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PASTORS:

Rev. Kay Miller-Todd &
 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

DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS!

- * There will be a Pilgrim video shown over three Sundays at 10 AM Nov. 13, 20 and 27.
- * *Hanging of the Greens (decorating of the church for Christmas) will take place at 4:00 PM on Sunday afternoon, November 27. There will be a sign-up sheet to bring chilli or whatever other snacks to share.*
- * We will go Christmas caroling in Perry (where the Neagles now live) on Thursday, December 1, followed by dinner at Hotel Pattee. Meet at the church at 4:30 PM that day to drive to Perry, Then on December 8, we will go caroling at Sunnyview Care Center—meet there at 6 PM.
- * The drama group will perform at 9:00 AM on Sunday, December 18.
- * The Christmas Eve service including special music and candlelight will be at 5:30 PM Christmas Eve.
- * Christmas Day Worship at 9:00 A.M.
- * COMING UP IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY: Minister Appreciation and Installation Service to which members of the Iowa-Nebraska Association will be invited. Also a Spaghetti Supper is being planned, with a tentative date of January 29.

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M A T C H I N G F U N D S

Between now and January 1, 2017, the church has an opportunity to double its giving before the cold winter days arrive. An anonymous benefactor has agreed to match our special heating fund efforts up to \$1000. Get on board so that we can get more bang for our buck. Please indicate "heating fund" in the memo section of your check Thanks!!

COMING UP!

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. (The first session has ended but the second will take place next.)

PBS PILGRIM VIDEO

Pastor Tom Conrey will show this video in three segments following church services on November 13, 20, and 27. This video was produced by PBS and everyone should find it very interesting.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Jodi Schlenker
- Charles & Hazel Neagle
- Gerald Banning
- Don Townsley (Shirley's father)
- Walter Biddle
- Mike Pearce
- Margaret Carlson
- Zander Payne



MISSIONS

Food Pantry -

Food Pantry suggestions for November are Peanut Butter and for December personal hygiene items. We will be collecting items each Sunday with a basket at the altar.

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 of each month.

Family

We hope to sponsor a family at Christmas again this year.

VISITORS

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

THE PULPIT

We welcome back to the pulpit Pastor Tom who will be with us through December 31. Beginning in January, Rev. Kay Miller-Todd will begin serving as our pastor (assisted by Rev. Rich) for January, February & March.

**THANKS TO OUR
MANY HELPERS!**

USHERS:

Nov. 6—Don & Lori
 Nov. 13—Patty
 Nov. 20—Shelly
 Nov. 27 -
 Dec. 4—Karen & Nelson
 Dec. 11—Don & Lori
 Dec. 18—Patty
 Dec. 24—Don & Lori
 Dec. 25 -

COMMUNION:

Nov. 6—Karen & Nelson
 De. 4—Shelly
 Dec. 24—Karen & Nelson

FELLOWSHIP:

Nov. 13—Lori & Don
 Dec. 11—Tom Conrey

SUNDAY SCHOOL—

**See Lori Holmes re
 Schedule.**

HANGING OF FLAGS :

**Veterans Day: -
 Nelson, Jodi, and Bob**

CLEANING THE CHURCH:

Nov. 6—Shelly
 Nov. 13—Karen & Nelson
 Nov. 20—Jodi
 Nov. 27—Don & Lori
 Dec. 4—Donn & Shirley
 Dec. 11—Patty & Kathy
 Dec. 18—Shelly
 Dec. 25—Lori & Don
 Jan. 1—Karen & Nelson



THE FALL MEETING OF THE IOWA-NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION TOOK PLACE AT THE BEAUTIFUL LITTLE BROWN CHURCH (IN THE VALE) AT NASHUA, IOWA.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the church took place on Sunday, November 6 and was very well attended.

Pastor Tom Conrey and Rev. Rich Miller-Todd gave oral reports to the congregation. The congregation approved the suggested plan for Rev. Kay Miller-Todd to serve as our lead pastor during the Miller-Todd 3-month rotation (assisted by Rev. Rich) beginning in January. Pastor Tom will continue to alternate every 3 months. We love this arrangement!

A summary of our Treasurer's Reports is: General Fund Balance \$305.22, Compassion Fund \$424, Birthday Bag funds \$48.75, Missions and Memorials (including \$5,209 in the roof fund) \$11,012.49, and a CD of \$8,939.04. \$1,000 from savings had to be used for general expenses last year, including heat bills. Total receipts were \$34,131.30 and expenses \$33,892.95. A budget for the coming year was approved in the sum of \$34,975.

Elected to the Board were Lori Holmes and Shirley Holmes (shared 3-year position), Kathy Hansen (3 year position) and Karen Pearce (1 year position). Remaining on the Board are Nelson Pearce, Patti Smith, Jodi Schlenker & Judy Sprague, and Shelly Kern.

Donn Henderson volunteered to construct a "Little Free Pantry." Thanks, Donn! [This would be something like the "Little Free Library" except food and other items would be available for anyone to take what they need.]

ANNUAL MISSION GIVING PLAN-2017

- JANUARY:** Salvation Army
Food Pantry: Health Kits
- FEBRUARY:** Pan American Institute
Food Pantry: Birthday Bags
- MARCH:** Indian Trails Mission
Food Pantry: Diapers
- APRIL:** Hope Ministries
Food Pantry: Birthday Bags
- MAY:** Happy Life Children's Home
Food Pantry: Birthday Bags
- JUNE:** Morgan Scott Project
Food Pantry: Peanut Butter
- JULY:** Compassion Fund (Berwick)
Food Pantry: Emergency Assistance
- AUGUST:** Cong. Church of Myanmar
Food Pantry: Hygiene Items
- SEPTEMBER:** Hosanna Ministries
Food Pantry: Birthday Bags
- OCTOBER:** IMPACT—Food Pantry
Food Pantry: Harvest Yield
- NOVEMBER:** Piedmont College—Congregational
Chaplain's Fund
Food Pantry: Thanksgiving Dinner

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Nov. 13, 20, 27—Pilgrim video 10 AM
- Nov. 27—4 PM Hanging of the Greens
- Dec. 1—Caroling (meet at 4:30 PM to drive To Perry)
- Dec. 4—Sunday School Program 9 AM
- Dec. 8—Caroling (meet at Sunnyview Care Center 6 PM)
- Dec. 18—Drama Group 9 AM
- Dec. 24—Xmas Eve Service 5:30 PM
- Dec. 25—Christmas Day—9 AM Worship

To contact Berwick Church:

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SUNDAY SERVICES: & SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM



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Games, Treats, and a Jodi Witch!

TRUNK OR TREAT!