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# THE DOVE

#### BERWICK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

#### PASTORS:

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

(Schedule varies)

Rev. Theron (Tom) Conrey

(Schedule varies)

Sunday Services (Currently on YouTube or Zoom).

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## CHURCH REOPENING

As the number of persons who have been fully vaccinated has increased, a majority of the Council voted that Berwick Congregational Church should reopen for in-person worship beginning Sunday, May 2, at 10:00 AM. We will be practicing social distancing, masks will be required, there will be no singing and no passing around of the offering plate just yet (there will be an offering basket at the entrance). We will either have windows open for ventilation or have air purifiers running. Please do not attend if you are not feeling well. The service also will be offered on Zoom for those who do not yet feel safe to attend in-person worship and prefer to participate from home or in your cars at the church.

We are excited to plan for an OUTDOOR worship service on Mother's Day (May 8) with special treats for the mothers.

We hope to celebrate Pentecost on May 23 both inside and outside.

There will be a Memorial Day service at the Berwick Cemetery on Monday, May 31, at 10:00 AM.

We are planning another OUTDOOR worship service on Father's Day (June 20) with special treats for the fathers.

As Dr. Dave Williams of Unity Point said recently, "While the vaccines offer hope of life pre-COVID, we're still living in a world where the virus has stolen the lives of 3 million people. We're not done doing the work yet. Resuming the simple joys we've missed over the past year depends on whether enough people get vaccinated, putting an end to new outbreaks popping up."

We will do our best to keep everyone safe as we all begin to resume our lives as normally as is possible at this time!

## **MISSIONS**

The Mission we are supporting for May is "A Christian Ministry in the National Parks (ACMNP), in addition to the Food Co-Op asking for cereals and boxed meals.

The Mission we are supporting for June is the Des Moines Area Religious Council. We are requesting birthday bag supplies for the Food Co-Op (cake mix, frosting, birthday decorations...).



### A MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT, PATTY SMITH:

We are proud to announce we have been awarded a \$3,319 reimbursement grant from the Food Bank for our Food Co-Op!!

Blessings.—Patty."



## OUTDOOR EASTER SERVICE ON A BEAUTIFUL DAY!





## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- All those impacted by Covid 19 in some way.
- Our shut-ins
- Our church so that we can safely reopen May 2.
- Charles Neagle
- Gerald Banning
- Mary Fetters
- Zinna Pearson
- Pastor Kay's brother, Vinson

- The Conrey family
- Kathy Hansen & her sister
- Dorothy Hull & her sister
- Nina Moore
- Judy Sprague as she finally completes fire damage repair and moves back into her house.





FUN EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 3, 2021!

#### To contact Berwick Church:

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Pastor Tom: 515-480-3396 (currently "off duty")

Church Secretary: 515-262-9047 (Karen)

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

April 25—Zoom Worship

May 2— Indoor Worship plus Zoom Worship available

May 9— Outdoor Worship for Mother's Day celebration

May 16— Indoor Worship plus Zoom Worship available

May 23— Celebration of Pentecost Indoor and Outdoor

May 31 – 10 AM Monday, Memorial Day Service, Berwick Cemetery

June 20— Father's Day celebration

July 11-15—Vacation Bible School

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Lori Holmes is busily planning for us to provide Vacation Bible School this summer! She is quite excited about the theme of "Adventure Island." The tentative dates are July 11–15, so please mark your calendar and the exact dates will be confirmed later. We will try to do everything outside if the weather cooperates. Please contact Lori if you'd like to help with VBS! There will be lessons, games, crafts, snacks and it will be a fun time!





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