

# First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

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The book *The Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman is often regarded as a modern classic. It was written by an experienced marriage counselor is a practical guide for how married couples can improve communication and intimacy with their spouses.

The concept is simple. Chapman argues that people express love in roughly five different ways: receiving gifts, spending quality time together, words of affirmation, acts of service, and physical touch. However, trouble arises when two people who love each other share their feelings using different languages.

A person who expresses love with acts of service (cooking, cleaning, paying bills...) may be misunderstood by a partner who demonstrates love through physical touch. They could spend all day saying "I love you," by painting the house, while their partner feels isolated and unloved. Similarly, a person who focuses their energy on giving gifts might find themselves in conflict with a partner who wants to spend more quality time together – How can I buy a gift that shows my love if you never leave me alone?

The book asks married couples to reflect on the ways that they desire to give and receive love *and* to share those reflections with their partners. You may never know what actions make your partner feel most loved – if you never ask them. And your partner will not know which expressions of love you desire most – if you don't tell them.

*The Five Love Languages* is obviously a timely book for me to read, as a newlywed, but I believe that it is built upon simple principles that are useful for people in all sorts of relationships. Think about it: do your children want you to send them occasional gifts – birthday presents, care packages, money – or would they place a greater value on a weekly phone call? Have you asked them what they want? Have you told them which you prefer?

Or, if you're at work or out volunteering, how should you recognize another person's excellence? Should you praise them and put their name in the newsletter, or should you offer to take a load off their shoulders and perform a service in return? Knowing the correct answer to this question is the difference between an exhausted and passionate volunteer.

In our congregation, we are at our best when we are speaking all five love languages. We should strive to give gifts to hard workers, create opportunities for socializing, praise good deeds, serve each other, and occasionally give a handshake or a hug. If we're not showing love in all five ways, then there will always be a people in our church who don't feel loved.

What love language do you speak? And what about the people you love? In what language are they speaking to you? If we learn a new love language, then we might quickly discover that we are far better loved than we ever dreamed.

Blessings,  
Pastor Brian

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## *Kudos Korner:*

- *To St Anthony's Deb Adams, nurse practitioner, for being named recipient of the 2018 '100 Great Iowa Nurses' award. Each year, the program recognizes nurses who have displayed a concern for humanity, made meaningful contributions to the profession and actively participated in leadership or mentoring roles.*
- *To the City of Glidden for receiving the 2017 Tree City USA Growth Award presented at the 28<sup>th</sup> annual community Forestry Awards luncheon in Des Moines.*
- *To Marlys Conner for purchasing Easter Lilies to beautify our sanctuary this spring.*
- *To our volunteers who help each week at the United Methodist Church in Glidden for the After School Program. These volunteers are: Jane Burdine, Marlys Conner, Diane Thelin, Jane Toyne and Suzy Danner. Many thanks for your help.*
- *To Wesley Reever as he has been accepted into the Iowa State University School of Veterinary Medicine. This summer he will be working as an intern with Collison Vet Clinic in Rockwell City. It was a big decision for him to forgo his senior year to start vet school. Praying for a safe and meaningful summer.*
- *To Roy and Marge Middaugh on becoming great-grandparents. Congratulations!*

## **Church Challenges**

**How are the following Bible characters related?**

1. Cain and Abel (Genesis 4, especially v.8)
2. Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 21, especially v.3)
3. Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38,39)
4. Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:2)
5. Moses and Aaron (Exodus 4:14)
6. Eunice and Lois (2 Timothy 1:5)
7. Peter and Andrew (Matthew 4:18)
8. Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5)
9. Joseph and Benjamin (Genesis 42:3,4)
10. David and Absalom (2 Samuel 18:33)

[https://www.jesus-is-savior.com/Believer's%20Corner/bible\\_challenge.htm](https://www.jesus-is-savior.com/Believer's%20Corner/bible_challenge.htm)

*Answers on page 4.*

## Where are they now?

Corliss “Corky” and Dolores Leonard were long time members of First Presbyterian Church and both have died. Part of the legacy they left behind was their children, Nancy, Mike and Jon. Nancy Leonard Isgrig is the focus of this month’s article.

Nancy was born at St. Anthony Hospital in the early 1950’s. She grew up in Glidden and in the early years she recalls the time spent outdoors playing with other children. This was a daily event when the weather was good and on some days when the weather was not so good. They rode bicycles all around town.

She spent all thirteen years of her elementary and high school years at Glidden-Ralston. Favorite teachers were many but she fondly recall Ms. Pagles, her fourth grade teacher, and Dolsey Lawrence, her third grade teacher. As a town child, Nancy enjoyed her fourth grade in Ralston as it gave her a chance to ride on the school bus. She

estimated that her early class was made up of approximately forty-five students as the class was split into two sections in the elementary years. Nancy loved school every day of the year and remembered recess as the young people played on the jungle gym, merry-go-round, slides and swings.

Once the class graduated to sixth grade the school world changed as they moved upstairs and they moved from classroom to classroom. Many of us overlooked these memories in our life but at the time were big events. In junior high or before, Nancy began to play the oboe in the band. She also began to take an interest in vocal music. During this stage in her life, the City of Glidden constructed a swimming pool and she claims the entire town was invited to take swimming lessons. These lessons turned Glidden-Ralston swim team into conference champions as they competed against larger towns but still came out victorious. In high school, Nancy continued in the band and chorus. She was on the student council and enjoyed participating in the annual swing show. During high school she enjoyed math courses such as algebra, geometry and other courses taught by Mr. Darling. Close



behind in favorite courses was biology taught by Coach Foval. Another highlight for Nancy was the junior-senior prom and all of the activities surrounding the Prom, including decorating, anticipation and the Prom itself. Real memories of a wonderful high school experience.

