

# THE DOVE

## BERWICK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

### CO-PASTORS:

Rev. Richard Miller-Todd

(Jan-March and  
 July-September)

Rev. Theron (Tom) Conrey

(April-June and  
 October-December)

Sunday Services and

Sunday School:

9:00 AM

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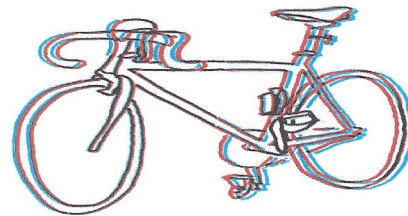
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### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Please join us for our annual Ice Cream Social (with home-made ice cream) Saturday, September 12, from Noon to 2:00 PM (leaving you plenty of time to watch the Iowa/Iowa State Football game)! This is free to the community so invite friends and neighbors to join us.



**THIS SHALL BE A SIGN UNTO YOU!**

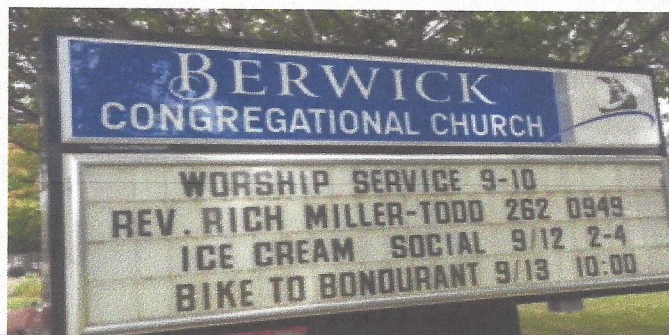


### BIKE RIDE TO BONDURANT DEPOT

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

We plan to ride bikes along the wonderful new bike trail from the Berwick Church to the Bondurant Depot for a fellowship planned by Jodi Schlenker. We will leave right after church services end at 10 AM, so feel free to come to church wearing casual clothes for biking. Those who don't ride are encouraged to come over to the Bondurant Depot to join us for fellowship.

We are excited about our new sign and so grateful to the **Hartung** and **Banning** families who provided funding through donations in memory of their loved ones. Thanks to the host of people who spent many hours of hard work involved in the installation (especially Jim Farrell). We also thank Tom Polito for showing us the correct way to construct a cement sidewalk! Thanks for being a great neighbor!



**COMING UP**

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY -**

We will have a short two-week Bible Study for the adults the last two Sundays of September. Join us following worship for a rousing discussion of our faith and how it is played out today. We will be using the video format for the opening of our sessions. Then there will be time for heart searching discussion about how we are the church.

**KIDS CLUB** will resume the first Wednesday after Labor Day. Our kids will have a completely new format. There are plans for field trips this fall which will supplement the sessions. Talk with Shelly about the great new program, including applications for home.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** will resume on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. New music is being explored and new members are always welcome. Plan to join us on Thursday evenings!

**THE SECOND ANNUAL CHURCH CAMPOUT** was held at Prairie Flower Campground. There were some 22 people attending at one point or other. This small camping effort is beginning to grow. Most importantly, it is a lot of fun. There were plenty of RV's and a few tents. Several joined the group for the evening potlucks. It was also a time to bid farewell to Dorothy Hull, who is moving to Norfolk, Nebraska this week. Dorothy was recognized by the congregation with a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift in thanks for all she has done as Chairman of the Church Council, teaching Sunday School, helping with Vacation Bible School, as well as singing in the choir.

Dorothy's new address is:

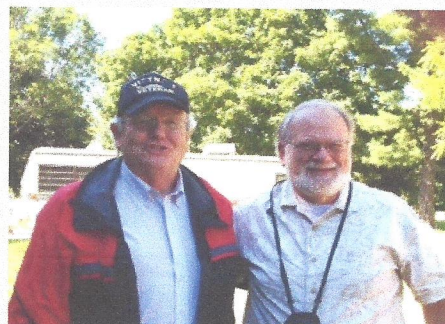
Dorothy Hanner-Hull  
1700 Pasewalk Ave., Apt. 702,  
Norfolk, NE 68701

Dorothy receiving Certificate of Appreciation -



**THE PULPIT**

Rev. Rich Miller-Todd (on the right) will be in the pulpit through September. Then Pastor Tom Conrey (on the left below) will take over for October, November, and December.



