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# THE DOVE

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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



OUR CHURCH CAMPOUT WAS A FUN TIME AND PASTOR TOM SHOWED GREAT SKILL COOKING OVER A CAMPFIRE!

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We had another successful Vacation Bible School this year.

Although our numbers were down, the kids that were there had an awesome time. We learned some new songs, did some great crafts, and of course had daily snacks. Our theme was "Shake It Up" and we certainly did! - Lori Holmes

## MISSIONS

### COMING UP THIS FALL!

#### DRAMA TEAM WANTED!

Over this last year, adults have enhanced the worship service with their presentations. The congregation has voiced its appreciation of this format. Rather than just throwing these presentations in now and then, it would be a blessing to us all if the people interested in being a part of short skits would gather and plan to present a skit more regularly. The Drama Team would decide how often to gather and how often to present. No memorization will be necessary. Please contact Kay if you are interested in being a part of this exciting new team.

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**NACCC MEETING IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

Thanks to Rich and Kay Miller-Todd who represented our church at the meeting of the National Association.

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#### NEW COVENANT BIBLE STUDY

Abingdon Press and Cokesbury are promoting a new Covenant Bible Study with three eight-week themes: Creating, Living and Trusting. Those who are interested in this Bible study will decide when and where to gather. Each session will have a DVD episode and ideas to discuss. Each participant will decide on their level of study. "This Covenant experience . . . of the whole Bible emphasizes the biblical concept of covenant as a unifying pattern through all the books in the Old and New Testaments. It underscores the unique relationship that God chooses to have with us as God's people. This relationship is grounded in the faithfulness of God's love and in our ongoing commitments to stay in love with God while we share signs of that love with others." Covenant Bible Study, Abingdon Press. Call Kay if you wish to be a part of this unique adventure through the Bible.

#### Food Pantry -

Food Pantry suggestions for September are diapers and for October peanut butter. Thanks to Lois Allen who has been helping transport food, including vegetables from our garden, to a food pantry.

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.

We also will be supporting the Compassion Fund in September and Church World Service Hunger Hike in October.

#### VISITORS

INVITE A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR TO COME WITH YOU TO CHURCH!

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Jodi Schlenker
- Charles & Hazel Neagle
- The family of Roy Abbott who passed away recently.
- Gerald Banning
- Don Townsley (Shirley's father)
- Walter Biddle
- Kay's sister, Rachel Palmer



#### THE PULPIT

We 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:**

- Sept. 4 Donn & Shirley
- Sept. 11 Don & Lori
- Sept. 18 Patty
- Sept. 25 ?
- Oct. 2 Don & Lori
- Oct 9 Donn & Shirley
- Oct 16 Patty
- Oct 23 Shelly
- Oct 30 Karen & Nelson

**COMMUNION:**

- Sept. 4 Kathy
- Oct. 2 Jodi

**FELLOWSHIP:**

- Sept 11 Jodi
- Oct. 9 Donn & Shirley

**SUNDAY SCHOOL-**

In process of being organized for the fall.

THANK YOU! To all who helped with the community gardens and mowing this summer. Also many thanks to those who helped transport our organist to the church for practice as well as Sunday mornings

**CLEANING THE CHURCH:**

- Sept 4 Don & Lori
- Sept 11 ?
- Sept. 18 Kathy & Patty
- Sept. 25 Shirley S.
- Oct 2 Don & Lori
- Oct 9 ?
- Oct 16 Kathy & Patt
- Oct 23 Shirley S.
- Oct 30 Donn & Shirley

## IOWA - NEBRASKA MISSIONS COMMITTEE

14 people participated in the Hosanna Industries Mission Project from the Iowa/Nebraska Association, the week of July 17-22. The group traveled to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania to help make life easier for the people of that region. Attending from our church were Patty Smith, Kay Miller-Todd and Rich Miller-Todd.) Pictured below are the three plus Linda Lacy from Ashby , NE, who visited our church at the end of the week and we heard their very interesting story! (See also p. 4.)

## FUNDRAISER A BIG SUCCESS!

Berwick Church helped out our organist, is who blind, with the purchase of a new computer and updated software which reads email to him, and also helps him with music composition. His old computer died and it is his lifeline to the world. We came back to the church from our week-end camping on Saturday for the fundraiser, which included lunch, a bake sale, and a silent auction. Thank you all for your tremendous support and donations as we raised enough money to pay for the new computer! Pictured below are a couple of photos taken at the event, plus one of Jerry with Rev. Rich taken at the campground.





## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

A fun church dinner outing is being planned so mark your calendars! Church members are encouraged to bring guests to:

HyVee in Altoona-banquet room

Time: 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Date: Sunday, September 18

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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## MINISTER'S WORD

Hosanna Industries doesn't sound like a mission agency but it sure is one! Three of our Berwick Church members got the opportunity to see it first hand, and to provide service to several individuals in need of help. Ours was a project lasting several days in Pittsburg with each mile traveled being worth the effort. Hosanna does a wide range of outreach to the Pittsburg area and states experiencing special needs with rehabilitation and housing following disasters.

Each year Hosanna builds at least one house in a "Blitz Build". In five short days, they move from foundation to completed home. These projects are planned and executed for low income individuals who have requested help. Additionally, Hosanna Industries goes into needy neighborhoods to assist elderly and low income persons.

Our role for the five days while living in their dorm was to work on projects in several Pittsburg neighborhoods. One day was spent training people to roof, lay floors, paint, install windows, and construct a retaining wall.. Our group was divided up

so that it could go to separate project areas. Some went off to build a retaining wall for a elderly man. Others replaced 21 windows in a house and another group worked at staining a number of boards that would eventually be used in a rehabilitation project.

At the end of our time there, we were told that over \$60,000 was saved by our work projects! It was great to accomplish a worthwhile purpose and to see that our skills could be used to help others. It takes members of Berwick Congregational Church plus our Iowa-Nebraska Association churches and churches of other denominations working together to make an impact. The blessings of this mission were many and they ranged from Christian outreach to worship to shared friendship across the miles. It is an amazing thing to see Christ's church accomplishing our call to ministry.

Coming home makes us aware that similar goals can happen in our community. It is taking the shared learning bringing it home that truly makes us aware of the potential that is within us.

Rev. Rich Miller-Todd