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BERWICK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PASTORS:

Rev. Kay Miller-Todd & Rev. Richard Miller-Todd

(Jan-March and

July-September)

Rev. Theron (Tom) Conrev

(April-June and

October-December)

Sunday Services and

Sunday School:

9:00 AM

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School begins at the Berwick Church on Sunday, July 9, for all children ages 4-12.

On <u>Sunday</u>, Bible School begins at 4:00 PM with a light meal. It will end at 7:00 PM.

Monday through Thursday, Bible School will begin at 6:00 PM and will end at 8:00 PM.

Each night includes games, crafts and snacks.

The theme this year is "Hero Central" and we hope to see many kids participating in the fun!

CARNIVAL FOR ALL AGES!

On Saturday, July 15, between 11

AM and 1 PM Berwick Church is sponsoring a free carnival in the church yard for all ages. Food, games and prizes will be available. In addition to traditional prizes, school supplies will also be offered to the children playing the games.



BERWICK FOOD CO-OP

The Food Co-Op at Berwick Church is continuing throughout the summer. It is open for everyone between <u>5 and 6 PM</u> every Thursday.

Bread, pastries, produce and canned goods are available.

During March through May, the Food Co-Op was set up primarily outside. However, the heat of the summer has caused it to move inside so that the food can stay fresher and everyone can stay cooler! (An elevator is available for those who need it.)

THANK YOU!

A BIG THANK YOU to those who are weeding and watering our community gardens, as well as those who faithfully keep our lawn looking beautiful!

KEEPING IT CLEAN!

The church has begun a new mission project. On the first Sunday of each month, we will be making "butterfly" laundry packets. We will fill plastic sandwich bags with powdered detergent and then tie them off with a dryer sheet. This will provide a per-



son with the laundry supplies needed to do one load of laundry. We also put a tag on the bow that identifies the church.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Jodi Schlenker
- Gerald Banning
- Don Townsley
- Mike Pearce
- Donn Henderson
- Margaret Carlson
- Ben's friend, Jen and
- Others who need our prayers and concerns.



POTLUCK WITH VISITING MISSIONARIES

It was wonderful visiting with the Castillo family and hearing about their mission in the Phillipines at the potluck with LaMoille Church on June 11. For information and to support, kindly contact Symphony John Castillo, National Director. Email address is: caringchurch@yahoo.com.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Books and magazines for all ages are also available at the Berwick Church at any time. Many donations have been received and the contents of the Library will be changing regularly. Exciting News: A second little Library is under construction by Jim Farrell! Location to be in Sunnybrook Mobile Home Park.

PRAYER WARRIORS

"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: July 2—Jodi July 9—Lori & Don July 16—Shelly July 23—Pearces July 30—Kathy Aug. 6—Bill & Shirley Aug. 13—Lori & Don

Aug. 23—Lon & Don Aug. 20—Shelly Aug. 27—John & Janice

CLEANING THE CHURCH:

July 2—Judy
July 9—Lori & Don
July 16—Kathy & Patty
July 23—Shirley S
July 30—Judy S.
Aug. 6—Brandsens
Aug. 13—Kathy/Patty
Aug. 20—Judy
Aug. 27—John & Janice

COMMUNION: July 2—Kathy Aug. 6—Unscheduled

FELLOWSHIP: July 9 - Lois Aug.13 - Brandsens

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL:

July 2—Janice
July 9—Lori
July 16—VBS Sunday
July 23—Karen
July 30—Shirley H.
Aug. 6—Lori
Aug. 13—Lori
Aug. 20—Judy S.
Aug. 27—LuAnn & Maya

Mowing: July 2—Donn July 9—Judy

Garden Helpers: July 2—Shelly July 9—Judy July 16—Kathy July 23—Janice July 30—Shirley S. Aug. 6—Judy Aug. 13—Maya

Aug. 20-Shirley S.

Aug. 27—Judy

HANG FLAGS JULY 4: Driver: Jim F. Ladder—Don; Holder—Lori

MISSIONS:

July—Compassion Fund Aug.-Cong. Church-Myanmar

MINISTERIAL CHANGES DURING JULY, AUG.

Pastor Tom will be taking over the pulpit on July 30, August 6 and August 13. Pastor Kay and Rev. Rich will be in the pulpit the other Sundays in July, August and September.

Pastor Tom and his wife, Sue, will be doing a "travel log" of photos for us to enjoy. No date set yet, but it will be this fall.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR FAITHFUL HELPERS EACH WEEK WITH THE FOOD CO-OP!!

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING AND CONFERENCE

The National Meeting and Conference concluded on Tuesday, June 27. It was four busy days that included Bible Lectures, workshops, worship services and face-to-face visits with missionaries from across the US and around the world. It was "awesome" to have Emily Miller-Todd give the Communion Sermon. It was exciting to share with other churches the recent happenings taking place at Berwick. Pastor Kay was elected to a three-year term on the conference planning committee, a result of the successful meeting that Iowa-Nebraska Association hosted in Omaha a few years ago. More information about this conference will be coming to you over the next couple of months. Pastor Kay

NEWS FROM YOUR DELEGATE

Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to represent our congregation at the National Meeting and Conference at Piedmont College in Demorest, GA. It was very meaningful and a great learning experience. I would highly recommend that all of our members consider being a part of this annual event which provides great fun, food and fellowship, all led by the Holy Spirit. *Patty Smith*

CHURCH MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Jodi Schlenker has organized a great many projects around the church this summer! The foyer has been painted and new flooring being added. The exterior has been power washed and painted, and rotten boards replaced. Wasp nests have been attacked. Handicapped markings have been repainted. And on and on—it has been a lively place as needed improvements to the building have been made. Thank you to everyone who helped!

IOWA-NEBRASKA NEWS

The Iowa-Nebraska Association is hosting a mission trip June 3-9, 2018, to Morgan Scott mission in Tennessee.

The next meeting of the Iowa-Nebraska Association will be October 14, 2017.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

COVENANT BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME FOR EIGHT WEEKS BEGINNING AUGUST 22.

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.

To contact Berwick Church:

Church Phone: 515-262-0949

Revs. Kay & 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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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The church is exploring whether the Berwick Community would be interested in starting a "Neighborhood Watch." Because of concerns about speeding on Berwick Drive and concerns about vandalism in the park and on the bike trail, a Neighborhood Watch could help to address these issues and any others that residents may have.

If you are interested, please call and leave a message on the church phone with your name and telephone number and you will be contacted about participation in the program. A representative from the Sheriff's Department would come to help us get organized and to explain how it would all work.

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To everyone for their well wishes!

- Judy Sprague

