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BERWICK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

CO-PASTORS:

Rev. Theron (Tom) Conrey

Pastor Patty Smith,

(Co-Pastors)

Sunday Services 9:30 AM



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Thank You!

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Come join us Sunday, July 9 from 11 AM to 1 PM for a fun **Community picnic and games!**

We will be serving FREE hot dogs, chips and beverages and other food as well. lawn chair and come join us!



A NOTE FROM PASTOR PATTY:

Summer has arrived – at least weather wise. I hope we all take the time to admire and appreciate God's wonderful world. In our area, we have been blessed with rain and our crops are growing beautifully; but I know that our neighbors to the NE and some in the NW are suffering a severe drought. I ask that we keep them in our prayers.

As you know, Pastors Rich and Kay Miller-Todd, myself, Dorothy Hull and my sister-in-law Linda Mack all traveled to Cherokee South Carolina for a mission trip. Oh my, speak of God's beautiful world. We were right in the smoky Mountains! We learned about the Cherokee Indians. We ate with them, communed with them and enjoyed them and their little piece of paradise. Please watch for updates. Either in late July or August we will be having a special program with pictures and everything!!

The weekend of June 25, Rich, Kay and I will be traveling again. This time to Milwaukee Wisconsin for our annual NACCC Conference. I will be traveling with Pastors Linda Hauschild and Tonna Parsons.

I will present a report on that when I get back.

Our attendance on Sundays continues to be steady. Being able to share the love of Christ, and to stay after church to visit is so wonderful.

DON'T FORGET: Please come to our church picnic on <u>July 9</u> after church. Come join in the fun and fellowship. SEE YOU THERE!!!

God's blessings to all,

Your Friend and Pastor, Patty

Email received from Happy Life Children's Home:

Dear Patty & Berwick Prayer Team,

Receive warm greetings from Happy Life, we are so glad that you have continued to support Jonathan without fail.

He is now in High School and he loves it! The fact that he is able to interact with kids from other parts of the country is very refreshing. The most amazing thing is he loves the church and is always at the front line serving in the School Christian Union as an usher. His love for basketball has also grown and you will find him after school practicing with others. God bless you so much for everything you do for Happy Life and for Jonathan.

See recent photo.



EXTRA SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO GERALD BANNING WHO SOON TURNS 100!!

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Judy Sprague for her dedicated service on the Board for many years and as Building Committee Chair. Judy has resigned her position but still volunteers in so many ways around the church and yard, and she and Ray transport our organist, Jerry, to church many Sundays. Shelly Kern is currently the Building Committee Chair A huge Thank You to Shelly for all she does as Treasurer as well!

Thank you to Don and Lori Holmes and Shirley Holmes for helping with the upcoming church picnic on June 9. Charlie Hull plans to help with set-up.

Thank you to Jim Farrell who has helped so much with the church yard and building.

Thank you to all who work in the Food Coop, mow the lawn, help with cleaning, buy needed supplies, and help out in so many ways! The church council members can't keep things running without <u>all</u> your help and we appreciate it!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ ANNIVERSARY TO:

JULY

- 3 Judy and Gil Gillman—Anniversary
- 7 Gerald Banning
- 11 Dorothy Hull
- 20 Zinna Pearson
- 21 Tayler Fetters
- 22 Jerry Milholin
- 29 John & Janice McKinney-Anniversary

AUGUST

- 1 Janice McKinney
- 7 Unyke Beyer
- 8 Eli and Aiden Weissinger
- 9 Rich & Kay Miller-Todd—Anniversary
- 11 Jameson Presnall
- 13 Bill & Shirley Sprague—Anniversary
- 19 Jim Farrell
- 20 Zinna & Steve Pearson—Anniversary
- 25 Scott Kirstein

Please let Karen know if we overlooked your birthday/anniversary so it can be added to our list (515-262-9047). These dates do not appear on our web site for the church.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

9:30 AM **SUNDAY SERVICES:** FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNION: 1st Sunday

> **COMMUNITY PICNIC & GAMES:** SUNDAY, JULY 9-11 AM-1 PM

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: July 23 at 10:30 AM

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- All those impacted by Covid 19.
- The Ukrainian people
- Our shut-ins
- Those who are ill.
- Charles Neagle
- Gerald Banning
- Mary Fetters





Wings of Love

How precious is thy steadfast love, O God! The children of men take refuge in the shadow of thy wings. They feast on the abundance of thy house, and thou givest them drink from the river of thy delights.

Psalm 36:7, 8

The priceless gift of life is love For with the help of God above Love can change the human race And make this world a better place. For love dissolves all hate and fear And makes our vision bright and clear So we can see and rise above Our pettiness on wings of love.

Father, keep me levelheaded, even when righteous indignation is justified. Let me be understanding and kind and forgiving.