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# 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

## PASTORS:

Rev. Theron (Tom) Conrey

April-December, 2020

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

Sunday Services and

Sunday School:

9:00 AM

## COVID 19 and BERWICK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

As are churches all across the world, Berwick Congregational Church has been forced to closed its doors due to the Covid 19 Coronavirus since March 17, 2020. We will remain closed until it is safe to open.

In the meantime, the Food Co-Op continues on a limited basis with no-contact delivery of food by appointment.

There are no worship services at the church, no youth group meetings, no Sunday School. We pray that Vacation Bible School can be held in July.

The new air-conditioner and furnaces have been installed as earlier planned.

Pastor Tom has been making a video of a service and posting it on our Facebook page prior to Sunday each week, along with a written program of the service.

We are trying to keep in touch with everyone through Kay's weekly email newsletter and the Dove. Kay is also occasionally delivering packets of materials to the youth.

We also send out an occasional email—if we don't have your email address and you would like to be on our list, please send it to our church secretary, Karen Pearce, at [kpearceadoptions@gmail.com](mailto:kpearceadoptions@gmail.com) and she will add your name.

We very much appreciate donations and weekly contributions which may be mailed to us at:

Berwick Congregational Church  
P.O. Box 308  
Berwick, IA 50032

God Bless you all. We miss you!

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## PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please send prayer requests to Pastor Tom Conrey at [chaplain132@msn.com](mailto:chaplain132@msn.com).



**FOOD**

**Our vegetable gardens are soon to be planted and ready to supply fresh produce to our Food Co-Op. Thanks to all who help with this big project!**

**A Food Truck from Saydel School District comes to the church parking lot three days per week to deliver food to the children in the neighborhood.**

**The food co-op continues on a limited basis. Appointments are made for folks to drive by the church and the food is placed in their trunk. See photo below—50 Easter deliveries of food were made!**

**Thanks to all those who made this possible!**



**OTHER MISSIONS WE SUPPORT**

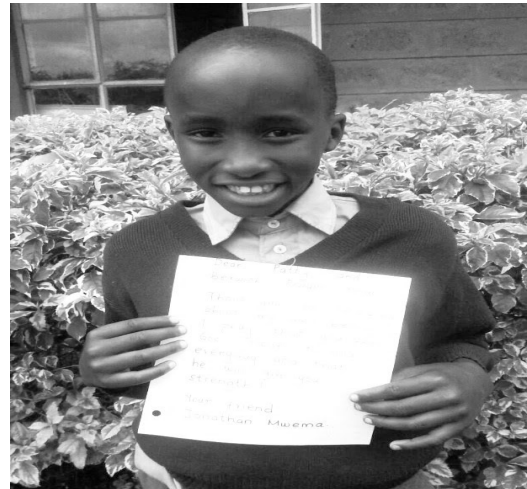
**Food Co-Op Suggestions:**

May: Cereals; boxed meals

June: Birthday Bag Supplies

**Jonathan**

Our monthly commitment to Jonathan at Happy Life Children's Home continues. Jonathan has a birthday this month.



**MISSIONS FOR MAY AND JUNE**

**May—A Christian Ministry in the National Parks. (See next page.)**

**June—Des Moines Area Religious Council.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- Donn Henderson
- Charles Neagle
- Gerald Banning
- Kathy's cousin,
- Donna Oliver
- Kathy's sister Jolene
- Kathy's daughter-in-law's brother
- Mary Fetters
- Janice's granddaughter, Megan Durr
- Juanita's granddaughter, Kayla
- Mary Sprague
- Zinna Pearson
- Pastor Kay's brother
- Dave McClain
- Those who are impacted by Covid 19



**THE PULPIT**

Pastor Tom Conrey is serving as our Pastor.

Rev. Kay Miller-Todd is serving as Outreach Minister working with youth as well as the Food Co-Op.



**A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY  
IN NATIONAL PARKS—  
OUR MAY MISSION**

A Christian Ministry in the National Parks (ACMNP) is a grassroots, student-led ministry based in Colorado that began in Yellowstone National Park in 1951 with the dream of providing Christian community for the people working in, living in, and visiting the first national park in the world.

Today, ACMNP lives its mission by sending roughly 200 ministry team members into 75 locations in 25 national parks from Alaska to the Virgin Islands. Over 30,000 people worship together in ACMNP services every year, experiencing the glory of God by seeing it first-hand — nothing compares to the inspiration that comes from worshipping God the Creator in the beautiful outdoors!

