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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

BUSY DECEMBER!

We went caroling in Perry and sang to Charles and Hazel Neagle (followed by going out to dinner at Hotel Pattee). We also went caroling at Sunnyview Nursing Home and saw Shirley's dad there (Don Townsley). There was a wonderful children's program, directed by Lori Holmes. There was an adult drama, held on the coldest day of the year so far (10 degrees below zero!) with all participants wearing angel wings! We gathered hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks etc. to be given to Hope Ministries. Christmas Eve Service was beautiful—all in all it was a great December at Berwick Church!



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JANUARY MISSION SUPPORT

We are beginning our year with support for a well-known mission that serves our community and the world: the Salvation Army. During the Christmas Season, we have seen and heard many bell-ringers calling us to contribute to this work. It is a good time to remind us that this work is not just important at Christmas. The Salvation Army runs addiction rehabilitation programs, emergency response to disaster areas, the Family Tracing Service to help restore family relationships that have been disconnected, hospitals and clinics in some of the most needy areas of the world, international projects to help with economic, social, ecological and spiritual relationships, world-wide social work programs and the International Headquarters' Sports Ministry Desk. What a great mission to support!

FEBRUARY MISSION SUPPORT

We are supporting a fully accredited Mexican technical school in Tijuana, Mexico: Panamerican Institute. This school prepares deprived teenagers for jobs that would otherwise be out of their reach. It currently provides for secondary education for 75 students. One student can be sponsored for \$35 per month.

It is exciting for Berwick and the Iowa-Nebraska Association that Emily Miller-Todd, our recent seminary graduate, will begin serving on the Board for this school in 2017. Visit their website at www.paischool.org.

OTHER MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Food Pantry -

Food Pantry suggestions for January: Health Kits. (Bring personal care items i.e. toothbrushes, toothpaste, lip balm, etc.)

February: Birthday Bags (a gift bag with cake mix, frosting, birthday paper plates, napkins, decorations, 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.

Thank you!

To everyone who brought warm items for the homeless during the Christmas season. They are going to Hope Ministries in conjunction with their homeless shelter.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

In September, a year-long Covenant Bible study group began its first eight-week session. The first session was entitled: Creating. The second session is entitled: Living. It will begin on Tuesday, January 10, and continue until February 28. The group will then take another break before its final eight-week session. The group will meet at the home of Kathy Hansen, 4274 N.E. 62nd Avenue. At Kathy's home, there is WI-FI access and, hopefully, the group can Skype with our fellow group members in Arizona!

VISITORS

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

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



THE PULPIT

We welcome to the pulpit Rev. Kay Miller-Todd who will begin serving as our pastor (assisted by Rev. Rich) for January, February & March. Pastor Tom Conrey will be back with us April 1.

**THANKS TO OUR
MANY HELPERS!**

USHERS:

Jan. 1: Kathy
 Jan 8: Lori & Don
 Jan. 15: Jodi
 Jan. 22: Pearcees
 Jan. 29:
 Feb. 5: Patty
 Feb. 12: Lori & Don
 Feb. 19:
 Feb. 26:

CLEANING THE CHURCH:

Jan. 1 Pearcees
 Jan. 8: Patty & Kathy
 Jan. 15:
 Jan. 22:
 Jan. 29: Donn & Shirley
 Feb. unscheduled

COMMUNION:

Jan. 1: Kathy
 Feb . 5: Unscheduled

FELLOWSHIP:

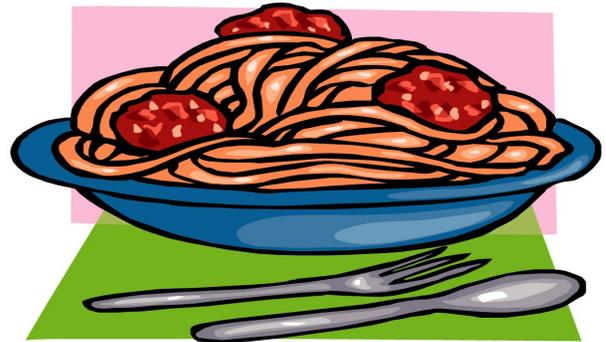
Feb .19: Shirley & Donn
 Mar.12: Pearcees

