

# First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

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This month I received two interesting requests from people asking about the history of our church. The first was from a bookseller from California who wanted to know more about the missionary who founded Glidden First Presbyterian, George Carroll. This is what I discovered.

George Carroll was born in Canada in 1831, but moved with his family to Cedar Rapids, Iowa when he was still a boy. While living in Cedar Rapids, George met William Jones, the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids. Reverend Jones was quite taken with George Carroll, and convinced him to train to become a minister to churches in the West. It appears that First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids is our “mother church.”

Unfortunately, there were no theological schools in the area, so Rev. Jones and George had to start their own. George Carroll was the first student of the Cedar Rapids Collegiate Institute, and soon Rev. Jones and his wife were teaching over a dozen future pastors. In 1862, George Carroll was commissioned as a Presbyterian minister in Iowa.

George’s ministry to the people of Iowa took a detour in 1864, when he enlisted as a chaplain for the Union Army in the Civil War, but he came home safely and founded the First Presbyterian Church of Glidden, Iowa in 1870. He went on to found other churches in the area, and eventually served as the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Sac City in 1876.

Before the end of his life, George Carroll returned to Cedar Rapids. He passed away in 1895, at the age of 64.

The other inquiry came from the son of one of our former church members. He wanted to thank us for our church website and our recognition of his father: Rev. Manley Mace.

The Mace family were pillars of our congregation in the early twentieth century. Manley grew up in Glidden and was so influenced by our church that he became a Presbyterian minister. As an adult, he was invited to preach at our 1970 centennial celebration, along with John Conner.

Rev. Mace served for many years as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Wood River, IL and later as stated clerk for the Presbytery of Alton (now called Gliddings-Lovejoy). He passed away in 1988, in Wood River, at the age of 74.

These two ministers are just two of the many thousands of people who influenced and were influenced by our church. We are truly part of a grand tradition.

But there is an important aspect to these stories that I want to draw out for us: these are stories of people investing in the younger generation. Rev. William Jones saw a young George Carroll and sought to help develop his talents. Manley Mace learned about God in the same Sunday School rooms that our children do. We have a legacy, not just to learn about and celebrate, but to pass on to the next generation. As Sunday School begins again this month, I hope that we are as faithful as those who came before us.

Blessings,  
Pastor Brian

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## Meet the Congregation

Featured in this issue are Brooke & Bridget Graves but we will feature each lady with their own article.

### Brooke Graves

Brooke Graves was born on October 1, 1990 at St. Anthony Hospital in Carroll to Cathy and Roger Graves. Brooke grew up on a farm and has spent her life in the farming community. She received her elementary and high school education at Glidden-Ralston School. She listed several teachers that had a part in shaping her life. During her high school years, she was deeply involved in Future Farmers of America (FFA). During those high school days, she decided the world was bigger than Carroll County Iowa and decided she would attend college beyond the Iowa border.

Following her high school graduation, she enrolled at Northwest Missouri State in Maryville, Missouri. While there, she studied Agricultural Science with an emphasis on Agronomy. She graduated in December of 2012. During her college career she was an honor student every semester. She was a member of the Sigma Alpha Agriculture Sorority, Agronomy Club, Collegiate Farm Bureau, Horticulture Club and Delta Tau Alpha (agricultural honor society). While in college she tutored at Maryville Elementary School and she worked with first through third grade classes.

Like many college graduates she was anxious to secure employment and begin receiving a regular pay check. She began her employment at the Decatur Cooperative in Oberlin, Kansas in early January of 2013 only to end up in the emergency room on January 10, 2013. She was transferred to North Platte, Nebraska where an ultra sound was performed to discover blood clots in her leg. She was operated on in North Platte but later transferred to the University of Colorado in Denver, Colorado where several procedures were performed. She spent two weeks in the hospital and finally spent 18 months on a blood thinner. Brooke was off work for over 30 days during this period. She returned to work while the healing of her leg was still in process.



In June of 2014, she accepted a job as agronomist at Northern Plains Cooperative in Gettysburg, South Dakota which is a branch of Cenex Harvest States. The location where she is employed is in Ashley, North Dakota. She lives in Eureka, South Dakota which is roughly 30 miles from Ashley, North Dakota. The small town has about 800 inhabitants. At this location she works with about 30-40 farmers that are spread over a larger geographical area. She says the average size of farm in that area is

about 2000 acres. Farmers grow wheat, barley, corn, soybeans, sunflowers, lintels and peas. She points out that in Carroll County Iowa, farmers have grass waterways and terraces but they have none of these in her area. She also says that her area is blessed with rocks. There are rock everywhere and if rocks were a cash crop, farmers in her area would all be rich. Rocks are piled up or buried. Livestock in the Eureka area is normally limited to a cow-calf operation.

