and anchor is our unchanging God, whose character and promise remains forever.

*Blessings, Rev. April*



### Condolences to:

the family of

*Harold Axline*

who passed away Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

Celebration of Life Saturday, February 10, 2024

at the Dorchester Legion.



February 21, 2024

Friend United Methodist Church  
Dorchester United Methodist Church

Dear Friends,

The cabinet and I are pleased to announce that Pastor Cameron Miller will be appointed as your pastor beginning July 1, 2024. This appointment concludes a long process during which the staff-parish committee of your church has been consulted along with Rev. Nancy Tomlinson. We have prayed asking for God's wisdom about the best available leadership for your church and this is our decision.

As with all appointments, this one will be fixed during the annual conference closing session in June, 2024.

I extend my best wishes and prayers to you all during this transition of pastoral leadership for your congregation.

Grace and peace,

David Wilson



# Cameron Miller

## Friend and Dorchester's New Pastor

### about Me

Hello Friend and Dorchester! I am Cameron Miller, your new Pastor as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. I am so excited to be joining your communities and in the amazing ministry God is doing through you all.

My wife, Karissa, is also a UM Pastor and will be serving Geneva UMC. We have a dog, Teddy, and he is the very best boy. He is a two-year-old Aussiedoodle (Austrian Shepherd/poodle mix).

I am originally from Springfield, NE, which is just south of Omaha. I grew up there with my parents and two younger sisters who still live in town.

I had the opportunity to meet with your Pastor Parish Relations Committee a couple of days ago, and I heard about many of the wonderful things happening in Friend and Dorchester. I am looking forward to being a part of them and getting to know each of you better!

Pastor Cameron Miller

### Hobbies

Board Games (Own over 100)  
Walks with Teddy  
Cooking (Particularly Smoking Meat)  
Riding my Harley

### EDUCATION

#### *Nebraska Wesleyan University*

Lincoln, NE

While attending, I majored in music (Alto Saxophone) and minored in business administration! I was employed in the ministries office, where I helped lead weekly worship.

#### *Saint Paul School of Theology*

Leawood, KS

I loved seminary. My favorite classes included those in which I learned about John Wesley and the United Methodist Church.

### Ministry Experience

I have had experience in a variety of ministry settings. In high school, I was very involved in my local youth group, I assisted in worship as a liturgist, and I served on the Board of Trustees for three years. The summer after I graduated High School, I had a pastoral internship at the church where I got my first experience of being a pastor.

After high school, I worked for four years in the ministry's office at NWU and became a contemporary worship leader at a UM church in Lincoln. I also did some preaching at some small Presbyterian churches in the area. There was also a summer I was a coordinator for youth mission trips through YouthWorks in Charleston, WV. I led a sports camp for children pre-k through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and led daily worship and devotions.

While in seminary, I was the associate pastor at a church in Olathe, KS. I had many great experiences there, and some of my primary roles were to assist in leading weekly, organizing a congregational care team, and assisting with the youth group.

Then, after three years as an associate pastor, I received my first solo appointment in Silver Lake, KS, which is my current appointment. Here, I have been able to expand upon my skills in preaching, pastoral care, youth ministry, and administration, just to name a few.

I am looking forward to the new things I will learn from you all and to becoming a more faithful follower of Jesus Christ together.



**Minutes of Administrative Council Meeting  
Dorchester United Methodist Church  
Monday, February 12, 2024**

**Present:** Steve & Vicky Parks, Randy Schlick, Lyle & Cathy Weber, Chris Krivohlavek, Judy Bors, Pastor April & Carol Olson.

Steve called the meeting to order. Vera gave devotion via the phone. Minutes of the January meeting were distributed. *Chris made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Cathy seconded. Motion carried.*

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor April reported (1) a new Bible Study will start February 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in Friend. (2) The Youth Group is researching a mission trip to Oklahoma City the week of June 3<sup>rd</sup>. (3) Ash Wednesday service is at Friend, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Good of the Order:** Defibrillator Awareness Training was discussed; it was decided training should occur every year.

**NOW:** Cathy reported (1) NOW committee members will furnish Easter Sunrise Service brunch. (2) There are enough bags left to give out during the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, items to include in the bag are an inspirational bracelet, introduction of the new pastor, Vacation Bible School info & church info cards.

