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PASTORS:

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

(Jan-March and
July-September)

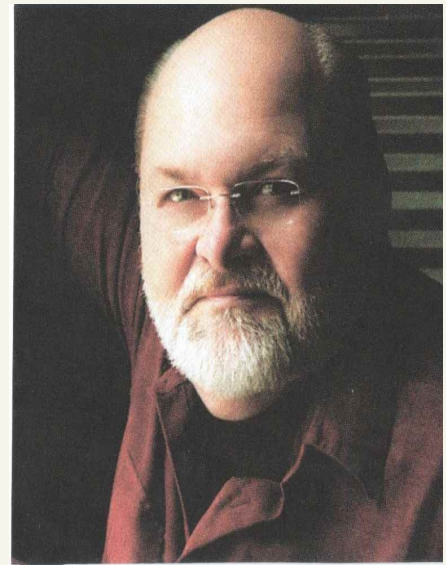
Rev. Theron (Tom) Conrey

(April-June and
October-December)

Sunday Services and
Sunday School:
9:00 AM

SPECIAL MUSIC EVENT IS COMING

On Sunday, April 15, at 9:00 AM, the church community will be given a special opportunity to welcome Milo Herrick. Mr. Herrick is a nationally acclaimed singer whose ministry has taken him around the world, and across the United States. As a featured soloist, Mr. Herrick's rich voice has garnered him international praise. It has been said of Mr. Herrick that "Whether he is singing before a gigantic crowd or a small country church, he approaches both with the same warm sensitivity." Do not miss this opportunity to see and hear one of America's finest Gospel singers! Thank you, Nina Moore, for arranging this special event.



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HOLY WEEK

During Holy Week, we will have our usual services: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunrise and Easter morning services. After our Easter Sunrise service on April 1, we will have an Easter breakfast and after the Easter morning service, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt. Due to the operation of the Food Co-Op, the Maundy Thursday service (March 29) will begin at 6:30 PM with a potluck meal.

If anyone would like to provide an Easter lily to the church for the Easter Service, please let Karen Pearce know if it is being given in memory of a particular person so that the names can be mentioned in the bulletin for Easter Sunday. (515-238-3978 or 515-262-9047)



COMMUNITY FOOD ASSISTANCE

The Berwick Food Co-Op continues at the church on Thursdays from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. There are varieties of baked goods from Panera Bread. Larry McCreery picks up Fareway products each week and Chuck Beyer picks up from Hy-Vee. There have also been generous gifts of canned goods, dry goods and cash to the Co-Op from members and friends of the church. The number of families being served has increased. We deliver to Norwoodville Community Center, Cornell Elementary, Hope Ministries and to about 17 individual families. Thanks to all who prepare and deliver all this food.

John McKinney and Rich continue to work at IMPACT on Friday mornings. Butch Bierman has now joined the team. The three pick up food and deliver to IMPACT. Pastor Kay continues to work on Tuesday afternoons with stocking shelves.

The Blessing Box near the church sign is being used steadily. It is filled every Thursday after the Co-Op closes. People have been taking what they need and some have been leaving food items. During the winter months, the Box has been stocked with cereals, Kleenex boxes, hygiene products, macaroni and cheese and hamburger helper. As soon as the weather warms up, canned goods will be added. On the top shelf of the Blessing Box are cookbooks for anyone who would like to have one.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Jodi Schlenker
- Charles Neagle
- Vicky Baker
- Gerald Banning
- Margaret Carlson
- Sarah Brandsen
- Donn Henderson
- Chuck & Esther
- And others who need a Special prayer.



BERWICK KIDS' CLUB

Berwick Kids' Club is continuing on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 PM at the church. The children made valentines for Sunnyview Care Facility. Unfortunately, because of the flu season, the children could not deliver them, but Pastor Kay took them over so that the Sunnyview staff could decorate the halls. Shelly Kern has taken the children twice to the Altoona Campus. The children thoroughly enjoyed getting to go swimming. Hopefully, the children will be able to participate in a Palm Sunday play this year.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

The Little Free Library near the Sunnybrook Community Center and the Little Free Library at the church are seeing regular activity. Recently, the books in both libraries were completely changed. During Valentine season, packages of valentines were left in the library at Sunnybrook. On occasion, activity books have been left and they have quickly been taken. If you have books you can donate, especially chapter books for children, please drop them by the church or just place them in one of the libraries.

MISSIONS

Food Co-Op:

March: Hygiene products
April: Canned goods; peanut butter

Other Missions:

March: Compassion Fund
April: Happy Life Children's Home
(Jonathan)

SHROVE TUESDAY

Our Shrove Tuesday event was a combination of Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day. The event began with a catered meal from Hy-Vee and many pies from guests. Lois Allen also blessed the festivities with beads and a King Cake from New Orleans. The meal was followed by a drama, "God's Valentine," with lead actresses: Lois Allen and Lori Holmes. The choir then sang about the blessings of being in God's family. The event closed with all singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

The Winter Bible Study that began in January ended on February 13 at the Shrove Tuesday event. Fortunately, only one night was missed due to weather. The group enjoyed meeting each week and learning more about the Lord's Prayer with the help of a DVD presentation. Thanks to Kathy Hansen for hosting the meetings at her home.

