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THE DOVE

BERWICK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS ALL YEAR!

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO BERWICK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH!

PASTORS:
 Rev. Kay Miller-Todd &
 Rev. Richard Miller-Todd
 (Jan-March and
 July-September)

 Rev. Theron (Tom) Conroy
 (April-June and
 October-December)

 Sunday Services and
 Sunday School:
 9:00 AM

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We are a Mission-Oriented Church.

- ♥ Community Food Co-Op, Elementary School food deliveries, Family food deliveries.
- ♥ Proud Partner-Food Bank of IA
- ♥ Little Free Libraries at the church and nearby mobile home park
- ♥ Support of homeless shelter with weekly food deliveries and periodic laundry supplies.
- ♥ Food and book sharing with Hispanic Community and Bible Study. ♥ Little Free Pantry at the church.
- ♥ Special meals for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and July 4.
- ♥ Free community carnival with free backpacks, school supplies and Clothes for Community kids. ♥ Community holiday flag display.
- ♥ Warming station for February bike ride.
- ♥ Monthly dinners for Kids' Club parents and children. ♥ Compassion Fund for energy Assistance; ♥ In-Kind donations for Morgan-Scott Project in Tennessee.
- ♥ Support of foreign missions in Mexico, Philippines, Indonesia. ♥ Support of adoptive child, Jonathan, at Happy Life Children's Home in Kenya.

PRAYER
WARRIORS

COMING UP!

Hanging of the Greens / Advent, on Saturday,

November 30 —4:00 PM as we decorate the church for the Christmas season. We will enjoy a potluck supper of chili (or other soup), crackers or bread, etc. after we decorate. Everyone invited to attend!

Christmas Caroling—To be announced as to time and place.

Annual Christmas Program and Choir Special Music -

Sunday, December 8 at 9:00 AM.

Christmas Eve Service will be at 5:30 PM on December 24, and will include special music as well as a candlelight service.

6:30 PM Tuesday Bible Study

Patty Smith, who is working on her lay ministry program, will lead a Bible Study during the month of November preparing for the Advent Season. All are welcome to come.

MISSIONS

Food Co-Op, Outdoor Blessing Box, and Food Deliveries. Our mission of providing food to the community continues. Thank you to all who provide food as well as manpower to keep this all running smoothly!

Jonathan

Our monthly commitment to Jonathan continues. We pay \$50 per month to Happy Life Children's Home in Kenya for Jonathan's support.

Other Missions

We continue to support other missions, both at home and internationally.

November's mission: Christmas basket for Panamerican Institute.

November Food Co-Op: Cereals/boxed meals.

December's mission: Mission Aviation Fellowship (the Applebys).

December Food Co-Op: Hygiene Products and diapers



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Charles Neagle
- Gerald Banning
- Mike Pearce
- Donn Henderson
- Shirlee Sprague Brown
- Mary Fetters
- Lochlan Smith
- Zinna Pearson



THANKS TO OUR MANY HELPERS!

USHERS:

Nov. 3 Dave & Judy
 Nov. 10 Don & Lori
 Nov. 17 Shelly
 Nov. 24
 Dec. 1 Dave & Judy
 Dec. 8 Shelly
 Dec. 15
 Dec. 22 Don & Lori
 Dec. 29

Dec. 1 Kathy & Patty
 Dec. 8 Judy & Dave
 Dec. 15 Shelly
 Dec. 22 Don & Lori
 Dec. 29 Ray & Amy

COMMUNION:

Nov. 3 Janice
 Dec. 1 Shelly
 Dec. 24 Karen & Nelson

CLEANING THE CHURCH:

Nov. 3 Janice & Shirley
 Nov. 10 Nelson & Karen
 Nov. 17 Shelly
 Nov. 24 Don & Lori

FELLOWSHIP:

Nov. 3 Lori & Don
 Dec. 8 Karen & Lori

TACO PARTY

Our Hispanic Bible Study group hosted a gratitude party for the church on September 8. The menu was changed from tacos to panes relleos, a tasty sub-like sandwich with chicken and vegetables. Especially delicious corn on the cob was also served along with fruit and drinks. It was a very festive occasion. Gracias to our Bible study friends!

DEDICATION OF STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS

On Sunday, October 13, the church dedicated the restoration of the front stained-glass windows. Light now shines through these beautiful windows because of memorial funds honoring Mary Beth Banning and Jodi Schlenker. The service was blessed to have present Jodi's family and Mary Beth's family. It was also special to have Kevin Kirkman present whose mother, Gladys, helped design the windows. Memorials for Gladys's mother, Rose Schlenker, and Gerald Banning's father, Dale, made possible the original windows. Nina Moore, Jodi's mother, and Lois Allen provided a reception after the service with beautiful table decorations and special cross-shaped cakes. The big stained glass windows on the sides of the church will be restored whenever someone feels led of the Spirit to fund this expensive project.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT

The church has offered its support of the Delaware Township Volunteer Fire Department by providing a potluck dinner to the firefighters on certain Tuesday nights before their training sessions. The first potluck delivery will be on Tuesday, November 12 for about 20 firefighters. Any of you wishing to provide a dish to be taken to the fire department that day needs to bring it to the church by 6:00 PM so we can deliver it to the Fire Department by 6:30 PM. (Use of disposable pans would be helpful so we don't have to try to keep track of your dish.) Thanks for your support of this new project!

