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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

Rev. Patty Smith

(Schedule varies.)

Sunday Services

9:30 AM



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## CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS ALL YEAR!

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING A THANKSGIVING OR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO  
BERWICK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH !



PASTOR'S PEN

Happy Fall to all! It was a very busy summer. As you know, I was ordained on October 8, 2022. It was a very humbling and beautiful event. I wish you could have all been there. We had visitors because we also hosted the Iowa/Nebraska conference. So many wonderful, fun-loving people. You should consider coming to one of our events. It is not a commitment, just a great weekend getaway to be with other Christians to have fun and fellowship. One of the fun things to see was our church being 3/4 full. The holidays are coming up soon. It would be so wonderful to have that happen again. Think about joining us, sharing our love and fellowship, these holidays. Help us to continue to find and create our "new normal."

Hope to see you soon. We will "keep the light on" for you. Blessings. Pastor Patty

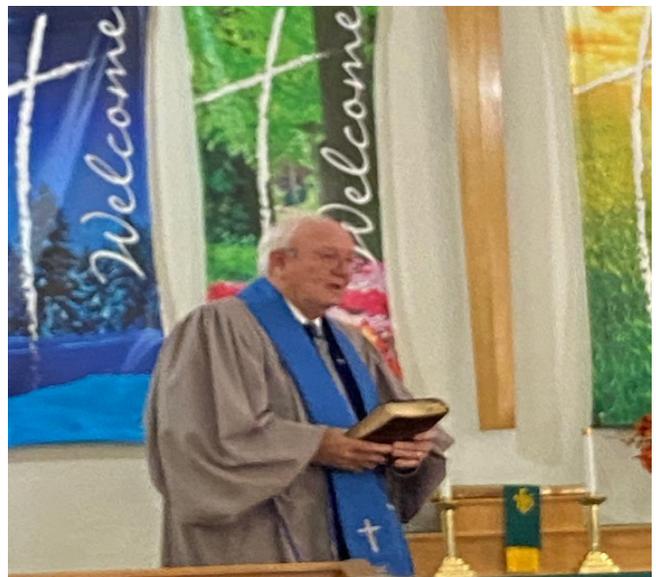
IA/NE CONFERENCE

We were especially honored to host this conference as it also included the ordination of our own Patty Smith. We were also blessed to have our National Director of the NACCC present who took part in Patty's ordination. Our little church shined as usual. Judy Sprague worked especially hard at making sure it looked wonderful. Our "cooks and kitchen help" made supper Friday night, and breakfast and lunch Saturday (which were their usual fantastic and loved by all). We received so many compliments. Thank you to all who made that wonderful weekend happen. Know that anyone can come join the fellowship of these conferences, and join in the fun.

PHOTOS FROM PATTY'S ORDINATION—THE CONGREGATION'S GIFT TO HER WAS A BLACK PASTORAL ROBE AND REVERSABLE RED AND



Pictured above: Pastors Rich & Kay Miller-Todd, Pastor Patty Smith, and Pastor Linda Hauschild. Pictured Below: Pastor Theron (Tom) Conrey.



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**PLEASE  
REMEMBER  
IN YOUR  
PRAYERS—**

- Charles Neagle
- Gerald Banning
- Mike Pearce
- Donn Henderson
- Mary Feters
- Zinna Pearson
- Janice & John McKinney
- Randy Feters
- Theron and Sue Conrey
- All those who are home-bound

## HALLOWEEN!

For those receiving this newsletter before Halloween, we will be providing treats to the Berwick kids on Beggars Night—Sunday, October 30 from 6-8 PM.



## DAYTIME BIBLE CLASS?

Please let Pastor Patty know if you are interested in having a daytime Bible study and if so, which day and time of the week works for you.

## THANK YOU!!

Thanks to all who donated towards the cement project at the front of the church! Construction began this week and we are excited that it will help so much with problems we have had preventing water from getting into our hand-capped elevator.

## FOOD CO-OP UPDATE

Our “little” Co-Op is growing! In the past month we have begun serving five more families so **our little church now serves an amazing number of 70 families per week!!** It is getting more difficult for the Food Bank to get certain foods i.e. milk, eggs, etc. That means we now have to pay for some of the foods we once received at no cost. This also means that it is getting harder for families to afford these food stuffs. Our Co-Op team would like to thank all who donate, whether money, food or their time. (A special thank you to the anonymous recent donor of a much-needed chest freezer for use by the Co-Op!) It is appreciated by all. Blessings and Happy Holidays from “Your Co-Op Team.” (Please also see the “December Advent Calendar” on page 4 to benefit the Co-Op.)

## MISSIONS

**Food Co-Op, and Outdoor Blessing Box, .** Our mission of providing food to the community continues.

### Jonathan

Our monthly commitment to Jonathan continues. We pay \$50 per month to Happy Life Children’s Home in Kenya for Jonathan’s support.

### Other Missions

We continue to support other missions, both at home and internationally.

### November’s mission:

Panamerican Institute

### November Food Co-Op:

Cereals/boxed meals.

### December’s mission:

Mission Aviation Fellowship

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCH

The Annual Meeting of the church will be held on **Sunday, November 13 at 10:30 AM.**

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend as we elect Council members for the new fiscal year, discuss our finances and other business. We’ll try to make it a short meeting!

We are blessed to have two dedicated part-time co-pastors with us, Rev. Tom Conrey and Rev. Patty Smith.

Attendance, as well as offerings has been way down since Covid hit, but we are busy planning for the new year and are hopeful both will increase soon! We are a small, very friendly church and we miss seeing old friends! Our Co-Op is truly amazing and we are so proud of it!





**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

- SUN., OCT. 30**—Trick or Treat 6-8 PM
- SUN., NOV. 13**—Annual Meeting—10 :30 AM  
(followed by brief Council meeting)
- SAT., NOV. 26**—"Hanging of the Greens" for  
Advent and Chili served—4 PM
- SAT., DEC. 24**—Christmas Eve Service 5:30 PM  
(with communion)
- SUN., DEC. 25**—Christmas Day Service 9:30 AM  
(no communion)

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**DECEMBER ADVENT CALENDAR**

Each day have your family add an item to a box or basket in your home. Bring the box to the church Christmas Eve to place on the altar for the Berwick Food CO-OP! Suggestion of needed items are below (or substitute):

- December 1—Box of cereal
- December 2—Peanut butter
- December 3—Stuffing mix
- December 4—Boxed potatoes
- December 5—Macaroni and Cheese
- December 6—Canned fruit
- December 7—Canned tomatoes
- December 8—Canned tuna
- December 9—Dessert mix
- December 10—Jar of applesauce
- December 11—Canned sweet potatoes
- December 12—Cranberry sauce
- December 13—Canned beans
- December 14—Box of crackers
- December 15—Package of rice
- December 16—Package of oatmeal
- December 17—Package of pasta
- December 18—Spaghetti sauce
- December 19—Chicken noodle soup
- December 20—Tomato soup
- December 21—Can corn
- December 22—Can mixed vegetables
- December 23—Can carrots
- December 24—Can green beans

