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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

PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JULY 3 FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM AS WE CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY ONE DAY EARLY! IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES THAT DAY, THE FOLLOWING IS PLANNED:

- *Old fashioned games—with prizes*
- *Picnic lunch including grilled hamburgers and hot dogs as well as home-made ice cream. (Bring a potluck dish to share.)*
- *Sing-a-long of patriotic songs.*

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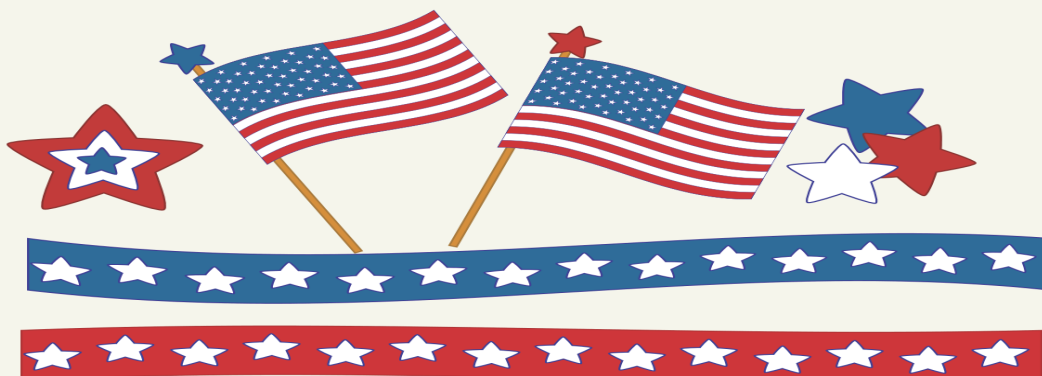
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COMMUNITY GARDEN

Thanks to all who are helping weed and water the community garden—the plants are growing well and it will be exciting to be able to harvest the results!



COMING UP THIS SUMMER!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

From Sunday, July 9 (4-7 PM with supper served,) and Monday-Thursday, July 11-14 from 6-8 PM. This year's theme is "Shake It Up" and once again we thank Lori Holmes for being the chief organizer of this event!

NACCC MEETING IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Rich and Kay Miller-Todd will be representing our church at this meeting of the National Association.

RETIREMENT

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Don Holmes on his retirement—but also his new job at Target! His church family helped him celebrate at his fun retirement party.



CHURCH CAMPING

The annual church camp-out has been scheduled for August 19-21 at Prairie Flower. 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 camp-fire cooking (and eating), that's fine, too! Call the Pearces if questions: 262-9047. Reservations should be made for a camping spot as soon as possible through recreation.gov.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Mary Fetters and grandson
- Jodi Schlenker
- Charles & Hazel Neagle
- Roy Abbott (Cindy's father)
- Gerald Banning
- Don Townsley (Shirley's father)
- Walter Biddle
- Kay's sister
- Dorothy Hull, who lost her brother.
- Patty Smith, who also lost her brother.



MISSIONS

Food Pantry -

Food Pantry suggestions for July are canned goods and for August—peanut butter. Volunteers are needed to transport the food gathered to Nevelyn Center in Ankeny. We will be supporting "Indian Trails" in July and "Bread of Life" in August.

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 NEIGHBOR TO COME WITH YOU TO CHURCH!

THE PULPIT

We will welcome back to the pulpit Rev. Rich for July, August & September. Pastor Tom will be with us October, November and December.

THANKS TO OUR MANY HELPERS!

