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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



**SUE & PASTOR TOM CONREY  
 CELEBRATION OF MINISTERS**

**REV. RICH & REV. KAY MILLER-TODD**

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This year we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of Rev. Rich's service to our church as Pastor, and Pastor Tom's 5th anniversary. On Sunday, April 30, we held a potluck meal after the worship service and Nelson Pearce, Board Chair, presented each one with engraved desk clocks as special thank you gifts from the congregation.

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**DON & LORI HOLMES** (pictured on the right) celebrated their 40th Anniversary (a little early) at a fun party to which the congregation was invited. Happy Anniversary to a very special couple!

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST  
 AND BLESSING OF THE BIKES.**

Our annual Vacation Bible School fundraising breakfast will be held Sunday, May 7, 10 AM-11:15 AM with a free-will donation taken to support Vacation Bible School (July 9-13). We are excited to add an additional opportunity after the breakfast at 11:30 AM with a Blessing of the Bikes, both motorized and non-motorized. Every rider can use a blessing for safety as we ride and each will receive a sticker from the Christian Motorcycle Association!



### COMMUNITY FOOD ASSISTANCE

Our church is now supporting community food needs in several ways. We support the local food pantry, IMPACT, through monthly donations. In May, we will be providing birthday bags and in June, we will be providing peanut butter. Recently, we are also providing volunteer help. Kay Miller-Todd and Janice McKinney volunteer on Tuesdays with stocking shelves and cleaning. Janice also does a great job of helping clients with food selections. Rich Miller-Todd, Chuck Beyer and John McKinney volunteer of Fridays with the food pick-up from Walmart.

On March 9, the church began offering pastries, bread, produce and canned goods to the Berwick Community from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays at our Food Co-Op. The church is coordinating with Norwoodville Community Center and Cornell Elementary to meet as

#### THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for the recognition gift. You folks have given me 20 years of great memories. That is the ultimate gift.

- Rev. Rich Miller-Todd

many needs as we can. We are grateful for the personal donations to our new Food Co-Op from the community and the church members. We are also grateful for the volunteer help that is given weekly by our church members.

In April, we began to plan for our community garden. All of you who enjoy gardening will be able to use your gifts in this special way. Contact Lois Allen to see how you can help.

#### KEEPING IT CLEAN!

The church will be beginning a new mission project in June for the homeless. On the first Sunday of the month, we will be making "butterfly" laundry packets. We will fill plastic sandwich bags with powdered detergent and then tying them off with a dryer sheet. This will provide a person with the laundry supplies needed to do one load of laundry. We also will put a tag on the bow that identifies the church. We need ideas for a slogan for the packet. One organization used the "wave." Any bright ideas?



#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Jodi Schlenker
- The family of Hazel Neagle
- Gerald Banning
- Don Townsley
- Mike Pearce
- Donn Henderson
- Margaret Carlson & daughter
- Jan, Carol, Doug, Bill, Kayla, Bob, Zander, and others who need our prayers and concerns.



### POTLUCK WITH VISITING MISSIONARIES

We look forward to a potluck and visiting with NACCC missionaries in the Philippines who will be with us for supper at 5:30 PM (along with members of Lamoille Congregational Church) Saturday, June 10. Mark your calendar!



#### THANK YOU

Thanks to all of those who helped with the luncheon following the funeral for Hazel Neagle. Hazel was a kind, gracious and thoughtful wife and mother who blessed our church body for many years. She will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with Charles and his family during this time of grief.

#### PRAYER WARRIORS

If you have been in the sanctuary the last few months, you may have noticed a large gold framed prayer board in the back. This board is for people to write down their prayer concerns. The prayer warriors will then pray for these people. Prayer warriors is a new group here at Berwick church. We meet the last Sunday of each month to have a group prayer and to send cards out to people who have been on our prayer board. When we have prayer concerns come up during the week, we send out text messages to pray for people. The power of prayer is one of the most important things we can do! If you would like to be part of this group, all you have to do is join us on the last Sunday of the month. If you have a prayer concern, you may contact one of the ministers or Jodi or simply write it down and add it to our board. - Jodi Schlenker

## THANKS TO OUR MANY HELPERS

### USHERS:

May 7—Shelly  
May 14— Jodi  
May 21— Lori & Don  
May 28—John & Janice  
June 4—Donn & Shirley  
June 11—Lori & Don  
June 18—Kathy  
June 26—Shelly

### CLEANING THE CHURCH:

May 7—Don & Lori  
May 14—Patty & Kathy  
May 21—Shelly  
May 28—John & Janice  
June 4—?  
June 11—?  
June 18—?  
June 26 -?

