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Sunday Services and

Sunday School:

9:00 AM



INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by,
Celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things that our country has achieved.
On this day we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given to us.
We thank You for the blessings of liberty for this generation and for the generations to come.
We thank You for our independence, peace and for all those who have bravely given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice.

Yet as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right way.
We ask You to forgive us for those times.

On this day, we commit ourselves to honoring and serving You. With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You.

Make us a generous people, a holy nation, a people set aside to love You and all your children forever,
**For the sake of the land of the brave and free,
And the peoples and nations of this world.**

Today, we do not presume Your grace for our country.

Our land is in need of You,

Our people are in need of You,

Our industry and business is in need of You.

May we look only to You this Independence Day, dependent on You.

Please come now by Your glorious Holy Spirit,

Breathe new life into this nation.

May justice flow like rivers,

And righteousness like a never failing stream,

Until the whole of our country is covered with Your glory,

As the waters cover the sea.

We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus,

Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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**FOOD CO-OP
AND BLESSING BOX**

The Berwick Food-Op continues at Berwick Congregational Church on Thursdays from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. The items are available free of charge. Anyone having garden produce or other items to share can drop them off at the church and they would be much appreciated.

The outside “Blessing Box” is also stocked with food and some hygiene products which are available whenever you want to stop as you drive by the church. (On the top shelf are cookbooks, free to anyone who would like to have one.)

“Happy Birthday Bags” are available by request for children having a birthday coming up within the next month. The bags have supplies for a birthday party, such as cake mix, icing, cups, plates, utensils and napkins. These bags are available at Sunnybrook Mobile Home Park and the Berwick Food Co-Op.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

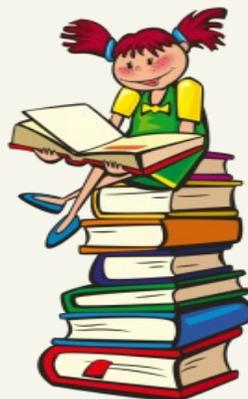
- Jodi Schlenker
- Charles Neagle & Vicky Baker
- Gerald Banning
- Donn Henderson
- Margaret Carlson
- Chuck & Esther and family
- And others who need our prayers and concerns.

HOT DOGS AND S’MORES!

The Adventureland campers believe that the 4th of July is a day for hot dogs and s'mores. Therefore, they are donating enough hot dogs and s'more ingredients for our families served by the Food Co-Op. What a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday! A big thank-you to the Adventureland campers!

**LITTLE FREE
LIBRARIES**

The Little Free Library near the Sunnybrook Community Center and the Little Free Library at the church are seeing lots of visitors! There are plenty of books and magazines, so be sure to stop by! Both are sponsored by Berwick Congregational Church.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held July 8-12. On Sunday, July 8, it will meet 4 PM to 7 PM and will include a hot dog supper.

Monday through Thursday, it will meet from 6 PM to 8 PM. All children ages 4-12 are welcome!



**BACK TO SCHOOL
CARNIVAL!!**

On Saturday, July 28, there will be a FREE Back to School Carnival from 11 AM to 1 PM. There will be food, games, prizes that include school supplies, and a yard sale with back to school clothes. Consider donating school supplies and good used school clothing. Collection of clothing will begin after Vacation Bible School.

PRAYER WARRIORS

The “Prayer Warriors” 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 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 1—Don & Lori
 July 8—Jodi
 July 15—Shelly
 July 22—Ray
 July 29—Karen & Nelson
 Aug. 5—Kathy
 Aug. 12—Shirley & Donn
 Aug. 19 -
 Aug. 26 -

CLEANING THE CHURCH:

July 1—Ray & Amy
 July 8 -
 July 15 -
 July 22—Don & Lori
 July 29—Karen & Nelson
 Aug. 5—Brandsens
 Aug. 12— Shirley & Donn
 Aug. 19 -
 Aug. 26—

COMMUNION:

July 1—Lois
 Aug. 5—Shelly

FELLOWSHIP:

July 8—Amy & Ray
 Aug. 12—Karen & Nelson

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

July 1— Shirley S.
 July 8—Lori H
 July 15—VBS Sunday
 July 22— Shirley H.
 July 29— Shirley S.
 Aug. 5— LuAnn
 Aug. 12— Lori H.
 Aug. 19—Karen
 Aug. 26— Shirley S.

4th of JULY FLAGS:

Max Schramm, Ray Sprague
 & Nelson Pearce

BABY SHOWER— TYLER & NICOLE

A fun baby shower/open house was held at Berwick Church for Tyler and Nicole Weissinger, who are expecting twin boys! Tyler is in the Air Force so the couple was busy moving from one state to the other and it was a rare opportunity to see them. We wish them well!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Iowa-Nebraska Association Mission Trip

Five members of the Iowa-Nebraska Association went in June to the Morgan Scott Project in Tennessee to help do repairs to homes, care for the garden, and work in the thrift shop. The group brought with them many donations from our churches in the Iowa-Nebraska Association.

National Association Annual Meeting and Conference

This year, the annual meeting and conference was held in San Diego from June 23-26. Kay and Rich Miller-Todd attended as our church's delegate and alternate delegate. At the end of the conference, there was a short trip to Panamerican Institute in Tijuana, Mexico. Our church has sponsored this technical middle school for several years.

MISSIONS

- July—Birthday Bags; Vacation Bible School
- July - Food Co-op: School Supplies
- August—Indian Trails Mission (Arizona)
- August Food Co-Op: cereals/boxed meals



We are delighted to welcome new members Max and Jamie Schramm! (This wonderful couple will be providing one additional member expected in October!)



Special birthday greetings to our organist, Jerry, on July 22!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

August 17-18 church camping at Prairie Flower (Saylorville Lake) around Sites H176—H180. If you are unable to get an open spot, or don't have a tent or camper, we would still love to have you come out and join us Friday night, August 17, for a hot dog roast and Saturday night, August 18, for a potluck, fellowship and campfire. If questions, call Pearces at 262-9047.



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Berwick Congregational Church

THANK YOU!

Dear Berwick Church,

Darius and I are so thankful for all of the support that you gave us during the difficult parts of pregnancy. We really appreciate all the thoughts, prayers, and cards from the church. Thank you, too, for the thoughtful gifts after his arrival to help celebrate.

Once Johann gets a bit older and bigger, we hope to bring him to Iowa and introduce him to you all! We are so grateful to have him with us and in good health overall.

Thanks again, and we hope everyone is doing well.

Love,
Sarah, Darius, and Johann

THANK YOU!

- To Donn and Shirley for power shopping at garage sales and donating wonderful gently used books for our Little Free Library and Co-Op!
- To all who have helped with the gardens this year! Your work is much appreciated.
- To Max Schramm, Ray Sprague and Nelson Pearce for hanging up the flags for the 4th of July.

COMING UP THIS SUMMER:

- Vacation Bible School is July 9-12
- Carnival on July 28—FREE GAMES, PRIZES, FOOD AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES!
- Pedaler's Jamboree Bike Ride Aug. 25-26 from Baxter to Bondurant. This ride will include an extra loop and stop at Mally's Park in Berwick for a church-sponsored ice cream social on Saturday, August 25 from 2-5 PM! (A sign-up sheet will be going around church for contributions of ice cream and bottled water for the event as well as staff to help us.) Proceeds will go toward the new roof for the church. There will also be an opportunity to donate for a bicycle for Jonathan in Africa.