**MASKS**

Cindy Roby and Karen Pearce (and probably others in the church) have been making a large number of cotton masks to be worn in public to help prevent the spread of the Covid 19 virus. If there are those in need of a mask, call Karen at 515-262-9047 or send her an email at [kpearceadoptions@gmail.com](mailto:kpearceadoptions@gmail.com) and she or Cindy will make one for you!



**UNION CHAPEL ON BERWICK  
DRIVE**

**By Nelson Pearce**

A few years ago, I found on the web an 1880 map of Polk County, Iowa. A beautiful piece of calligraphy by some forgotten surveyor, it shows a tiny, neatly-inked square for each house or other building, with names of settlers and schools.

Using the tools of modern times, I “cut” out and magnified a piece showing the “Greenwood Stage Stop” (now Berwick Drive & NE 78<sup>th</sup> Ave.), the village of Berwick and the areas between. Four Mile Creek with some woods and the railway from Berwick heading NE toward Bondurant are clearly drawn, as are roads, Berwick Cemetery and Yoders School (Now 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave and Fourmile Drive).

At Berwick Cemetery appears a larger inked square labelled “Union Chapel,” the building now known as “Berwick Church.” Built in 1875, there it was on the map, still new, freshly built and waiting for history to flow in, through and around it. Farm horses moved it in about 1898 to where it now sits in Berwick. Mines, farms, homes, have come and gone around it; still it remains. Wars, times of plenty and of need, wagons and autos and other marks of history have come and passed. The Union Chapel has served as both a shaper and a reflection of the history ever streaming by and through it.

So, too, have plagues come, wrought their death and misery, passed away and then been left behind as simply stories. So will pass the current plague. As passes all of history.

Beginning as an open-country feature and moving with history into the edge of a “metro,” Union Chapel served the changing needs presented by time’s ever-flowing stream. It still does.

Its builders could not know the people that this simple building, which their minds and hands had so well and durably wrought, would see and serve and save. They just knew they had to build it, and then to use it, as the history stream brought ‘round new needs and purposes.

That’s all they needed to know about Union Chapel - and all we need to know about it now.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE  
AUTHOR OF THE ABOVE ARTICLE  
(WM. NELSON PEARCE) WHO  
WILL TURN 80 ON MAY 5!!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!****JULY 12-16: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Hopefully, this will still happen—stay tuned for updates!

**To contact Berwick Church:**

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 Pastor Tom: 515-480-3396  
 Church Secretary: 515-262-9047 (Karen)



Berwick Congregational Church

**COUNCIL CAPTIONS**

The church council met by phone conference on April 27.

- The church has been shut down for 8 weeks, except for the Food Co-Op, which is handled by appointment only with food delivered to cars and put in the trunk. This shut-down of the church will continue until it is safe to re-open.
- Pastor Tom has been doing an on-line service which is posted to Facebook each week with the bulletin emailed.
- We look forward to an upcoming organ concert by our wonderful organist, Jerry, which will be available on our Facebook page.
- We have managed to pay our bills, thanks to the donations mailed to the church. The minister has not been paid, but we voted to pay one-half salary during the crisis.
- We continue to support our missions, including sponsorship of Jonathan at Happy Life.
- July Vacation Bible School plans are still being made, but we'll see what the situation is by then as to the virus.
- Pastor Tom will be our pastor through Dec., with Rev. Kay serving outreach ministry.

**DOROTHY HULL MOVING BACK TO IOWA!**

“Greetings old friends and new. I have missed you all the past 5 years. I have received the newsletters all these years so am still in the know of all your great works. My work here in Norfolk, Nebraska is finished. I helped my brother until his passage into heaven. Then I helped my brother in law and my sister during medical transitions. I worked with the local art center with volunteer work. I joined 3 book clubs and did lots of reading. And of course church remained essential in my life. I helped with youth group activities, funerals, dinners, social activities, and went on a mission trip to Pine Ridge in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

“So now that my work here is done I am returning to Newton, Iowa this very week. By the time this virus problem is settled I will be able to return to Berwick Church and worship with you once again. So, until then my God be with us all and keep us safe and healthy. Blessings to you all, Dorothy Hull ([dmhannerhull@gmail.com](mailto:dmhannerhull@gmail.com) 641-275-1306. 406 S. 9th Ave. W. Newton, Iowa 50208).”

We look forward to seeing you again, Dorothy!