**PRAYERS FOR:**

- Charles & Hazel Neagle
- Don Townsley
- Gerald Banning
- Dorothy Hull as she moves to Nebraska
- Emily Miller-Todd in California
- Newlyweds Sarah & Darius in Singapore
- Newlyweds Bob & Valerie Nichols
- Those who are home-bound



**WEDDING BELLS!**

**We congratulate Bob and Valerie Nichols who were married in a home wedding in late August.**

THANKS TO OUR MANY HELPERS!

**USHERS:**

Sept. 6—Jodi  
 Sept. 13—Lori & Don  
 Sept. 20—??  
 Sept. 27—Patty  
 Oct. 4—Nelson & Karen  
 Oct. 11—Lori & Don  
 Oct. 18—Shelly  
 Oct. 25—Patty

**CLEANING THE CHURCH:**

Sept. 6—Shelly  
 Sept. 13—Kathy & Patty  
 Sept. 20—Karen & Nelson  
 Sept. 27—Jodi  
 Oct. 4—Shelly  
 Oct. 11—Dana  
 Oct. 18—Kathy & Patty  
 Oct. 25—Karen & Nelson

**COMMUNION:**

Sept. Shirley; Oct. Pearces

**FELLOWSHIP:**

Sept. 13—Jodi  
 Oct. 11—Shirley & Donn

**SUNDAY SCHOOL—**

Sept. 6 Shirley H.  
 Sept. 13 Jodi  
 Sept. 20 ??  
 Sept. 27—Lori  
 Oct. 4 ??  
 Oct. 11—Ray  
 Oct. 18—Mary F.  
 Oct. 25—Shirley H.

**TRANSPORTATION OF JERRY (OUR ORGANIST) TO PRACTICE WEDS: (Bill. S. & Nelson—Sept.)**

**FLAGS LABOR DAY:** Nelson, Don Holmes, and Kay Miller-Todd

**NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:** Sept. 20

**ORGANIST TRANSPORTATION**

We thank Nelson Pearce and Bill Sprague for doing most of the transporting of Jerry to church to practice this summer. If you can help with Wednesday practices, please add your name to the transportation list. We know how fortunate we are to have Jerry with us!

**MISSIONS:**

September: Hispanic Outreach  
 October—Cross Ministry  
 Plus our support of Jonathan at Happy Life on

**BIRTHDAY BAGS :**

The birthday bags made during Vacation Bible School are almost gone at the Food Pantry. We are working on a plan to periodically replace them as they were a popular item!

The board has decided to temporarily discontinue making sandwiches for the homeless and to focus on local concerns. Our work with the Neveln Center has helped us to see that local needs in our community are immediate and needing our energy.



*Sarah & Darius*



*Old friends Emily Miller-Todd & Nicole Weissinger*

**BEYOND THE LOCAL CHURCH**

**The Iowa-Nebraska Association** will meet in Marshalltown on October 17th. Nelson Pearce will be one of the presenters for that meeting regarding his work with adoptions .

who maintain a B+ average. The new student commons building which was recently opened is a stunning building. It is the latest of a group of buildings that have transformed the campus.

**Piedmont College**—In a day and age when people are examining college expenses, it is important to note that the Nickerson Congregational Scholarship is available to students from our churches

**Our National Association of Congregational Christian Churches** has a new executive Director. Dr. Michael Chittum moved from Salt Lake City to take the new post. He is located on the campus of Olivet College in Michigan.