**UWF:** Randy reminded everyone of the UWF soup lunch, Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Worship Committee:** The Worship committee (1) will be planning a going away event for Pastor April & her family. (2) Will host a Good Friday prayer vigil. (3) Ecumenical service will be in Dorchester March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (4) May 5<sup>th</sup> will be Senior Sunday. (5) New church banners arrived.

**Foundation:** Carol reported the Foundation Committee approved Foundation withdrawals for DPS Backpack Program, Post Prom, Youth Mission Trip & After-school Program.

*Judy made a motion to accept the proposed Foundation withdrawals. Vicky seconded. Motion carried.*

**Finance Committee:** If a committee is going to spend over budget, they need to get Administration approval.

The next Ad Min meeting will be Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Rhonda or Randy will give prayer/devotion.

Recording Secretary,  
Carol J. Olson

**The United Methodist Church of Friend  
Administrative Council  
will meet  
Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

**FRIEND UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

2:00 p.m.

The Friend UMW will meet March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Janice V. will share with us and Sylvia S. will have coffee time. Dues are \$15 payable now. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Dorchester United Women in Faith will be meeting Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to do the program or lead a project.



**FOOD BASKETS**

**Easter Food Basket Items Needed**

- |                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Instant Mashed Potatoes    | Sugar        |
| Canned or Packets of Gravy | Lemonade Mix |
| Brown & Serve Dinner Rolls | Canned Fruit |
| Cake Mix                   | Butter       |
| Frosting                   | Eggs         |
| Jello                      | Egg Dye Kit  |

All items need to be brought to Friend Christian Assembly by Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Dorchester United Women in Faith**

**Soup Luncheon**

**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

**Starting at 11:00 a.m.**

**Liver Dumpling, Chili, Chicken Noodle & Clam Chowder**

**Meat & Cheese & Relish Trays**

**Homemade Cinnamon Rolls & Desserts**

***DINE IN OR TO GO***

**Free Will Offering**





- March 1 Kirk Beekley
- March 4 Alli Novak
- March 5 Kasen Fuller
- March 7 Malia Roth
- March 9 Eric Bresson, Gaylen Huff,  
Bob Kasl
- March 11 William Vossler
- March 12 Daisha Hoffman
- March 13 Rose Paulsen
- March 14 Bill McCullough, Atley Zoubek,  
RJ Zurcher
- March 18 Nathan Beach, Bill Bruntz,  
Jennifer Kasl, Diane Odoski,  
Rebecca Steuk
- March 22 Roger Woolsey
- March 23 Ivy Railsback
- March 24 Pat Anderson
- March 27 Jeremy Nerud, Miley Ricenbaw,  
Justin Sand
- March 30 Andrew Wegehaupt



- March 5 Allen & Twila Papik (47)
- March 7 Robert & Sheryl McKeeman (49)
- March 14 Bill & Jilla McCullough (53)
- March 20 Allen & Amanda Bruntz (14)
- March 28 Roger & Linda Hanneman (55)
- March 28 Gaylen & Barbara Huff (54)
- March 30 Jerad & Sadie Fuller (5)



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

- March 3<sup>rd</sup> Dorchester UMC, speaker Pastor Tim
- March 10<sup>th</sup> Trinity Lutheran Church, Cordova,  
speaker Pastor Brian Keene
- March 17<sup>th</sup> Friend UMC, speaker Pastor Eric
- March 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday, No Lenten Service
- March 28<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday – Dorchester UMC
- March 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday  
– Friend Congregational Church,  
speaker Pastor April
- March 31<sup>st</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

### March Scripture

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22
- 10<sup>th</sup> Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22;  
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21
- 17<sup>th</sup> Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12;  
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33
- 24<sup>th</sup> **Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms**  
Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
**Liturgy of the Passion**  
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;  
Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or  
Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)
- 25<sup>th</sup> **Monday of Holy Week**  
Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11;  
Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11
- 26<sup>th</sup> **Tuesday of Holy Week**  
Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14;  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36
- 27<sup>th</sup> **Wednesday of Holy Week**  
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3;  
John 13:21-32
- 28<sup>th</sup> **Holy Thursday**  
Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10), 11-14;  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19;  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17; 31b-35
- 29<sup>th</sup> **Good Friday**  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22;  
Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-9:42
- 30<sup>th</sup> **Holy Saturday**  
Job 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16;  
1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66 or  
John 19:38-42

