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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

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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OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO THE PEOPLE IN UKRAINE.  
PLEASE REMEMBER THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

## WORSHIP SERVICES NOW IN-PERSON

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP! On February 20, 2022, live worship began for the first time since December, 2021. God blessed us with a beautiful day. Although there were still no “hugs,” it was wonderful to be able to see and talk with the church family once again. Masks are still worn for the time being and the service is still recorded and available for YouTube for those not able to attend in person. Please come join the church in worship!

### Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children

Lay pastor Patty participated in a ZOOM webinar entitled: *Darkness to Light: Stewards of children*. It was underwritten by the Growth Ministry Council and Center for Congregational Leadership at no cost to the participants. The topic was child sex abuse, one of the most prevalent health issues facing our children today. In fact, it is estimated that as many as one in ten children will experience this abuse before the age of 18. The facts are staggering: 35% are 11 or under; 90% know their abuser; 60% are abused by a family member. This webinar used real people with real stories and shared throughout the techniques on how to protect our children. You never think this will happen to your family or friends, but YES, it can. This can affect the church, too.

This webinar will be offered again. It is suggested that anyone who is around children participate in the next session. It is never too late to know the signs and symptoms to look for and to know what to do. For more information call Patty at 515-321-8326.

### A note from Pastor Rich Miller-Todd -

I just wanted you to know that we have kept busy this winter with lots of projects. I have been serving on the missionary council, the leadership team and the Planning and Action Committee for the National Association—lots of ZOOM calls!

Last Sunday Kay and I visited Liberty Congregational Church in Dewey Rose, Georgia. It is a small congregation with a warm heart and a great history. In a few weeks, we plan to visit Bear Creek Congregational Church in North Carolina and learn more about its African-American heritage.

We have enjoyed sharing information in this area about A Christian Ministry in the National Parks (ACMNP). We have introduced ACMNP to Piedmont University and Olivet College. We have also visited the Cherokee Methodist Church which has a strong history serving the Cherokees in the Smoky Mountains. It is hoped that this church can be a mission site for both ACMNP and the NA to work on projects and learn more about the Cherokee heritage. The Trail of Tears history is not a happy chapter in American History.

I worked on eight bicycles which were given to me by the Demorest Church to be donated to Morgan-Scott Project. We hope to return to Morgan-Scott with a load of your donations when we come to a family wedding in May.

We will see you all soon! Rich

**NOTE; Save your household items to donate to the Morgan-Scott Project to send with Rich & Kay in May!**

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- All those impacted by Covid 19
- The Ukrainians
- Our shut-ins
- Charles Neagle
- Gerald Banning
- Mary Feters
- Bill Sprague
- Nina Moore



### IOWA/NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION MEETING, April 23, 2022

Patty and her good friend, Pastor Linda Hauschild, will be attending this event in Ashland, Nebraska. This will be the first time the association of churches has met since the beginning of COVID. Anyone else who would like to attend, please contact Patty.

### NACCC Annual Meeting and Conference

The national meeting and conference will be held in Wichita, Kansas, from June 25-28, 2022. Pastors Kay and Rich and Patty plan to attend this meeting. The youth of the Association will also be meeting at this time.

EXCITED YOUTH GROUP KIDS FROM BERWICK AND MARSHALLTOWN  
HEADING TO SKI RETREAT IN MINNESOTA!

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

- **March 6 10:30 AM Special Fellowship by Pastor Tom**
- **April 10 Palm Sunday**
- **April 14 Maundy Thursday service (Time to be announced)**
- **April 17—Easter Sunday Service at 9:30 AM followed by breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt**



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**KIDS CLUB AND YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

It was so exciting for the youth group to finally get to meet on February 20. It was a wonderful evening of renewal, information and FOOD. What made it especially “special” was that Patrick Stewart from Marshalltown was a guest leader and he shared information for the ski retreat that the youth have been waiting for. Three youths attended the retreat at Wild Mountain in Minnesota. (See photos on Page 3.)

The Kids Club will begin again March 9. The first lesson will be on Missions. The goal is to get them interested in what life is like when resources are very slim. They will start by being introduced to “Jonathan”, the church’s adoptive Kenya child, and communicating with him.

**THANK YOU!**

Our CO OP is thriving. Shelly Kern and Amy Hansen are wonderful leaders and have taught and made needed changes due to COVID. These changes led to improvements of the church’s service to the community. We have a STRONG team of dedicated worker bees that donate time and energy to this most needed mission. Thank you to all of you! A big thank you also to Patty Smith, our Lay Ministry Student, for the tremendous job she did filling in for Pastor Tom during January and February!

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