As far a unique experiences, she said she traveled to Washington, D.C. with the Farm Bureau and traveled to California to investigate life beyond the borders of Iowa. She did recall a unique experience that wasn't so pleasant during her college days. She accepted an internship at the Allendan Seed Company in Winterset, Iowa. This company grows native wildflowers and grasses. Of course, these wildflowers and grasses could not be sprayed so Brooke spent her summer hoeing and pulling predator weeds from the prairie plants. Following this experience she was determined to stay in college.

Growing up as a twin was good and bad. As a twin you always had a playmate. In school there was great cooperation in studying. Where one twin may be troubled with one course of study, the other could be strong and vice versa with other classes. On the downside, it was difficult, at times, being your own individual person.

Brooke lives her life by following good advice she has received, "Always maintain a positive attitude."

When questioned about her future, she explained that we cannot be certain about the future but she has given it some deep thought. She has a special friend that just happens to be a farmer who farms 4000 acres. Brooke points out that he is not rich but has plenty of debt.

Someday Brooke would like to marry, have children and be free of debt. As a farmer, she may accomplish two out of three.

Hobbies for Brooke include fishing, camping, baking, some hiking and occasionally golfing. During the winter time she is a member of a dart league. In the fall of the year she enjoys following college football.

She has good memories of Sunday school at the Presbyterian Church with Ed Flemmig teaching in her younger years and Lora Reeve teaching in her high school years. She also appreciated her fellow classmates in Sunday school.

As we concluded our telephone interview, it was apparent that Brooke has her life and her future well under control. We wish her good health and a future filled with great opportunities. We pray that her membership at First Presbyterian and its teaching will be a stable rudder as she cruises through life.

## **Bridget Graves**

Bridget Graves was born on October 1, 1990 at St. Anthony Hospital in Carroll to Cathy and Roger Graves. Bridget grew up on a farm and has spent her early life being a farm girl. Bridget and Brooke are twins but are very different. Both ladies agreed that Bridget is more introverted while Brooke is more extraverted. They do share at least one thing in common as they are both left handed.

Bridget enjoyed her days at Glidden-Ralston school. She enjoyed subjects like history and English. She was involved in the Future Farmers of America and attended national conventions in Kentucky and Indiana. While in school she was manager of sports teams, was student council representative, played some golf and enjoyed the Spanish Club, especially the trip to visit Costa Rica. She enjoyed home-coming festivities each year, along with the FFA banquets and finally Prom. She traveled to Chicago with the GR Science Club. During her high school years, the farm girl was expected to help out on the farm and, in addition, Bridget spent much time working at the HyVee Store in Carroll. Bridget graduated from high school in 2009 with mixed emotions. She enjoyed her stay at GR for the past 13 years but realized it was time to move on.

Bridget did move on as she enrolled in college at Iowa State University in Ames. College adjustment took some time as the mass of students were overpowering. Assignments were more difficult and Bridget was more on

her own in college. She was enrolled in Agriculture Studies and was a member of the Pre-Vet Club. She also was a member of the Dairy Science Club and enjoyed many of ISU athletic events and cultural events. While in college she worked at West Central as a scale operator during the fall harvest starting in 2012 and plans to continue that tradition in 2016. Her hours were normally 5:00pm to 8:00pm week days and she would work the week-ends when needed. Bridget graduated from ISU in December of 2013.

Once she graduated, Bridget entered the work force on a full time basis. She continued her employment at HyVee but her work load was expanded. She now works in the frozen food and dairy section on the weekends and sometimes is called upon to be a cashier. Like all people at HyVee, sometimes she is called upon to stock shelves, sack groceries and do other tasks. One day, while at HyVee, the tornado sirens went off and all people in the store were required to take cover. So 40 or so people joined together in the meat cooler until the threat had passed. On another occasion, Bridget was working as a cashier and a customer who was checking out had a fainting spell, caused by her diabetes. A little orange juice helped the customer to get back on her feet and home safely.

In 2014 Bridget became an employee at the Carroll Daily Times Herald; which publishes, prints and distributes six different publications on a daily or weekly basis. These local papers serve readers in many surrounding counties. Bridget works in packaging and distribution of these papers.

