

First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

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A couple months ago, I received a letter from the granddaughter of a woman who grew up in our church. She wanted to know what I could tell her about Clara Beatrice Riedesel.

That name may not be familiar to you, but it appeared in the 145 year reunion booklet. It also appeared in the 125 year booklet, and the 100 year booklet. The name is even listed on our church website. Beatrice Riedesel (as she was called) is repeatedly listed as a “Member who served in the Mission Field.” Beatrice’s granddaughter’s letter prompted me to dust off some old books and discover who Beatrice was and why her name has been faithfully passed down to us.

Clara Beatrice Riedesel was born in Glidden in 1893. She officially became a member of our church in 1903, under the name “Mrs. Harvey (Beatrice Clara) Hood.” Back in those days, married women were listed in the Church Register under the names of their husbands. But this entry is (thankfully) incorrect. Beatrice Riedesel was not married at the age of 10. Her and Mr. Hood were married in 1918, and the Church Register was later updated to reflect their union.

However, their lives took a strange turn in 1917, when the United States entered the First World War. Two million American men traveled fight in France, and among those who went to fight in the war was Mr. Harvey Hood.

Beatrice and Harvey had just finished their education at Buena Vista College when Harvey left for the war, so she resolved to work as a teacher for a Presbyterian missionary school, called “The New Jersey Academy.” It was a boarding school located in Logan, Utah. Today, Northern Utah may not seem like the most exotic destination for a missionary, but in those days there was a great need for both schools and qualified teachers in the Western States. Students were drawn from Northern Utah and Southern Idaho, regions where there were very few High Schools.

The New Jersey Academy only accepted female students between the ages of 13 and 18, with a slight emphasis on musical scholars. These students were given special lessons in “womanliness,” and were required to attend the Presbyterian Church on Sundays. The Academy was the preeminent school in the heavily Mormon region of Northern Utah, and was the proudest achievement of the Presbyterians who lived in that area.

Beatrice served at the New Jersey Academy for two years, from 1916 to 1918, when the war in Europe ended and Mr. Harvey Hood came back home. The two were then married and Harvey went on to attend seminary in Princeton, New Jersey, becoming the Rev, Harvey Hood. Harvey and Beatrice then returned to Utah and served as missionaries together for many years.

Beatrice and Harvey eventually passed away in Southern California (in 1974 and 1988, respectively). Interestingly, they lived just a few minutes away from the town where I grew up. One wonders if a young Brian Camara happened to pass by the elderly Rev. Hood one day on the street – neither having any idea that one day their lives would be linked through a church in Glidden, Iowa.

Blessings,
Pastor Brian

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Meet the Members MTM

We traveled southeast of Glidden to meet members of First Presbyterian who live on their acreage at 30656 210th Street. Mark and Deb Adams purchased this acreage from Mike Genter.

Mark was born in Topeka, Kansas, the son of Don and Shirley Adams. Mark was joined by a brother, David. Mark lived in Kansas for just a year when the family moved to the Onawa, Whiting area of Iowa. Mark graduated from Whiting High School where he was involved with sports and other high school activities. He then attended South Dakota University, attaining a degree in Parks Management in 1985.

Deb was born in Windom, Minnesota, the daughter of Steve and JoAnne Higley. She was joined in the family with one sister, Brenda and two brothers, Joel and Steven. She graduated from Windom High School where she was a cheerleader along with other activities. She then attended three years of college at South Dakota State and finished her B.S. degree in nursing at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa.

They met in college through mutual friends and began a courtship that has now lasted over thirty years. They were married on November 24, 1984 at the Presbyterian Church in Windom, the church Deb attended during her development years.

Like many young couples just finishing college, they were living the frugal life as Mark secured a job with the Carroll County Conservation Commission. For the first 12-18 months of their life together, they lived North of Glidden in a trailer house owned by Leta and Ray Kruse. The trailer home living was a little cramped so they moved to a property owned by the Conservation Commission, located in Sec. 3 of Glidden Township. The young couple loved this open space but would never be able to own their own home on that property. They eventually purchased a home in Lake View, Iowa. The couple enjoyed living in Lake View but jobs, driving to and from work, family, and upkeep on the property convinced them to search for a small acreage. They lived in Lake View from 1998 until 2007, when they purchased their current home SE of Glidden.

Mark was employed by the Conservation Commission for fifteen years. In 1999 he joined the City of Carroll in the Parks and Recreation department. He works

in areas of all city parks, the Recreation Center and preparing areas around town so people can enjoy these wonderful facilities.

During this period that began in 1985, Deb was finishing up her schooling and beginning employment in nursing. Following graduation, Deb worked at St. Anthony Hospital in Carroll on the medical/surgical floor and in the intensive care unit. Thereafter, she worked in the dialysis unit for nineteen years of which she served as director for the last sixteen years of this period.

Further education was on the horizon for Deb so in 2008, through 2011, she attended Briar Cliff University in Sioux City and received her MSN degree. She is now a Family Nurse Practitioner. This degree gives her authorization to treat patients, recommend prescriptions, and fulfill much of the role of a doctor. She began her new career at the Audubon Family Care Clinic. One year later, she transferred to UnityPoint in Fort Dodge, where she worked in the Nephrology (kidney) Clinic for the next three years. In 2015 she returned to St. Anthony Hospital as director of the Chronic Care Center. She supervises six people overseeing a Wound Care Clinic and Diabetes Center. She is also working with other hospital professionals to build a wellness program.

Up to this point, we have written about education, occupations, and living areas, but during this time this busy couple raised a family. Justin Adams, who is now 30 years old, was born severely disabled. Later, it was also discovered that he is autistic. This special young man has lived at Opportunity Living in Rockwell City for the past seven years. Justin has gained many life skills over the years including walking and feeding himself. During the week, he travels to Lake City for a day program. Deb and Mark pick up Justin once a month and bring him home for a weekend stay.

