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BERWICK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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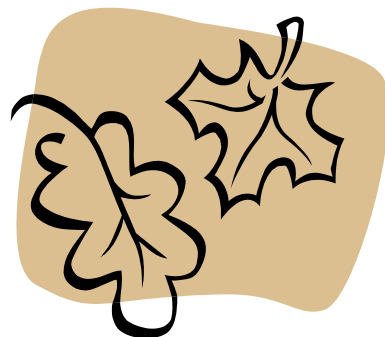
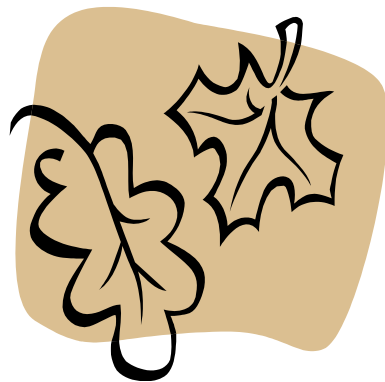
and

Pastor Patty Smith,
 LM

(Co-Pastors,

Sunday Services

9:30 AM



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PASTOR'S PEN

Wow, how fast this summer has flown by. It has been very fast for me. As you know, I received my license to preach in late May. On June 10, I was installed as Berwick's new "Co-minister." Now on October 8, I will be ordained.

Our little church is so great. It has been so humbling to see our people working within the church and outside to get it looking its best for my ordination. We will be hosting our Iowa/Nebraska regional Conference for my ordination. We will have two very special Guests with Us: Reverend Dr. Ashley Cleary, the National Executive Director of the NACCC, and Reverend Dr. Ron Tolliver will be our guest speaker in the afternoon. This will be a very special time for our church, and for me.

Covid is still around, but more manageable. It is safe now to come to church. Our fellowship is much more fulfilling than a TV. Please consider joining us on Sundays. We are discovering our "new normal" and we want you to be included. God's blessings to all, and hope to see you soon!

Blessings, Pastor Patty

BERWICK CHURCH AND MASLOW'S HEIRARCHY

Humans really are not that difficult to understand. We are basically very simple creatures. Our basic needs (as psychologist Maslow lists them) are:

1. Biological and Physiological needs—air, food, drink, shelter, warmth, sleep.
2. Safety needs—protection from the elements, security, order, law, stability, freedom from fear.
3. Love and belongingness needs—friendship, intimacy, affection an love—from work group, family, friends, romantic relationships.
4. Esteem needs—achievement, mastery, independence, status, dominance, prestige, self-respect, respect from others.
5. Realizing personal potential, self-fulfillment, seeking personal growth and peak experiences.

We humans sort of “work our way up the pyramid from 1 to 5.” Anyone who has been around babies understands that they will let you know if they are—or are not—getting those things (although I personally think Maslow should’ve included “cleaning up” in the list). Just think your way on up through the rest.

Comparing this pyramid to Berwick Church:

1. Berwick’s Food Bank provides one of the absolute basics and will help you find the rest.
2. The church’s simple enduring presence reaching back 148 years provides a sense of safety, order, stability, security—you can depend on us.
3. Love, belongingness, affection all lie just a short distance behind those doors.
4. Help with achievement, confidence, recognition, even romance may be found inside.
5. Finally, the ultimate realization of growth, potential, fulfillment, and the peak experience of oneness with all humanity and the Creator can be found there.

Come into our Sanctuary and find the bread of life.

W.N. Pearce



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- All those impacted by Covid 19.
- The Ukrainian people
- Our shut-ins
- Those who are ill.
- Janice McKinney
- Charles Neagle
- Gerald Banning
- Mary Feters
- Nicole and her twin boys as she travels to Japan to join her hubby who is in the Air Force. What an adventure that will be!

THANK YOU!

To LORI HOLMES FOR HEADING UP THE Vaca-tion Bible School again this YEAR and to all WHOSE WHO HELPED WITH IT! THOSE WHO at-TENDED Had a GREAT EXPERIENCE!

FOOD CO-OP UPDATE

Our CO-OP is running like a well-oiled engine. We thank all our “helpers.” Without them we could not function. We also thank Shelly and Amy for keeping it all together. They do all the ordering, deciding on meals and keeping our storage downstairs in order. We thank Janice for calling our people every Wednesday. Our needs continue. We do not deliver food to Cornell School anymore as they now have a food pantry at school.

PRAYER CHAIN

Janice McKinney continues to head up our prayer chain. (Thank you, Janice!) If you have someone who needs to be remembered in our prayers, please let her know. If you are not on the list of members who are on the prayer chain but would like to be included, also let Janice know how to reach you.

CONTRATULATIONS!!

To Rev. Rich and Rev. Kay as they celebrate the weddings of BOTH of their children, Emily and Ben, this summer! What a blessing!

IOWA-NEBRASKA NEWS

The next meeting of the Iowa-Nebraska Association will be October 7-8 at Berwick Congregational Church. Pastor Patty Smith will be formally ordained at this meeting on Saturday, October 8, so it is a big day in the life of Patty and our church!

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

- A huge thank you to all those who contributed to the need for backpacks! We were able to put together 30 well-filled school backpacks!
- Thank you as well to those who contributed to our fund to fix our critical cement problem at the front of the church. We are a ways from funds needed but will hopefully be able to complete the project this fall.
- Our attendance remains low but we have gained a few. **Offerings for August totaled \$1,950 but our August expenses were \$2,743.76.**
- We are busy planning to host the Iowa-Nebraska meeting October 7-8.
- We are also looking at fund-raising ideas.
- We'll be planning our annual Trunk or Treat.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

SUNDAY SERVICES: 9:30 AM
Council meeting: Sept. 11, 10:30 AM
IA-NE Meeting-Berwick: October 7-8
Truck or Treat: October 29

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Berwick Congregational Church

A letter to the congregation from Happy Life Children’s Home (where we have sponsored Jonathan):

Dear Patty & Berwick prayer group

We take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt gratitude and love to you for continually supporting us. Our Children are so blessed that you listened to God’s call in your life to be his hands and feet. May the good Lord eternally be on your side.

Jonathan loves thanking everybody that has done something for him and we find this so endearing. He especially loves thanking our directors every time he sees them, he never forgets to tell them how blessed he is that they gave him a home and a warm bed. He is still doing music and is learning how to play the recorder, he excels in drum playing.

Your love and contribution towards Jonathan’s well-being goes a long way, may the Lord richly bless you.” (See photo of Jonathan to the right.)



MISSIONS GIVING:

September: Morgan Scott Project—Tennessee Food Co-Op: Hygiene products
October: Happy Life Children’s Home—Jonathan Food Co-Op: Canned goods/peanut butter