Working at the newspaper office, HyVee and West Central, now Landus, would allow very little time for other activities, but Bridget did travel to the Bahamas in February with her parents for a mini-vacation. She found the country's people very friendly and the food quite enjoyable. She also saw some wild life and the devastation of a hurricane that had previously swept through the island. In her spare time, Bridget enjoys watching movies, attending sporting events and reading (mostly history, biographies, and non-fiction).

She is following the good advice she was given, by working hard but also taking time to enjoy life.

Bridget remembers that she was baptized and confirmed in the Presbyterian Church and especially enjoyed her time in Sunday school. Some of her talented

teachers were: Suzy Danner, Diane Thelin, Lora Reeve and Ed Flemmig.

So what about future dreams? Like many young people, she has an interest in travel. Someday she would like to meet Mr. Right, get married and raise a family.

We concluded our visit with Bridget by confirming her importance to the church and inviting her to attend and sit with the friendly people of First Presbyterian.

## Member Speaks

Why I invest in the First Presbyterian Church. Hopefully my investment in the church has meant providing a faith basis for my family as it did for me. In this world we live in today too many people use church for marriage and burial. I want my children and grandchildren to be nurtured by their faith and fellowship with a church family.

## Kudos Korner:

- *To the school teachers who begin another wonderful year of guiding students to reach their full potential.*
- *To the Parrish Life Committee for preparing and planning the picnic held at the Cose farmstead on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Another great job by this committee.*
- *To Wesley Reeve for providing the well-designed table used at the church picnic on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Wesley designed and built this table along with three or so other like tables.*
- *To Ruthanne and Larry DeVries for opening their home and hosting two baseball players who played for the Carroll Merchants baseball team. Trey Muilenburg is from Bettendorf, Iowa and plays for Mount Mercy during the school year. Alex Beals is from Riverdale, Iowa and plays for Augustana College. The boys arrived on Memorial Day and departed on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Larry and Ruthanne.*
- *To Patrick and Brittany Littlefield who were married in Rock Island, Illinois on July 23, 2016. Best Wishes to them.*
- *To Rebecca and Stuart Conner on their wedding July 30<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Church in Willey, Iowa. We wish them well for many years into the future.*
- *To Mandy and Adam Huff on their wedding on August 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 which was held at the Presbyterian Church in Glidden, Iowa. Congratulations to them and our best wishes on a blessed marriage.*
- *To those good people who traveled to Des Moines to help package meals from the Heartland at HyVee Hall. This is Presbyterian Mission in action.*

## September Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 3<sup>rd</sup> -Julie (Burdine) Raisch
- 13<sup>th</sup> -Ryan Thelin
- 15<sup>th</sup> -Larry and Judy Littlefield Anniversary
- 18<sup>th</sup> -Amber Danner
- 18<sup>th</sup> -Elaine Crawford
- 26<sup>th</sup> -Wayne Seaman
- 26<sup>th</sup> -Dean Lamp



### **Entrepreneur In Action**

At the church picnic on July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Ty and Lindsey Cose farmstead, we ate lunch on a portable picnic table. This unique table caught our eye and we learned that it had been built by Wesley Reever. We did a telephone interview with Wes on his first day of school at Iowa State for this year to learn more about this table.

Some five years ago Wesley's Dad, Tim, had designed and built a similar type table. In the fall of 2014, Wes modified the design and began to build the unit as a 4-H project during the winter of 2014-2015. In the summer of 2015, he showed his work at the County Fair in Coon Rapids and moved on to the State Fair in Des Moines. Wes won a blue ribbon for his design and workmanship at the State fair.

The table is 30 feet long while in the towing position and 24 feet long once the hitch is removed and stored. The table is on wheels and is balanced for easy maneuvering. Once in position, the wheels retract for stabilization. Jacks are attached to each corner of the table to level the unit, if needed. The unit is designed and built to withstand rugged use.

Wes built the unit in his Dad's shop on the farm and has since built three more portable tables. He has sold one to the Greene County Fair and has leased out the other three to companies like New Way Ford, Harley-Davidson, Mackey Motors and others for their open houses or sales specials. So far marketing of these units, either for sale or rent, has been by word of mouth. Wes is working on a corporate name to place on each unit so reference calls can come directly to him. Plans to build additional units will depend upon Wes's time constraints while in college and public demand for these units.

Wes does have a great interest in engineering, design and building. Another project that he has built is a portable gate hauler which is useful in Reever's cattle operation. This too may be coming on the market, if time permits.

If people have other questions about this movable picnic table, they should call Wesley Reever at 712-210-1896, which is his cell phone.

