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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

PASTOR: Rev. Theron
(Tom) Conrey

LAY MINISTER IN
TRAINING: Patty Smith

SUNDAY SERVICES:

In person worship
Sundays—9:30 AM

(See also service on
YouTube by Sunday
afternoon— see “Berwick
Congregational Church.”)

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Lay Minister at Work!

Our lay minister student, Patty Smith, will be doing pulpit supply during January and February. If you need ministerial assistance, please call Patty at 515-321-8326 and she will help you. The services will be held in person and will be taped and put on YouTube. Our thanks go to Ray Sprague for helping with Jerry's transportation during that time. Are there others who can help transport Jerry?

Devotionals Available.

For those of you enjoying the Advent devotionals, it will soon be time to order Lenten Devotional books.

In recent years, Patty Smith has had her devotionals published – one time she even had three published in one edition! Let Patty know if you would like one for Lent.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

The church's annual Christmas Eve Service will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, December 24, 2021. There will be no communion. Masks are strongly encouraged to be worn.

CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICES

Because of COVID, worship services are offered through You Tube. We also offer in-person worship services at 9:30 AM each Sunday, with masks strongly encouraged.

NEW CHAIR LIFT IS BUSY

As stated in the last newsletter, the chair lift is fully operational and has been used by several members in the last few weeks. It also provides public access to the Food Co-Op.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On December 12, the church experienced a wonderful day with the Children's Christmas Pageant. The church was blessed with a total of 11 children, all participating in "period dress." A BIG thank you goes to the parents for encouraging the children's participation and for supporting them on Sunday morning. Another BIG thank you to Lori Holmes who actually wrote the pageant and directed it. Thank you as well to Zinna Pearson and Patty Smith for being the assistant directors. (See photos on page 3.)

TRUNK OR TREAT A BIG HIT!

In late October, the church sponsored a successful, fun time with the annual Trunk or Treat event. There were seven vehicles and lots of kids. (See photos on page 3.)

CHOWDER RIDE!

The church will again be warming up the cold bikers from 11 AM to 1 PM on their February ride from Bondurant to Berwick. The ride is scheduled for Feb. 12.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

On November 21, Pastor Tom and Patty led a celebration for the 400th anniversary of the First Thanksgiving. This was an important event as Congregationalism was born from the Pilgrims. They celebrated with the service downstairs while everyone enjoyed eating a brunch with some dishes that could have been served at the actual First Thanksgiving. The service was followed with fun “trivia” questions. A good time was had by all. (See photos on page 3.)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- All those impacted by Covid 19
- Our shut-ins
- Charles Neagle
- Gerald Banning
- Mary Feters
- Zinna Pearson
- Kathy Hansen & her sister
- Nina Moore
- Dorothy Hull



See pictures below taken at Truck or Treat in October, our Thanksgiving Celebration in November, and our children's Christmas Program in December!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Friday, Dec. 24 5:30PM Christmas Eve service

Sunday, Jan. 9—Council meeting

Tuesday, January 18—Youth Group fundraiser, Pizza Ranch, Altoona, 5-9 PM

Saturday, February 12—Chowder Ride—we serve as warming station 11AM-1PM



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KIDS CLUB AND YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Kids Club and Youth group are now on "time off" for Christmas and will resume in January. In the kids' group, there are 9-12 kids and it is taught by different volunteers each week, with Zinna Pearson and Patty Smith being constant and familiar faces. Thanks so much to Linda Sanny, Dorothy Hull and Alicia Smith for helping at the December meetings. Our youth group has five youth that meet every other week. Patrick Stewart from First Congregational Church in Marshalltown will be leading this group every other Sunday from 5:30-7pm, with Patty assisting.

On Tuesday, January 18, 2022, the youth group will be having another fundraiser at Pizza Ranch, Altoona, from 5-9pm. Proceeds will go towards the Ski retreat which is hoped will be held in February.

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to Shirley Holmes, who organized the Widows' and Widowers' luncheons around Valentines Day each year for many years. She has decided to step down this year, however. Any volunteers?!

Please send your contributions to: **Berwick Congregational Church, P.O. Box 308, Berwick, Iowa 50032.** Thanks so much!

NOTE: Birthdays and Anniversaries will not appear on our website.