Megan Adams has graduated from college with a BSN degree and is now employed at the Iowa Heart Center in Des Moines. Megan is engaged to Eric Murphy and wedding plans are being made for marriage in April 2017.

Samantha Adams, "Sam", is a senior at Morningside College in Sioux City and will graduate with a BSN degree in the spring of this year. Her future plans may include a nurse residency program in Cincinnati, Ohio or at the University of Iowa. She likes to refer to herself by the name of Sam Adams!

Earlier in the article, we read about the parents of Mark and Deb. Mark's parents reside at Orchard View in

Carroll for the past three years. Deb's parents are in the process of relocating to San Antonio, Texas.

When time permits, they do like to bicycle on weekends. When the weather is decent, they may ride the trail to Breda and back. Mark also has three female German short hair dogs on the acreage. He will raise one litter per year, train them, along with training other people's dogs, as part of his hobbies. Other hobbies include being Iowa State Cyclone fans.

When asked about the highlights of their life, they quickly responded with the birth of their children, witnessing their children's achievements and the anticipation of the future marriage of their daughter. Deb did say that she gets great satisfaction in helping people with proper diet, exercise advice and prolonging healthy living.

A memorable moment in the Presbyterian Church was the baptism of baby Justin and father Mark on the same Sunday service. The baptisms were performed by Pastor Jerry Riesen.

Their future includes their children, their jobs, extended family and a commitment to become more involved in church activities.

Carroll County is blessed to have this young couple be such an important part of this community and we are blessed to call them our friends.

Thank You letters sent to First Presbyterian

"Thank you for the food gift certificate. I also shared with a friend who had need of some food. God bless your church and members. A Happy New Year to all."

- Recipient of a Holiday Grocery Store Gift Certificate

"Dear Presbyterian Women,

Thank you very much for the gift card. Everything helps when I'm at college. Thank you for thinking of me with this.

Thanks again,
Wesley Reeve"

"We wanted to make a small donation to the Glidden Presbyterian church for 2015.

I think it's remarkable – and wonderful – that the Presbyterian church in Glidden lives on. Last summer's 'homecoming' event was a testimony to the hundreds of lives that have been formed and touched by the church.

We wish your church a prosperous and fulfilling new year in 2016."

- Warren Riedesel

"Kudos Korner"

- To Paul Walkup, Tim Reeve and Harry Reeve for snow removal from the church parking area.*
- To all of those who set up, served and cleaned up for the Delores Leonard memorial service.*
- To all people who made an investment into the First Presbyterian Church in 2015*
- To Pastor Lorenda Hoover and Marlys Conner for their leadership at the funeral of Delores Leonard.*
- To all of those people who will step forward and accept committee assignments, volunteer to serve or help the church in 2016*
- To Ron Burdine, Harry Reeve and Keith Danner for installing a new sump pump and correcting the water problem in the church*

Project Share 2015-2016

The Project Share year begins on October 1st and runs until April 30th of each year and is a program to aid lower income families with winter heat bills. The program has been in operation since 1989 and is a program administered by the City of Glidden, but is funded solely by donations. Eligibility is based on age, disability, income status and number of residents living in the household.

Applications for assistance must be processed through New Opportunities at the Carroll County Family Development Center. Application forms are available at the Glidden City office. Eligible participants are allotted a \$50.00 grant which must be matched with a \$25.00 contributions by the home occupants, all payable to the City of Glidden and applied on the home dwellers utility bill. Eligible households can only receive one \$50.00 grant per season.

The City of Glidden has 50 eligible households per winter heating season. The first 22 years, the community funded an average of five completed applications per year. The last four years the community has funded an average of 31 applications. In the year 2013-2014, 31 households were served. In the year 2014-2015, 27 households were served with \$1350 paid in subsidies.

This is a city project so all households within the City are eligible to apply, if they qualify. During the 2014-2015 year there were only nine people or groups of people who donated to this cause in the amount of \$1687. The Presbyterian Church donated 6.8% of the total amount. No city funds go into this project.

If the community could fund all 50 requests, the amount required would total \$2500.00. The First Presbyterian's mission emphasis for January and February is Project Share. All member's donations earmarked for this mission, will go directly to this endeavor. The committee selected this project, with the approval of the session, so the results of our Mission dollars could be more readily seen as we help support our very close neighbors.

Bible Banter

The Sermon: I think this Mom will never forget this particular Sunday sermon...

"Dear Lord," the minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face.

"Without you, we are but dust." He would have continued but at that moment my very obedient daughter (who was listening!) leaned over to me and asked quite audibly in her shrill little girl voice, "Mom, what is butt dust?"

Members speak about First Presbyterian

"First Presbyterian is an extended family from which we draw support, celebrate milestones and accomplishments of its members. We share the common bond of belief as we join together to accomplish goals that would not be reached by individuals. It is important to continue traditions and pass them on to our children and grandchildren and future generations. Maintaining relationships are important at First Presbyterian as there is comfort and reassurance in continuity."

Church member

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

7th-Heather Mueggenberg
9th-Whitney Reever
11th-Harry and Judy Reever
Anniversary
15th-Michael Douglas
17th-Emma Flemmig
18th-Will Reever
18th-Trey nor Cose



Annual Meeting and Potluck

Put February 7 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:

*The Annual Meeting and potluck is on Sunday, February 7th, after church

*Bring a covered dish and table setting

*Joint Ash Wednesday Service is on February 10th at 1:00pm
At the Presbyterian Church

*PW meets on February 17th at 11:30am

*Session meets on February 17th at 5:30pm

*Bible Study is on February 24th at 10:00am