THANK YOU! TO ALL WHO HELP AROUND THE CHURCH—SHOVELING SNOW, CLEANING, HELPING WITH THE FOOD CO-OP, SINGING IN THE CHOIR, SERVING ON THE BOARD—AND ON AND ON! WE ARE SO BLESSED!

**THANKS TO OUR
MANY HELPERS!**

USHERS:

March 4—Ray & Amy
 March 11—Lori & Don
 March 18—Shirley & Donn
 March 25—Shelly

COMMUNION (Deacons)

March 4—Don & Lori
 April 1—Karen & Nelson

FELLOWSHIP:

March 11—Jodi
 April 8—Janice & John

CLEANING THE CHURCH:

March 4—Judy
 March 11—Don & Lori
 March 18—Janice
 March 25—Judy
 April 1—Shirley H.
 April 8—Judy



CHOWDER RIDE

On Saturday, February 17, courageous bikers hit the bike trail and rode from Bondurant to Berwick in an unexpected snow storm. By the time the riders arrived at the church, they were covered in snow and chilled to the bone. The church was delighted to offer them hot cider, hot chocolate, and coffee, along with cookies and brownies. After the riders thawed out, they returned to Bondurant for the chowder and chili. Thank you, riders, for blessing us with your adventure!

The church received the following note from Molly Rupert, Recreation Coordinator, City of Bondurant: *“I wanted to send the church a BIG thank you for participating in the Chowder Ride this year! I had a ton of riders commenting how wonderful it was to have a stop at the midway point to warm up and enjoy some treats. I’m not sure how successful the ride would’ve been if your stop wasn’t there. Despite the snow, the event was a success and I hope things went smoothly for you guys! We’ll be looking to have the ride again next year and I hope the church will participate!”*

V A L E N T I N E B R U N C H

On Sunday, February 11, our annual Widows/Widowers’ Valentine Brunch was held at the Big Steer. Again, Shirley Holmes did a great job of organizing, decorating and providing gifts for the guests. It was a special treat for Charles Neagle to come from Perry and worship with us and go to brunch.



Charles Neagle



Margaret Carlson

IA-NE NEWS:

The deadline for a reservation to go on the mission trip to Morgan Scott in Tennessee is March 15.

The next Iowa-Nebraska meeting is April 14 at Peterson.

Congratulations to Patty Smith for getting published in the Association Lenten devotional! Patty is also busy gathering blue jeans to be made into shoes. See Patty for details!

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH BOARD

The installation of the Board was finally held on February 18. Due to illness and travels, it was hard to get all the members of the Board at a service at one time. The Board does an amazing job about making decisions about the work of the church and of carrying out those decisions during the church year. Berwick is blessed by people willing to serve. Our current board members are Patty Smith, chairman; Lori Holmes, vice chair; Karen Pearce, secretary; Shelly Kern, treasurer; and Kathy Hansen, Shirley Holmes, Lori Holmes, Jodi Schlenker, Don Holmes, Lois Allen, and Janice McKinney.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

March 25—Palm Sunday

March 28—Maundy Thursday potluck and service at 6:30 PM

April 1—Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, Breakfast, 9 AM Service and Egg Hunt.

April 15—Special music by Milo Herrick

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



Berwick Congregational Church

2017 Christmas Thank You

Never was there such a Christmas Eve as this one!! Everything seemed to come together that night. The warmth in the church, the Scriptures, the music, and the glowing candles on the faces of God’s children! It was, as if, God Himself, was there. But, then, he was, wasn’t He? God’s presence was felt that night.

We were truly blessed with some amazing voices. The solos that were sung were calming and still sent “chill bumps” up and down the skin. Never was there such a Christmas Eve as this one!

Sue and I send our heartfelt thanks to all for the cards and gifts, and to the church family for the Christmas gift at the Sunday service on Christmas Eve morning. For all that you do for us, throughout the year, thank you so very much. Our relationship has indeed been a long “honeymoon”!

Please have a safe and joyful New Year and God Bless!
-Tom and Sue Conrey

COMMUNITY SPAHETTI DINNER/ HEATING BILL FUNDRAISER

Thanks to all who helped make the spaghetti dinner and silent auction possible through donations, food preparation and serving. The dinner/auction raised about \$900 to help with the winter heating bill. The heat at the church will also be managed better by the new programmable thermostats donated by Shirley Holmes and installed by Steve Smith. All of the donations and efforts are much appreciated.