### **Easter Vigil**

#### **Old Testament Readings with Psalms or Canticles**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 or  
Psalm 33; Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18;  
9:8-13; Psalm 46; Genesis 22:1-8; Psalm 16;  
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21;  
Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18; Isaiah 55:1-11;  
Isaiah 12:2-6; Ezekiel 36:24-28; Psalm 42;  
Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 143;  
Zephaniah 3:14-20; Psalm 98

#### **New Testament Reading and Psalm**

Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 114

#### **Gospel Reading Mark 16:1-8**

- 31<sup>st</sup> **Easter**  
Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11;  
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8



Igniting Youth will meet Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Dorchester UMC. The youth will eat first at the UWF Soup Luncheon then have a short meeting at noon to discuss the upcoming Easter Sunrise service and help clean up after the meal.



**FLOWERS for EASTER**  
at the United Methodist Church of Dorchester



There is 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 call or email her, 402-981-1186 or rschlick@hotmail.com

**EASTER LILIES**  
at the United Methodist Church of Friend



There is 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.



# Prayer Vigil

Dorchester United Methodist Church will be having a prayer vigil on Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. The prayer times will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The increments are in 30-minute time slots. There will be a prayer stations set up in the sanctuary for you to have a variety of prayer experiences if you want to use them as well as prayer concern to prayer for or walk outside and pray. We ask that if you would like to sign up and participate for one or more times that you contact Rhonda Schlick at 402-981-1186 or Matthew Hoffman at 402-947-1528. If you would like to participate virtually, please let Rhonda or Matthew know and they will fill in the time accordingly! Any and all prayer warriors are welcome and appreciated!



## Hope Crisis Center

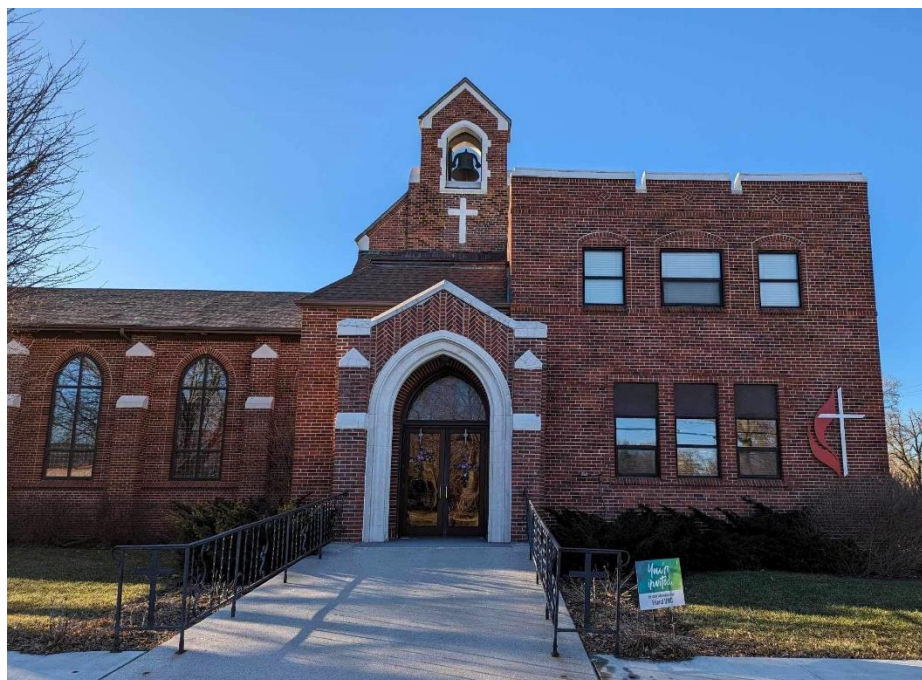
Our church of Dorchester has chosen to partner with the Hope Crisis Center. Besides donating one quarter of our yearly coin offerings, we also are asking our members to donate items that their clients most need.

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.