During these formative years, Nancy attended the First Presbyterian Church with her family. She was a regular at Sunday school and recalls the pins she was awarded for perfect attendance. She along with her mother sang in the church choir. Pastor Ray Heglin and Pastor Andrew Bosman served the church during these years. She recalls her confirmation class of 13-15 students and they were confirmed on her birthday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Once her years at the Glidden-Ralston school were completed in 1970, Nancy enrolled at the University of Northern Iowa where she began her studies in elementary education. She spent two years at college and while there she met her future husband. David Isgrig was in college when he received his draft notice. David was drafted and spent time in

basic training, tech school and later was assigned to serve General Westmoreland and General Abrams in the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. While Nancy was in college and David was in the service, this young couple decided to get married. The couple was married on June 17, 1972 at First Presbyterian Church in Glidden with Pastor Bosman officiating. A memory of this wedding was the misspelling of ISGRIG in the program. Once married and two years of school completed David and Nancy returned to the Washington area to begin life as a married couple. David continued his work at the Pentagon and Nancy secured a job at the Pentagon making reservations for travel by Pentagon officials. Nancy’s job was to make hundreds of airline reservations each day for military personnel throughout the country. Once the three years of service to the U.S. Government was completed, the couple headed back to UNI in 1974 to complete their college education.

In 1976 the couple moved to Battle Creek, Iowa, to begin their careers in education with Nancy teaching in the elementary and David teaching in high school. After teaching in Battle Creek for three years, David returned to Iowa State to attain his Master’s degree. Later in the year

1995, Nancy received her Master's Degree from ISU. While David was at Iowa State, Nancy taught in the Colo, Iowa school district. Following David achieving his Master's, they returned to Battle Creek. Daughter Jennifer was born in 1982 in Ida Grove while twin boys, Tanner and Trey, were born in 1994. After a few years at Battle Creek, David accepted a position of high school principal at Lake Park, Iowa. At this point, Nancy took a few years off from teaching to stay at home with Jennifer. After spending four years at Lake Park, David transferred to Pleasantville, Iowa, as high school principal and later was selected to become superintendent of Pleasantville. He remained in that position until he retired. While at Pleasantville, Nancy taught at Prairie City-Monroe until she retired.

David and Nancy are involved in their community as time permits. As a teacher and superintendent, school activities took up much of their time with after school activities. David still allows time to participate in the American Legion and the local Lions Club. Nancy is on the Park-Rec committee and spends time with a special coffee group.

There is no Presbyterian Church in Pleasantville therefore they are members of the United Methodist Church.

When asked about her memories of Glidden, Nancy has many and recalled them without pause. She recalled the freedom of those days when a young person could ride a bicycle all over town. She mentioned the Christmas tree at the intersection on main street, the Platt's Store as a stopping place after school, the centennial in 1966 and the library in the basement of city hall. Like most teenagers, she recalls scooping the loop in her auto.

Nancy works with crafts, quilts, knits and crochets as her hobbies and loves to read. David has a woodworking shop in the basement of their home.

Important events in Nancy's life have been confirmation, graduation from eight grade, high school and college. Her marriage and the birth of her children and her grandchildren are very memorable.

The future holds many trips to Le Mars to visit Jennifer's family. Also trips to Kansas City to visit the boys. The Isgrig's still plan to do some additional traveling in their retirement years.

It was a joy to touch base with this family and catch up on all the events in their full lives. We wish them well in retirement and many more years of a fulfilled life.

### Quotes of the Month

"He that gives all, though but little, gives much; because God looks not to the quantity of the gift, but the quality of the givers."

~Francis Quarles

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"What I spent is gone. What I kept I lost. But what I gave will be mine forever."

~Tombstone Epitaph

### Church Challenge Answers

1. Cain and Abel (brothers)
2. Abraham and Isaac (father and son)
3. Mary and Martha (sisters)
4. Aquila and Priscilla (husband and wife)
5. Moses and Aaron (brothers)
6. Eunice and Lois (daughter and mother)
7. Peter and Andrew (brothers)
8. Ananias and Sapphira (husband and wife)
9. Joseph and Benjamin (brothers)
10. David and Absalom (father and son)

## May Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 4<sup>th</sup>-Jeremy Douglas
- 9<sup>th</sup>-Roy Middaugh
- 9<sup>th</sup>-Jeremy & Sarah Douglas  
Anniversary
- 11<sup>th</sup>-Wesley Reever
- 14<sup>th</sup>-Rick Burdine
- 16<sup>th</sup>-Marlys Conner
- 20<sup>th</sup>-Tim Reever
- 21<sup>st</sup>-Ron Burdine
- 25<sup>th</sup>-Kathe Schutte
- 28<sup>th</sup>-Ty & Lindsey Cose Anniversary



### **Announcements:**

\*PW meets on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am at Las Margaritas

\*Mother's Day is May 13<sup>th</sup>

\*Memorial Day is May 28<sup>th</sup>

The Glidden American Legion will have a service at 11:00am at Merle Hay Cemetery

The Mission Emphasis for the months of May and June is **Heifer International**.

Heifer International seeks to bring sustainable agriculture to the poorest parts of the world. They begin by donating to a community or a family the gift of an animal, like a heifer or goat or a small flock of chickens. Those animals provide families with both a source of food and a reliable income. This small addition of food and income can transform the lives of a needy family. They then pay the gift forward by passing on the first female offspring to another family in need. Heifer International has received numerous awards, including a World Food Prize and the Presidential End Hunger Award. They have partnered with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and are regularly audited by charity watchdog groups. We believe that this will be a wonderful ministry for us to support this summer.