THE GOOD NEWS AND THE BAD NEWS

This newsletter is filled with good news about all the ways the church is reaching out to show God's love to the world. Those involved with all of the different endeavors are doing it with a full and grateful heart. It brings joy and excitement to be a part of God's service. However, to be able to do all of this, the church needs to meet its regular expenditures. The church requires a building, a minister, an organist, property insurance, etc. These needs are often found to be routine and uninteresting. Unfortunately, the Berwick Church general income is not meeting these needs. If we don't meet these basic needs, then all the exciting work the church is doing cannot go forward. Please come to the Annual Meeting with ideas about how we can support the basic and fundamental needs of the church.

NEW KIDS' CLUB FORMAT

The Berwick Kids' Club just completed its first Deep-BlueRotation series on Jesus and the Children. The theme was addressed through Art, Cooking, Games, Missions, Drama and Science. Thanks to Karen Pearce, Amy Hansen, Alicia Smith, Linda Sanny, Judy McClain, and Cindy Roby for leading these sessions. Thanks to Karen Pearce, Nina Moore, Linda Sanny, Patty Smith and Judy McClain for supplying snacks.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor Tom has started confirmation classes with two of our young people. He is engaging the Bible with them in new and exciting ways. Pastors Kay and Rich are seeking to develop a youth group with three other youth. On November 2, two of these young people will be participating in Reggie's Sleepout at Drake Stadium to support homeless teens.

MONTHLY DINNERS

With the help of Chris and Shannon Wolver, monthly dinners are being offered to the parents, children and teachers of the Kids' Club and youth. The dinners are being held on the first Wednesday of the month. In October, everyone feasted on wonderful pizza!

OUR FOOD CO-OP CONTINUES TO EXPAND

Our food co-op continues to operate due to the donations from Hy-Vee, Fareway, Panera Bread, the Food Bank of Iowa and many other personal donations. In September, the church served 252 households

Thank you to Linda Sanny for gathering blankets and socks which are given away at the time of the Co-Op.

GIFT BASKETS

Stay tuned for more information regarding Christmas gift baskets we will be selling as fundraisers!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Tuesdays at 6:30 in Nov: Advent Bible Study led by Patty Smith.

NOV. 10—Annual Meeting—10 AM

NOV. 12—Fire Dept. delivered potluck 6 PM

NOV. 17—Council Meeting

NOV. 30 —4 PM Hanging of the Greens

Dec. ? __Caroling

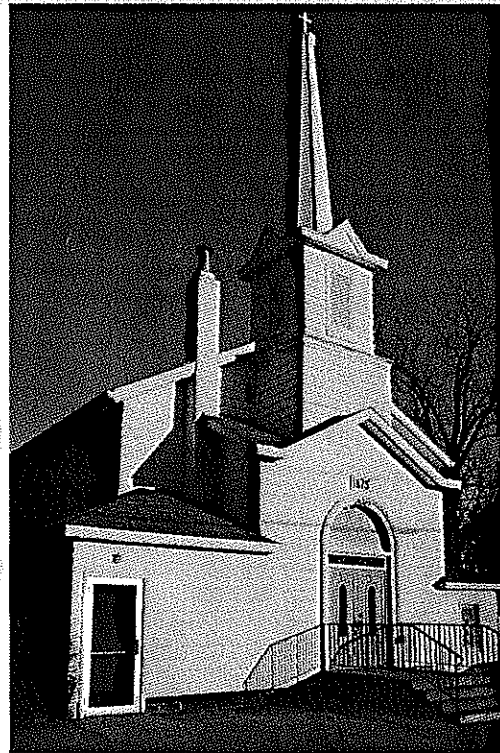
Dec. 8 — SS Christmas/Choir Program

Dec. 24—Xmas Eve Service 5:30 PM

To contact Berwick Church:

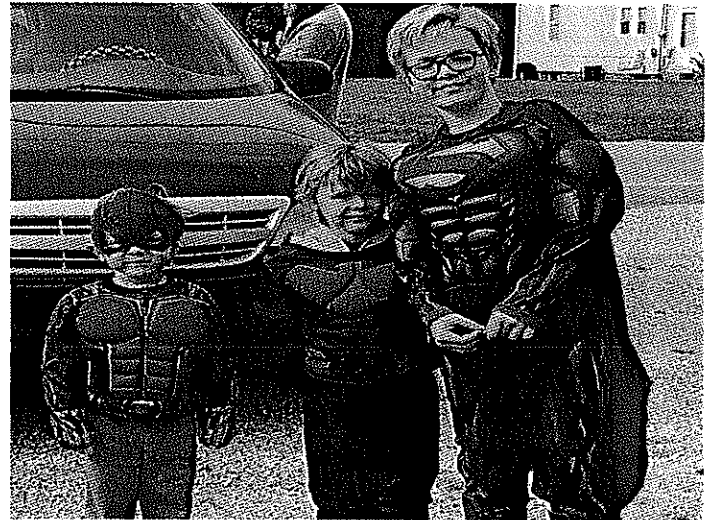
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SUNDAY SERVICES: & SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM



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TRUNK OR TREAT!



Our annual trunk or treat event was held on Saturday, October 26, from 1-2 PM. It was a beautiful day to play games and hand out treats. It was good to see children from the Kids' Club come and bring their friends. It was also good to see children come who live near the church. It was a fun time for adults and children alike!

Thanks to all of you who donated coats and clothes for the occasion. Leftovers will be offered at the Food Co-Op for a couple of weeks.

Thanks to all of you who brought your cars decorated for Halloween and provided games and treats for the kids!

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Nov 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Manuel 9am - Communion 10am - Fellowship	28	29 6:30pm - Bible Study	30 4:30pm - Kids Club 5:30pm - Confirmation	31 Barus BD 5pm - Food Co-Op 6:30pm - Choir	1 8	2 9
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