Friend United Methodist Church photo curtesy of Jill Sharkey

## March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Loose Coins: (F) Food Pantry; (D) Afterschool Program</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:15 am (D) Sunday School 9:30 (F) Sunday School 11 am (D) UWF Soup Luncheon 12 pm (D) Igniting Youth 10:30 am (F) Worship 7 pm ELS @ DUMC	<b>4</b> 9 am (D) Coffee 1 pm (F) Community Hospital Bingo	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 2 pm (F) UMW 5:30 pm (F) Bible Study with light meal	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Daylight Saving Begins <b>UMCOR Sunday offering</b> 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:15 am (D) Sunday School <b>(F) Food Pantry Sunday</b> 9:30 am (F) Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship 7 pm ELS @ Trinity Lutheran, Cordova	<b>11</b> 9 am (D) Coffee 1 pm (F) Community Hospital Bingo 7 pm (D) Ad Council Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5:30 pm (D) Bible Study with light meal	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> St Patrick's Day 9:30 am (D) Worship/Wear Green 10:15 am (D) Sunday School 9:30 (F) Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship/Wear Green 11:30-1 pm (F) Igniting Youth 7 pm ELS @ FUMC	<b>18</b> 9 am (D) Coffee 1 pm (F) Community Hospital Bingo 7 pm (F) Ad Council Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Start of Spring (Spring Equinox) 5:30 pm (D) Bible Study with light meal	<b>21</b> Newsletter Articles Due	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10 am FCA Packing & Distribution Easter food baskets
<b>24</b> 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:15 am (D) Sunday School 9:30 (F) Sunday School 10:30 am (F) Worship	<b>25</b> 9 am (D) Coffee 1 pm (F) Community Hospital Bingo	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5:30 pm (D) Bible Study with light meal	<b>28</b> Holy Thursday 7 pm (D) Maundy Thursday service	<b>29</b> Good Friday 7 am-7 pm (D) Easter Vigil 7 pm (F) Cong Church Good Friday service	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Easter (D) Food Pantry Sunday 7 am (D) Sunrise service led by the Youth followed by Easter brunch 9:30 am (D) Worship 10:30 am (F) Worship	 <p>Every Monday at 1 pm at the Friend Community Hospital. Everyone is invited. Donations for prizes are welcome (monetary, food, gift cards or</p>					

### Greeters

3rd (F)  
10th (F) Houldens  
17th (F) Allen & Amanda Bruntz  
24th (F) Shane Stutzman family  
31st (F) Brandon & Kate Vossler

### Ushers

3rd (D) Kelli Hromek  
(F)  
10th (D) Steve & Vicky Parks  
(F) Houldens  
17th (D) Chris & Sandy Krivohlavek  
(F) Allen & Amanda Bruntz  
24th (D) Kotas family  
(F) Brandon & Kellen Vossler  
31st (D) Randy & Rhonda Schlick  
(F)

### Scripture Reader

3rd (D) Matthew Hoffman  
(F) Sherri Rohrig  
10th (D)  
(F) Margo Houlden  
17th (D) RJ Zurcher  
(F) Liz Stutzman  
24th (D) Nicole Zurcher  
(F) Jen Stutzman  
31st (D) Randy Schlick  
(F) Diane Odoski

### Children's Time

3rd (D) Rhonda Schlick  
(F) Sherri Rohrig  
10th (D)  
(F) Mary Jo Weber  
17th (D)  
(F) Liz Stutzman  
24th (D)  
(F) Jen Stutzman  
31st (D) Rhonda Schlick  
(F) Diane Odoski

### Fellowship Hosts

3rd (D) UWF Soup Luncheon  
10th (D) Shelley & Rose Bruha  
17th (D) Chris & Sandy Krivohlavek  
24th (D) Steve Parks  
31st (D) Easter Brunch

### Acolytes

3rd (D)  
(F)  
10th (D)  
(F)  
17th (D) Zurcher kids  
(F) Lainey & Neely Stutzman  
24th (D) Zurcher kids  
(F) Addison Vossler  
31st (D)  
(F)

### Liturgist

3rd (F)  
10th (F)  
17th (F)  
24th (F)  
31st (F) Diane Odoski

### Live Streaming

3rd (F)  
10th (F)  
17th (F)  
24th (F)  
31st (F)

### Organists

3rd (D) Videos  
(F) Videos  
7 pm (D) Doris Broz-Clauss  
10th (D) Kathy Jezl-Wilcox  
(F) Charlene Huber  
17th (D) Doris Broz-Clauss  
(F) Charlene Huber  
7 pm (F)  
24th (D) Kathy Jezl-Wilcox  
(F) Charlene Huber  
31st (D)  
(F) Carolyn Taylor



Since Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> falls on St. Patrick's Day,  
Pastor April is inviting everyone to wear green at the worship services.