### COMMUNION:

May 7—Judy  
June 4— Judy

### FELLOWSHIP:

May 14—Judy  
June 11—Lois & Pearces

### SUNDAY SCHOOL:

May 7—VBS Breakfast  
May 14—Lori Holmes  
May 21—Shelly  
May 28 -

### June-July-August -

Summer Sunday School

## MINISTERIAL CHANGES MAY, JULY, AUG.

Pastor Kay will be returning to the pulpit May 14, 21, and 28, while Pastor Tom in out of the country. Rev. Rich will be speaking at the **Memorial Day ceremonies at 10 AM at Berwick Cemetery on May 29.** Ray Sprague is coordinating the event. David Silver will be reading the military roll. The Boy Scouts and the American Legion will also be participating.

Pastor Tom will be taking over the pulpit on July 30, August 6 and August 13. Pastor Kay and Rev. Rich plan to relive their honeymoon camping adventure in celebration of their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Even though they will not have the two-person tent from the original trip, their new little popup camper should produce interesting memories!

## LAY DELEGATE TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING AND CONFERENCE

The church council voted to help sponsor a lay delegate to the Annual Meeting and Conference at Piedmont College in Demorest, Georgia, from June 24 to June 27. Patty Smith is our current "year round delegate" and is excited about representing our church at the annual conference. It is an opportunity for her to fellowship with members from other churches, to participate in special worship services, to hear an outstanding Bible Scholar and New York Times best-selling author, and to attend workshops on improving the ministry of our churches.

During the month of May, special offering envelopes will be provided for anyone who would like to contribute to sending Patty to the conference.

After this year, sponsoring a lay delegate will become a line item in our church budget for the next fiscal year, subject to congregational approval at the Annual Meeting in November.

## IOWA-NEBRASKA NEWS

Several of the churches in Iowa are hosting missionaries from the Philippines during the week of June 7 to June 14. The missionary family will fly into Des Moines June 7 and fly out of Omaha on June 14. The family is currently scheduled to meet with churches in Elkader, Berwick, Lamaille, Marshalltown, Spencer, Peterson and Greenville. The family will be at Berwick Church the evening of Saturday, June 10. (See photo on page 2.)

## MISSION TRIP

The Iowa-Nebraska Association is hosting a mission trip June 3-9, 2018, to Morgan Scott mission in Tennessee. This Project was established in 1972 to minister to the impoverished residents of Morgan and Scott counties in eastern Tennessee where 29% of families in this area fall below the poverty line. The focus of the Morgan Scott Project is not simply to give handouts, but to help area residents establish a better life for themselves. Volunteers are always welcome at the Project. Area residents can see the love and compassion of Christ in action through this mission.

## CHURCH MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Jodi Schlenker has given Spring Cleaning a new meaning around the church. She has set up several projects to be completed in the next several weeks. She began by getting rid of wasp nests around the church! Don Holmes has been added as a church board member and has eagerly joined forces with Jodi by cleaning carpets and replacing deck boards. Others have signed up to help with painting the foyer and handicapped markings. Of course, the weekly yard mowings are being timely completed by wonderful group of volunteers and the sign announcements are being regularly posted for our next adventure. It is almost like having a swarm of (friendly) bees! Jodi also is getting bids to replace the worn-out floorcovering in the vestibule.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **May 7— 10-11 AM—Vacation Bible School breakfast with free-will donation to buy supplies followed by “Blessing of the Bikes” at 11:30 AM.**
- **Food Co-op Thursdays 5-6 PM**
- **May 14—Mother’s Day**
- **May 29—10 AM—Memorial Day Service at Berwick Cemetery**
- **June 18—Father’s Day**

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Berwick Congregational Church



Some of our young people are pictured above who participated in Palm Sunday which was also “Youth Sunday.”

A group of adults performed a play on Palm Sunday.

A Tenebrae service was held on Maundy Thursday and a quartet of Shirley Holmes, Donn Henderson, Kathy Hansen and Nelson Pearce sang “In the Garden.”

We enjoyed special music when Shirley Holmes sang a solo on Easter Sunday and the choir sang as well.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Vacation Bible School breakfast will be Sunday, May 7th at 10:00 AM. Come and enjoy pancakes and much more to help purchase the new and exciting “Super Hero” curriculum we will be using this year. Vacation Bible School is July 9-13.

### LOOKING WAY AHEAD!

We look forward to the Four Mile Creek Bluegrass Band coming to our church on September 10!!

A time of patriotic special music is also being planned for this summer.