

First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

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Over the next few months, we're going to take a look at the history of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and recognize a few of the things that make us unique as a denomination. But those things can wait a month or two. For this newsletter, I thought that it would be more interesting to share some fun Presbyterian facts.

The first person to celebrate communion on the moon was a Presbyterian Elder, Buzz Aldrin. Just before becoming the second person to walk on the Lunar surface, Buzz took bread and juice – given to him by his pastor – and quietly celebrated communion in the Lunar Module.

The word “Presbyterian” comes from the Greek word “presbuteros,” which means “elder.” The Greek word “presbuteros” comes from another Greek word “presbus,” which means “elderly.” It could be argued that our denomination is literally named, The Church of the Elderly.

King George III called the American Revolution the “Presbyterian Rebellion” because Presbyterians were so influential in the Revolutionary effort. Eleven of the fifty-people who signed the Declaration of Independence were Presbyterians, including one Presbyterian minister. It was said that every Presbyterian minister doubled as a politician.

At least eight Presidents of the United States were Presbyterians, the second most of any denomination. We sometimes claim Abraham Lincoln as a Presbyterian because he often worshipped at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C., but never officially joined the denomination.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) is the largest Presbyterian denomination in the United States with 3 million members. Other large Presbyterian denominations include the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico with 2.8 million members and the Korean Presbyterian Church with a commanding 9 million members.

Graham Crackers were invented by a Presbyterian minister, named Sylvester Graham. Graham believed that all forms of excitement led to sexual desire, and then to sin. This led him to develop foods that were purposefully designed to be bland but nutritious. He was an important leader in the vegan movement, and among his followers were the Kellogg brothers, so he's also directly responsible for Corn Flakes. Think of old Pastor Graham the next time that you eat a S'more or sugary cereal, he's probably spinning in his grave somewhere.

Mark Twain was a faithful Presbyterian who thought that everyone else could learn quite a bit from how we do things (though Twain was prone to a bit of sarcasm). He said, “You never heard of a Presbyterian going crazy on religion. We go too slow for that. You never see us ranting and shouting and tearing up the ground... No frenzy, no fanaticism--no skirmishing; everything perfectly serene. You never see any of us Presbyterians getting in a sweat about religion and trying to massacre the neighbors. Let us all be content with the tried and safe old regular religions, and take no chances on wildcat.”

Blessings,
Pastor Brian

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Meet the Members MTM

Our journey today takes us five miles south of Glidden to 24714 Timber Avenue. We arrived at a well-manicured farmstead where Tim & Lora Reeve reside. Tim, Son of Harry & Judy Reeve, was born and raised in the Glidden area. Lora, daughter of Larry & Janice Nelson, was raised in the Woodward, Iowa area. She attended the Woodward-Granger school system.

Once they graduated from high school, they continued their education at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. Lora's course of study led her into Dietetics, graduating with a degree in Dietetics/Food & Nutrition in 1986. While in college Lora was active in the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority.

Tim finished his education at Glidden-Ralston and moved on to Iowa State University and pursued a degree in agricultural studies with a minor in agronomy. Tim joined Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity at Iowa State. During his college career, he worked part time for Ferrell Gas in Glidden. Tim graduated from ISU in 1987. Sororities and fraternities are important to this couple because that is what brought them together for their first meeting. Alpha Gamma Rho & Kappa Alpha Theta had a Greek Week competition scheduled and not everyone showed up so Lora volunteered to fill in. That was their first meeting and the beginning of something special.

Once Lora graduated she was employed for three years at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines and since then has worked at St. Anthony Hospital in Carroll and Manning Regional Healthcare Center in Manning, Iowa. Today, Lora is a consultant in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, which causes her to travel 2-3 days per week.

Tim and Lora were married December 30, 1989 at the Presbyterian Church in Glidden. Therefore, this past December they celebrated 25 years of marriage. Three children were born and raised in this family. Will is a senior at ISU and plans to return, upon graduation in the spring of

2015, to work into the farm operation. He will also become a part of Agri Associates, a fertilizer, chemical and seed business, owned by his father. Wesley is a senior at Glidden-Ralston and his plans include attending ISU in the fall of 2015. Whitney is in eighth grade and is looking forward to her high school years. She is undecided about her college career as yet, but odds have it she will attend ISU! This family is loyal to cardinal and gold.

Like many families of this age group the children are active. William has been involved with Viesha, Block & Bridle Club, as an Ambassador for the college of Ag. Wesley & Whitney are involved in GR activities that include sports, band, vocal groups, FFA, 4-H, AAU and other programs.

