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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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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY MAY 8!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY JUNE 19

MOTHER-DAUGHTER GRANDDAUGHTER "HIGH TEA"

We are planning a "high tea" for Friday, May 6, at 6 PM at the church. We will have a special speaker, Dena Allen, who is a set decorator in Hollywood. There will be a prize given for the "most beautiful hat" as well as the "funniest hat" for those who wish to participate! There will also be other door prizes.

Please either sign the sheet at church, call Karen Pearce at 262-9047 or email at kpearceadoptions@gmail.com if you plan to attend so we know how much food to prepare. Thanks! Karen, Lois & Lori



COMMUNITY GARDEN

This year we have a special plan for a portion of our community garden plots and that is to grow fresh vegetables to donate to the food bank in Ankeny. Now seeking volunteers for planting, weeding, and harvesting, as well as for making recommendations as to what is best to plant. Donations of seeds

and plants welcome – and needed! Contact me at home or see me at church. Lois Allen, 818-445-3273.



CLEANING THE PARK:

SCHEDULED FOR 1 PM SATURDAY, APRIL 30.

RAIN DATE: 1 PM SATURDAY, MAY 7

THANKS FOR HELPING!

COMING UP THIS SUMMER!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST SUNDAY, JUNE 5 - 10 AM

Join us for pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy to help defray the costs of VBS for our young children.

JULY 3—CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

Preliminary plans are underway for a celebration of Independence Day on July 3—details will be published in the Sunday bulletin. We plan on having games including an old-fashioned cake walk, home-made ice cream, picnic food etc etc!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

From Sunday, July 9 to Thursday, July 14.



CHURCH CAMPING

The annual church camp-out has been tentatively scheduled for August 19-21 (spot to be determined). If you have a camper, bring it! If you have a tent, bring it! If you just want to come out and join us for campfire cooking (and eating), that's fine, too!

MISSIONS

Food Pantry -

Food Pantry suggestions for May are Peanut butter and for June Mac and Cheese. Volunteers are needed to transport the food gathered to Nevelyn Center in Ankeny.

Our birthday bag contributions continue to be very popular (which contain cake mix, frosting, paper plates and napkins, etc).

Jonathan

Our monthly commitment to Jonathan at Happy Life continues. We collect money for Jonathan's support each month during Fellowship time the second Sunday.

VISITORS

INVITE A FRIEND OR NEW NEIGHBOR TO COME WITH YOU TO CHURCH.

WE WELCOME RECENT VISITORS, THE MCKINNEYS!

THE PULPIT

We will welcome back to the pulpit Pastor Tom Conrey for the months of April, May and June. Rev. Rich will be back July, Aug & Sept.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED A LILY FOR EASTER AND TO AMY FOR THE BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Mary Fetters and grandson
- Jodi Schlenker and Nina Moore
- Charles & Hazel Neagle
- Roy Abbott (Cindy's father)
- Gerald Banning
- Don Townsley (Shirley's father)
- Walter Biddle
- Kay's sister



THANKS TO OUR MANY HELPERS!

USHERS:

May 1—UNSCHEДУLED
May 8— Robys
May 15—Patty
May 22—Don & Lori
May 29—Kathy
June 5— Donn & Shirley
June 12—Don & Lori
June 19—Patty
June 26— UNSCHEDULED

CLEANING THE CHURCH:

May 1—UNSCHEДУLED
May 8— Brandsens
May 15—Shirley & Donn
May 22—Patty & Kathy
May 29—UNSCHEДУLED
June 5— Shelly
June 12—Kathy & Patty
June 19—Don & Lori
June 26— Brandsens

COMMUNION:

May 1 - Cindy
June 5 -Kathy

FELLOWSHIP:

May 8—Robys
June 12—Nelson & Karen

SUNDAY SCHOOL—

UNSCHEДУLED May-June

MOWING:

May 2—UNSCHEДУLED
May 9— Bill Sprague
May 16—Donn Henderson
May 23—Don Holmes
May 30—Donn Henderson
(June—not yet scheduled)

TRANSPORTATION OF JERRY (OUR ORGANIST) TO PRACTICE WEDS:

See bulletin board sign-up.

NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: May 22

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PAT SPRAGUE (ABOUT 1994):

- Reach up as far as you can; God will reach down the rest of the way.
- Lord, give me this day my daily opinion, and forgive me the one I had yesterday.
- Enjoy life; this is not a rehearsal.
- Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give.
- A good way to forget your troubles is to help others forget theirs.

MEMORIAL DAY

Pastor Tom Conrey will lead us in a worship service at the Berwick Cemetery on Monday, May 30, at 10:00 AM.



EMILY MILLER-TODD - SEMINARY UPDATE

Emily Miller-Todd will graduate from Perkins School of Theology in early May and her internship at Anaheim will officially end in May. She will return to Anaheim to be on the staff starting in July.

Congratulations, Emily!

COUNCIL CAPTIONS

The Church Council met April 24, 2016 . We made plans to clean the park on Saturday, April 30. We are beginning plans for a July 3 celebration! We continue to raise funds through our noisy offering to eventually replace the roof of the church.

OUR WORK IN THE LARGER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ORGANIZATION

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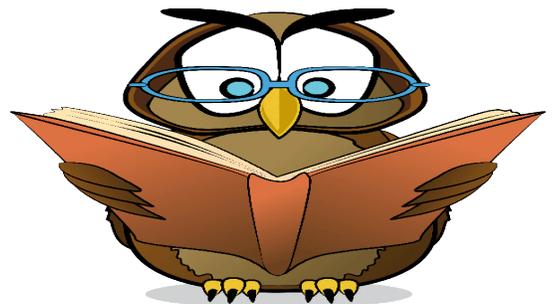
The National Association of Congregational Christian Churches' annual conference will take place in Dearborn, Michigan this June. Rich and Kay will represent us at this meeting

IOWA-NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION

Unfortunately, no one from our church was able to attend the recent Iowa-Nebraska meeting in Nebraska. Plans continue for the July mission project of the Association and there was a vote to pay from the Association \$100 towards each volunteer's expenses.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Don't forget to check out our Little Free Library (the little white box at the front of the church) to bring home a book to read—then either bring it back and exchange it for another one, or if you really love it and want to keep it, that's okay, too!



COMING UP:

**FRI, MAY 6—6 PM MOTHER-DAUGHTER-
GRANDDAUGHTER TEA**

**MAY 30—10 AM—MEMORIAL DAY
SERVICE AT
BERWICK CEMETERY**

JUNE 5—10 AM VBS BREAKFAST

To contact Berwick Church:

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Pastor Tom: 515-480-3396 (Apr-June; Oct-Dec)
Church Secretary: 515-262-9047 (Karen)

SUNDAY SERVICES: & SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM



Berwick Congregational Church

HOSANNA INDUSTRIES

When the Lord calls and His people respond, miracles happen.

On Christmas Eve, 1987, the Lord placed a burden on Donn Ed's heart. Serving as the Associate Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown, Rev. Donn Ed visited a single mother and her five children to deliver gifts from the church. She thanked him with tears of emotion for the gifts. As he struggled with a response, he absorbed the suffering that surrounded him. His heart broke for the children around him.

Two years later while reading his bible, Donn was struck with an intense urge to learn the meaning of "Hosanna." On Palm Sunday 1990, four young men knelt at the chancel of the First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown and dedicated themselves to meeting the needs of impoverished households.

Since that time, miracles have happened. More than 2700 households have been helped. Nearly 150,000 volunteers have labored for their neighbors in need. Repairs have been done on existing homes and new homes have been built. More importantly lives have been changed.

23 years ago the Spirit moved and a new mission was born. The Comforter is still working through the hearts and lives of

Hosanna Industries' mission workers and volunteers today.

The Lord called. Someone responded. Miracles are happening.

For further information see the website:

www.hosannaindustries.org or call

724-770-0262.

A number of members of the Iowa-Nebraska Association will be busy constructing a house for a family in need this July (including Rich and Kay from our congregation). This is a wonderful organization!

When every family lives in dignity, every roof is tight, and every furnace burns safely; when no one goes to sleep cold or hungry or scared; when every child has a yard and a kitchen and a bed—then we'll put our hammers down and demonstrate our faith in some other way. Until then, the green trucks are heading down the road to the next project.