USHERS:

July 3— Karen & Nelson
 July 10— Don & Lori
 July 17— Patty
 July 24— Unscheduled
 July 31— Unscheduled
 Aug. 7— Donn & Shirley
 Aug. 14— Don & Lori
 Aug. 21— Unscheduled
 Aug. 28— Patty

COMMUNION:

July 3 - Jodi
 Aug. 7— Unscheduled

FELLOWSHIP:

July 10—Dana
 Aug. 14—Rich & Kay

**SUNDAY SCHOOL—
 UNSCHEDULED**

MOWING:

July 4— Judy
 July 11—Donn
 July 18— Don & Lori
 July 25—Shelly
 Aug. 1—Nelson
 Aug. 7—Unscheduled
 Aug. 14—Unscheduled
 Aug. 21—Unscheduled

CLEANING THE CHURCH:

July 3— Unscheduled
 July 10—Shelly
 July 17—Unscheduled
 July 24—Unscheduled
 July 31—Donn & Shirley
 Aug. 7—Unscheduled
 Aug. 14—Unscheduled
 Aug. 21—Unscheduled
 Aug. 28—Unscheduled

**CLEANING AT MALLY PARK—SEE VOLUNTEERS
 PICTURED BELOW WHO DID A SUPER JOB!**



I O W A - N E B R A S K A M I S S I O N S C O M M I T T E E

There are 14 people participating in the Hosanna Industries Mission Project from the Iowa/Nebraska Association, the week of July 17-22. The group will be traveling to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania to help make life easier for the people of that region. One of the things helpful to people on the trip is to know that the group sending them supports their efforts. 1) Pray for the success of this mission; 2) Write a letter of support; 3) Send a Bible passage you believe would be significant to someone on a mission trip. The goal is to have a letter for each volunteer to open each morning at breakfast. Mail letters to First Congregational Church, 1212 1st Ave. West, Spencer, IA 51301 to arrive by July 8. (Attending from our church are Patty Smith, Kay Miller-Todd and Rich Miller-Todd.) Letters can also be emailed to cong1ch@smunet.net.

**EMILY MILLER-TODD -
 SEMINARY UPDATE**

We all enjoyed visiting with Emily when she was in town recently. Her new job as a co-minister is in Anaheim, California.

COUNCIL CAPTIONS

The Church Council met June 12, 2016. We made plans for a July 3 celebration! We continue to raise funds through our noisy offering to eventually replace the roof of the church. The next scheduled meeting is August 14.

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR
 LITTLE FREE LIBRARY!**



**A “BLESSING OF BIKES” WAS HELD AT
 MALLY PARK JUNE 18, FOLLOWED BY A
 TRIP FOR ICE CREAM. BIKES INCLUDED
 BOTH MOTORCYCLES AND BICYCLES.**

COMING UP:

- ◆ SUNDAY, JULY 3 CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY 10 AM to 2 PM
- ◆ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 10-14
- ◆ CHURCH CAMPING AUG. 19-21

To contact Berwick Church:

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



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MINISTER'S WORD

As Kay and I prepare to represent our church at the annual meeting in Detroit, many thoughts come to mind. It doesn't seem that long ago that Kay and I were finishing seminary and going into our first parish position. With Emily's graduation from Southern Methodist University (Perkins School of Theology) and her venture into ministry, we know a lot about those feelings of uncertainty. Emily has been blessed with an education at Berwick Church that has followed her to Perkins and on to her ministry at Anaheim, California.

Emily comes to the ministry with many gifts that began here at Berwick. While in Detroit she will go through the graduation ceremony for those who will graduate from Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies. In this program she has written several papers and attended several seminars at the Congregational Library in Boston and during the national meeting. As parents we are proud of her and we note that Berwick Church has been proud of her many accomplishments at Perkins and

now at Anaheim.

Many of you will remember that Emily and Nicole provided special music with their violin and flute duets. That love of music followed her to UNI for a degree in Violin and later playing at Chapel in Dallas and now playing at First Congregational Church in Anaheim on occasion.

As I get back in the pulpit next week I am aware of the many things we have planned this summer. I am so happy to be back to celebrate with you on the 3rd of July. Be ready to sing some great patriotic hymns and dig into that homemade ice cream and cake.

Later this month, three of us will join other Congregationalists in a Blitz Build in Pennsylvania. This is a great mission opportunity through our Iowa-Nebraska Association. Please pray for us and send notes of encouragement, remembering that we represent you as we go out in mission.

- Rev. Rich