

SEE OUR WEBSITE!
Berwickchurch.com

THE DOVE

B E R W I C K C O N G R E G A T I O N A L C H U R C H

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

Vacation Bible School will be held July 14-18. On Sunday, July 14, VBS will meet from 4 PM to 7 PM and will include a hot dog supper. Monday through Thursday (July 15-18) VBS will meet from 6 PM to 8 PM. All children ages 4-12 are welcome!

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Vacation Bible School, Carnival,	1
Food Co-Op; Blessing Box; Prayer Warriors	2
Helpers List, Iowa-NE and National Meeting	3
Missions	3
Events Coming Up; New Member;	4
Gardens; Tree, Stained Glass, Air-Conditioner	4
Calendar	5-6



FREE CARNIVAL!!

The fun continues with a FREE carnival on Saturday, July 27—11 AM to 1 PM! There will be food, games, and prizes that include school supplies.

**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.)



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Charles Neagle
- Gerald Banning
- Donn Henderson
- Chuck & Esther and family
- Shirlee Sprague Brown
- Mary Fetters
- And others who need our prayers and concerns.

**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.

**SOMEHOW WE NEED
TO THANK
JIM FARRELL!**

The Little Free Library at Sunnybrook was knocked down by a snowplow during the winter. However, as soon as snowbird, Jim Farrell, returned, he began repairing the Library. It did not take long until Jim had it fully repaired and in service again!



OUR BOX GARDENS

Thanks to Shirley Sprague and Esther Beyer, the box gardens have been planted. With their supervision, the Berwick Kids' Club also contributed to the planting. The Pearces have added a water barrel near the gardens to make the task of watering much easier. Thanks to all who help maintain the gardens!

JODI'S MEMORIAL TREE

Jodi's Memorial Tree was planted in May and is flourishing. Her husband continues to water and care for it three times a week to make sure it has a good healthy start. It will be so exciting when it provides the area with shade!

PRAYER WARRIORS

The "Prayer Warriors" meet 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 simply write it down and add it to our board.

**THANKS TO OUR
MANY HELPERS**

USHERS:

July 7- John & Janice
 July 14- Don & Lori
 July 21- Shelly
 July 28- Kathy
 Aug. 4- Dave & Judy
 Aug. 11- Shelly
 Aug. 18- Nelson & Karen
 Aug. 25- John & Janice

COMMUNION:

July 7- Janice
 Aug. 4- Patty

FELLOWSHIP:

July 14- Ray & Amy
 Aug. 11- Jamie & Max

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

July 7- Zinna
 July 14- Shelly
 July 21- VBS Sunday
 July 28- Lori
 Aug. 4- Shirley
 Aug. 11- Shelly
 Aug. 18- Lori
 Aug. 25- Judy S.

CLEANING THE CHURCH:

July 7- Don & Lori
 July 14- ?
 July 21- ?
 July 28- Shelly
 Aug. 4- ?
 Aug. 11- ?
 Aug. 18- Shelly
 Aug. 25- Janice

GARDENING/MOWING:

See posted lists at church

4th of JULY FLAGS:

Bill Sprague & Jim Farrell

WE'RE PROUD OF YOU, PATTY!

Patty Smith from Berwick Congregational Church presented at one of the workshops in Cleveland on the opportunities in a small church. As you can see, Patty was excited to share about the church. Note: the parament was made by Amy Sprague, another member of the Berwick Congregational Church.



National Association Annual Meeting and Conference

The theme for this year's annual meeting and conference in Cleveland, Ohio, was "Jesus, the Heart of it All". The three Bible Lectures accentuated this theme through exploration of passages from the book of Mark. Workshops were offered that dealt with adversity in churches, ministering with disabilities, giving as a faith decision, attracting young people, and many others. Missionaries from around the world were available to share how God's love impacts various cultures. Patty Smith, the church's delegate to the meeting, met with the missionaries leading Happy Life Children's Home in Kenya who reported firsthand on Jonathan, our adopted child. Pastors Kay and Rich were delighted to meet again with the Director of Morgan Scott Project in Tennessee. She hoped they would be coming again bearing "treasures" in October. The engagement with others on the journey of faith, both at home and abroad, was exciting to all who attended.

MISSIONS

- July—Compassion Fund
- July - Food Co-op: School Supplies
- August—Bread of Life Ministries
- August Food Co-Op: Cereals/Boxed Meals

AUGUST NATIONAL MISSION

In August, our national mission for the month is Bread of Life Christian Mission in Plant City, Florida. The mission provides various services to children in the area. Most recently, Rev. Julio Santana has begun a ministry to the churches in Cuba, again ministering to many children. It is now possible to adopt a minister serving a church in Cuba. More information about this ministry will be available during worship services in August.

VICINAGE COUNCIL

The First Congregational Church of Peterson, Iowa, has called a vicinage council for **Saturday, July 20**. The council will be held at 9:30 a.m. with the ordination service to follow at 11:00 a.m. The church will provide a luncheon after the service. All the Iowa-Nebraska Churches are invited to attend!

400th ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN CONGREGATIONALISM

The National Association Annual Meeting featured hats, T-shirts, fleece jackets, hooded sweatshirts, and totes celebrating "Faith 400." Go to <https://nacc-apparel.itemorder.com> to place an order for one of these items celebrating Faith 400. Watch over the next couple of months for many ways to help our church be involved with Faith 400! There will be bulletin inserts and curriculum coming soon!

COMING UP THIS SUMMER:

- Vacation Bible School is July 14-18 (See first page for details).
- Carnival on July 27—FREE GAMES, PRIZES, FOOD AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES!
- Baptism of the Weissinger twins on July 28 with reception to follow. Rev. Emily Miller-Todd will be with us to officiate that day!

To contact Berwick Church:

Church Phone: 515-262-0949
 Revs. Kay & Rich 515-669-2202 (Jan-Mar; July-Sept)
 Pastor Tom: 515-480-3396 (Apr-June; Oct-Dec)
 Church Secretary: 515-262-9047 (Karen)



Berwick Congregational Church

WELCOME NEW MEMBER ZINNA PEARSON

We were delighted on June 30 to welcome Zinna Pearson as a new member of our church. Thank you to Judy Sprague for providing refreshments for a special fellowship time to welcome Zinna!



STAINED GLASS WORK

We are working with Bovard Stained Glass of Fairfield, Iowa, to replace with clear glass the aged and yellowed covering over the front stained glass windows in the church. The work will be completed this summer and we look forward to seeing the renewed and beautiful stained glass over the front entrance and window to the side. The work is being done in memory of Jodi Schlenker and Mary Beth Banning, using their memorial funds.

AIR-CONDITIONER

The spare change collected in the "noisy can" each Sunday is now going into a fund to replace the air-conditioner (and possibly also the furnace) in the church.