These young people also own a herd of 50 cows that they care for throughout the year. They show cattle at

Iowa Beef Expo, county fairs, and other shows throughout the Mid-West. It's exciting to see them win championship awards at these events, but there is a huge amount of work in caring for these animals, being with them at birth, feeding them, and cleaning up after them. The work must be done before the award can be won.

The extra-curricular activities for Tim and Lora are

keeping up with their children's involvement in their many activities. They also support ISU football and basketball programs and continue their development of knowledge by attending seminars at ISU throughout the year.

Tim & Lora have had many unique experiences in life but the birth and raising of their children tops their list. Another learning experience that Tim will always remember is his opportunity to travel to Europe during his college days of 1986. Tim traveled through England, France, Finland, Russia and Poland and got to meet and mingle with folks brought up in a different culture. One revealing fact to Tim was that people, wherever they lived, were happy. He discovered the innovation of people as they lived in a socialist environment but were still able to market garden grown products at the "Farmers Market". This market was not advertised (because it wasn't strictly legal in the Communist system) but it took place anyway.



Tim also learned from this trip that the grass is not always greener on the other side of the road. He realized that farming and living in Carroll County was a good life.

The Reevers are involved with a work schedule plus volunteering as 4-H leaders, FFA alumni, Masonic Lodge and working at the County Fair. Both Tim & Lora have served on the Session of the church and Lora was a Deacon at one time.

They try to follow sage advice by "living each day to the fullest". It appear they certainly do live each day to the fullest if you just follow their busy schedule.

The future will be to continue to develop the farming operation, grow Agri Associates and continue to pay tuition to ISU for at least the next eight years (assuming that Whitney doesn't go rogue).

Tim, Lora, Will, Wesley and Whitney are all involved in the church through vocal music, guitar music and leadership wherever they can contribute. The Glidden Community and the church are blessed to have them as friends that we call neighbors.

Gods speed in 2015 and forever.

"Kudos Korner"

Kudos to:

*People who volunteer to serve on the Session, committees or in any way serve others through church activities.

*Lindsey Cose for assembling and publishing the newsletter each month.

*To Suzy Danner for her long tenure as church treasurer, as she keeps the bank records, pays bills and completes a financial report each month.

Kudos to all

Bible Banter

Three sons left home, went out on their own and prospered. They discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother. The first said: "I built a big house for our mother."

The second said: "I sent her a Mercedes with a driver."

The third said: "You remember how our mother enjoys reading the Bible. Now she can't see very well. So I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the entire Bible. It took elders in the church 12 years to teach him. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse and the parrot recites it."

Soon thereafter, their mother sent out her letters of thanks.

"Milton," she said, "the house you built is so huge. I live only in one room, but I have to clean the whole house."

"Gerald," she said, "I am too old to travel. I stay most of the time at home so I rarely use the Mercedes. And that driver is so rude! He's a pain!"

"But Donald," she said, "the little chicken you sent was delicious!"

http://jokes.christiansunite.com/Bible/Remarkable_Parrot.shtml

Keep in Touch

This church has several long term members who are physically unable to attend church but we want to remember these people and the contribution they have made to the church over the years. All of these great people might like to hear from fellow members by a visit or a card of well wishes.

Following is list of people and their addresses:

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Keep these people in your thoughts and prayers as we move through 2015.

Quotes of the Month

"Discipleship is a daily discipline; we follow Jesus a step at a time, a day at a time" ~Warren Wiersbe

"In our faith we follow in someone's steps. In our faith we leave footprints to guide others. It's the principle of discipleship"
~Max Lucado

Stewardship Emphasis: Glidden-Ralston After School Program

Our stewardship goals for this month are a little bit different than normal. This month, we want to support the Glidden-Ralston After School Program, which meets at the Methodist Church. However, their biggest needs aren't financial. They need volunteers. So, for the month of February, we are asking people to volunteer an afternoon or more to support our local After School Program. They need helpers – especially men – on Monday through Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm. For more information, speak with Pastor Brian.

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

4th-Ed Walkup
7th-Heather Mueggenberg
9th-Whitney Reeve
11th-Harry and Judy Reeve
Anniversary
15th-Michael Douglas
17th-Emma Flemmig
18th-Will Reeve
18th-Treyvor Cose
28th-Mary Walkup



Annual Meeting and Potluck

Put February 15 on your calendar for the Annual Meeting and potluck after church. Please bring table service and a dish or two to share for the lunch before the meeting. The Parish Life committee will furnish coffee, water, and milk.

Announcements:

- Congregational Meeting is on Sunday, **February 15th**, after church
Bring a covered dish and table setting
- Joint Ash Wednesday Service will be on **February 18th**
7:00pm at the Presbyterian Church
- Session meets on **February 19th** at 5:30pm
- Joint Christian Education Committee meets on **February 22nd**
1:00pm at the Presbyterian Church