Good luck to a young entrepreneur who is making his mark in our community.

## Presbyterian Church Camp

On July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Lindsey Cose took 4 Glidden area boys to the Presbyterian Church Camp in West Okoboji. Treynor Cose, Alex Daniel, Dawson Majerus, and Blayce Nelson spent 4 days and 3 nights at camp. Their activities included swimming, camp games (such as 8-square and gaga ball), and learning about God. They all greatly enjoyed their time at camp.

Our church supported these young men on this trip and we are delighted that they had such a wonderful experience.



### Thank you cards received in August:

“Thank you for sending me to camp.” ~Alex Daniel

“Thank you so much for allowing us to use this beautiful church for our wedding!” ~Adam and Mandy Huff

“Thanks for letting me and my friends go to camp. I had a lot of fun.” ~Treynor Cose

## **Changing Times**

Change is occurring throughout the nation and our churches are not immune from these changes. Change is occurring from lack of Pastors, Priests and a lack of people attending church. Some of these changes are gradual while others are abrupt and harsh.

Small change will be occurring at First Presbyterian in Glidden, Iowa on September 11, 2016. For several years First Presbyterian and the United Methodist churches have shared Sunday school activities and some worship services. The Session of First Presbyterian wants to continue this sharing venture.

With change occurring in the United Methodist church, Pastor Lorinda will now serve three churches. She will fill the pulpit in Lohrville, Lanesboro and Glidden each Sunday morning. To make this work, the Glidden Methodist church had to move their service to 10:30am on Sunday mornings. In order for our Sunday school programs and joint worship service to continue, the Session voted to move First Presbyterian’s worship service to begin at 10:30am.

Sunday school will begin on September 11<sup>th</sup> with K-8 grade Sunday school beginning at 9:30am in the Presbyterian Church. Nine through 12<sup>th</sup> grades will also begin September 11, and held in the Presbyterian Church. Worship service will also move on September 11<sup>th</sup> and thereafter to 10:30am.

Compared to many churches, this movement of scheduling is rather small. Mark your calendar and we hope to see you in church at 10:30am on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

## *Updates from the Riedesel Family:*

### Update on Suzanne Rinehart

Suzanne (Riedesel) Rinehart was diagnosed in late June with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer. After getting medical opinions from oncologists at both Mountain States Tumor Institute (MSTI) in Boise near where she lives, as well as from Mayo Clinic, Suzanne recently started a weekly chemo regimen with the hope of shrinking the tumor in her pancreas. She hopes to continue working at least part-time, but whether that will be possible will become more clear in the weeks ahead. Suzanne's husband Mike Rinehart is at her side. They have one child, Sean, who is starting his third year of law school at the University of Minnesota this month. Warren Riedesel and cousin Jim Meisheid visited Suzanne and Mike in July, and son Sean visited his parents in August. Barb hopes to visit Suzanne and Mike sometime in September. Suzanne's address: Suzanne Rinehart, 11752 Parakeet Way, Caldwell, ID 83605

### Update on Jim Iverson

Barb (Riedesel) Iverson's husband Jim Iverson remains under hospice care at their home in Minneapolis. Jim has a long history of lung problems, including chronic obstructive lung disease, two bouts of lung cancer, two collapsed lungs and multiple lung infections. His physicians recommended in April that he enter hospice and focus on the quality of his remaining time. To everyone's surprise, Jim has been amazingly resilient since beginning hospice care. He still gets out of the house once or twice a week for short outings but he's mostly close to home, watching the Minnesota Twins, resting, and enjoying visits by his three adult kids and friends. Barb and Jim's address: 2736 Drew Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55416

Please continue to keep Suzanne and Jim, as well as their families, in your prayers.

## **Announcements**

### **\*\*New Sunday Morning Worship Time**

**Starting September 11<sup>th</sup>, worship will begin at 10:30am**

**\*\*Sunday School begins on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**

**Children and Students at the Presbyterian Church**

**\*\*PW meets on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am at Hunan's in Carroll**

**\*\*Session meets on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 5:30pm**

The Special Offering for September and October is the **After School Program**

GRASP, the Glidden-Ralston After School Program, meets at the Glidden United Methodist Church, throughout the school year, Mondays through Thursdays from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. The program serves children from age 5 to sixth grade. Students are driven to the church by bus, and local volunteers provide homework assistance, snacks, and fun activities. Best of all, it is free to attend. GRASP is a true blessing to our community, so we want to support them both financially and with willing volunteers.