**The above photos were taken at the wedding brunch held at the church to celebrate the wedding of Sarah (Brandson) and Darius Teo.**

**SEMINARIAN TO CALIFORNIA**

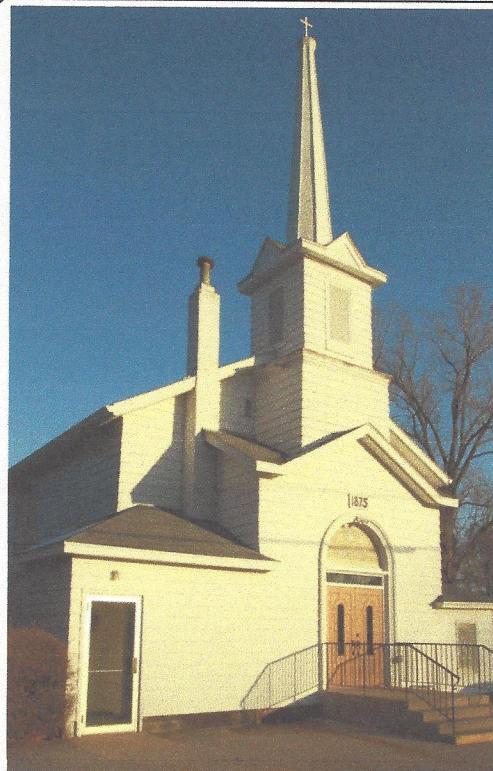
Rev. Rich shared the driving with Emily from Dallas to Anaheim where she will be an intern for the next 9 months. Emily's new address is 203 North Evelyn Drive, Anaheim, California 92805. Her intern professor was just in Anaheim to help work out the details of her internship. We are delighted that she is with Dr. Jim Schibsted at Anaheim's First Congregational Church.

## UPCOMING DATES:

Choir resumes: Thurs. Sept. 3, 6:30 PM  
Kids Club resumes: Weds., Sept. 9  
Ice Cream Social: Sept. 12 Noon-2 PM  
Bike Ride to Bondurant: Sept. 13 10 AM  
Bible Study: Sept. 20 and 27 10 AM  
Church Council meeting: Sept. 20  
Gals' Night Out: Fri., Sept. 25 6:30 PM  
IA-NE meeting in Marshalltown Sat.,  
October 17

### To contact Berwick Church:

Church Phone: 515-262-0949  
Rev. Rich: 515-669-9554 (Jan-Mar; July-Sept)  
Pastor Tom: 515-480-3396 (Apr-June; Oct-Dec)  
Church Secretary: 515-262-9047 (Karen)  
SUNDAY SERVICES: & SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM



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### GALS' NIGHT OUT

We are planning a fun "Gals' Night Out" on Friday, September 25 at 6:30 PM at the church. Bring your favor DVD "chick flick" and snacks to share!

### GUYS' NIGHT OUT

A "Guys' Night Out" is also being planned, with no date set yet. Give us your ideas—karaoke was mentioned as a possibility!



### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR -

It is Fall

Now that I have been an empty nester for several years, I guess I know that we never lose a sense of what it means to watch our children and grandchildren go through the seasons of change. It is not just about the school year- time changes, Labor Day and Memorial Day. Seasonal changes signal change in our lives too.

Even our Ice Cream Social time has been "make way" for the annual fall football event – Iowa vs Iowa State. The teams are ready and so are we. We know that strange things happen in the midst of this rivalry. It is an uncertainty we enjoy.

Our faith takes a similar leap. We are uncertain how it is that God will lead us forward; however, we know that surely our maker has plans and affects lives. I look on this season with new energy knowing the programs planned for our kids and the sessions lined up for our adults. Even our ministers change in October. There are no losers if you show up to participate in our spiritual life together—a living faith exhibited by our regular participation in worship and study.

Our seminarian [Emily] has moved on to the last year of her four year seminary commitment. This is an important part of the history of this church. She is in the game and we know that she will be a blessing to Anaheim as she finishes the 9-month intern phase of her learning.

Our Fall begins with prayer for those who face it with a sense of anticipation. God will surely be revealed in unexpected ways both at Berwick and in places far away. *Rev. Rich*