SUNDAY SCHOOL-

Jan. 1: Lori
 Jan. 8: Shelly
 Jan. 15: Karen
 Jan. 22:
 Jan. 29: Maya & LuAnn
 Feb. 5:
 Feb. 12: Lori
 Feb. 19:
 Feb. 26: Shelly

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Mark your calendar to attend our annual Spaghetti Supper to be held at 5:30 PM on Saturday, January 28. No tickets are being sold but we would appreciate a donation to help with church expenses for heat etc. This year we will be adding a "silent auction" so if you have items you would like to donate, please bring them to the church by January 22nd. Thanks!



Iowa-Nebraska Association News

The Little Brown Church in Nashua is going through a pastoral search. We keep them in our prayers as they search for a new minister to lead them.

Word has come that Ashby/Hyannis has called Pastor Debra Johndreau to be its full-time minister. We welcome her to our association.

National Association News

The annual National Association conference will take place at Piedmont College in late June. Piedmont is located in North Georgia and was established following the Civil War. A commuter campus was added at Athens in recent years. It has been great to see the tremendous advancement which ahs take place at Piedmont over the past two decades. The college offers a significant scholarship for students from Congregational Churches who hold a B plus or higher grade average in high school.

We offer our sympathy to the Mt. Dora Church in Mt. Dora, Florida, and the Don family at the death of Rev. Richard Don following an automobile accident just after Christmas.

ANNUAL MISSION GIVING PLAN-2017

- JANUARY:** Salvation Army
 Food Pantry: Health Kits (Toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, lip balm, and other personal items)
- 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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Saturday, January 7—Luncheon at 11:30 AM followed at 1 PM by Pastor Kay's Installation Service and Minister Appreciation for our three pastors.

Sunday, January 15— Board meeting

Saturday, January 28—Spaghetti Supper 5:30 PM along with silent auction.

Sunday, February 12—Widows and Widowers' Brunch 10 AM

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SUNDAY SERVICES: & SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM



Berwick Congregational Church

PASTORS' CORNER

Berwick Church is blessed to have three ministers serving the congregation. We all bring unique perspectives and personalities to the ministry and, most importantly, we all love the folks at Berwick. The church members at Berwick are a gifted group of people that seek diligently to serve Jesus Christ through their love of each other and the community. As I come on board as the third minister, I am honored to serve this church. As this New Year unfolds, my goal is to help all of us see the manifestation of Jesus Christ in the world around us and to get even more excited at what he has in store for us! Happy New Year! *Pastor Kay*

ORDINATION SERVICE FOR OUR SEMINARY GRADUATE

The ordination of Emily Miller-Todd will take place at the First Congregation Church of Anaheim, California, on February 26. We share in her excitement and wish her all the best as she takes this step. Emily has a multi-faceted ministry. She stays busy preaching, leading Bible studies, ministering to recovering women through the Northeast of the Well program, and teaching violin to student in a nearby Hispanic community. We are glad that she grew up in Berwick Church.



It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone. 2016 is now past and we look forward to 2017. There was so much that happened last year. It seems that every month was a month of anxiety and uncertainty. Yet so much happened for us to be thankful for as well. And it is those moments of thankfulness that we need to remember and focus on this New Year.

One of the things that Sue and I are thankful for is Berwick Community Church! You do so much good for so many. I am so grateful to be one of your pastors. You have nurtured me since 2011 and I have grown in Spiritual strength because of you.

Sue and I would like to take this time to thank everyone for the cards and gifts, not just at Christmas time but throughout the year as well. Thank you so very much!!!

It is my prayer for you, that as 2017 progresses, so shall your love for the Lord grow. May this new year be a joyous time for all of you – my brothers and sisters in Christ.

God bless *Pastor Tom*