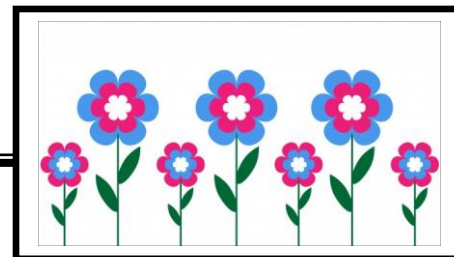


# First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

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Eight years ago, my friends and I rented a beach house on the Oregon Coastline. I had recently been approved to seek a call as a Presbyterian minister, so it was on that vacation that I started work on my job applications. I still have a copy of the cover letter that I sent out:

“My name is Brian Camara and I am a person who loves to proclaim the Word of God...”

That letter went out to a few dozen churches in the four corners of the country – Washington, Oregon, California, Florida, and New England – and then, on a whim, I sent one copy to an enticing little church in Iowa. I believe that God was guiding me on that day.

When I made the decision to move to Iowa, I remembered Jesus’ parable of the Pearl of Great Price. In it, the merchant sells all that he owns to acquire the single pearl of greatest value. Glidden Presbyterian has been my Pearl of Great Price – I traded everything for it. You all have been my treasure hidden in a field (of corn). The exchange has always been in my favor. I acquired more than I ever gave away.

It was here that I learned to be a pastor, guided by the most supportive community that I have ever known. It was here that I practiced my first baptism, sprinkling water “liberally” over poor Treynor’s head. It was here that I wept at the bedside of Dorothy Wheeler, my first true friend to die. It was here that I met my wife and it was in Glidden that we were married. I have grown close to all your families, and been treated with more warmth than I could ever have imagined.

But at the end of this month, my time as your pastor will come to an end. This past week, I accepted a call to become the new pastor of a Presbyterian church in Pacifica, CA – just a few miles south of San Francisco. I will go back home to California; equipped with the knowledge and wisdom from over seven years in ministry, an exceptional wife, and unending stories about all my friends in rural Iowa. I assure you that you are a treasure that I will always carry with me in my heart.

After our time at that beach house, my friends and I drove the lazy coastal road, Highway 1, back to our homes in Los Angeles. We stopped for fresh seafood in Oregon, drove through the trunk of a giant redwood in Eureka, crossed the Golden Gate Bridge, and passed unknowingly through the city that will be my new home.

I know that God guided me once while I was on that trip to Oregon. It is my hope that just as he guided me to Glidden he is now guiding my steps as I return to the state of my birth. But regardless of where I am, I am incomparably richer because of my time in Glidden.

I am still Brian Camara, a person who loves to proclaim the Word of God – but more so now, because of you.

Blessings,  
Pastor Brian

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## Where are they now?

Ed and Doris Walkup were long time members of First Presbyterian Church in Glidden, Iowa. Part of the strong legacy they left behind following their death has been their three children. Joyce Walkup Stonehocker was born first. She was followed in birth by David and then Paul Walkup. The middle child, David, is the featured person in this month's article.

David Walkup of Osceola, Iowa has climbed the ladder of success as he touched every rung to reach his retirement as a successful school administrator.

We begin this story in 1952 when David was born at St. Anthony Hospital and lived the first eighteen years of his life in the Glidden Community. Part of that community involved his grandmother Clara Walkup, at whose home David spent much of his school years. Blaine Lensch and Dwight Haggard lived close to Grandma's house so David had built in playmates there.

David spent his elementary and high school years in Glidden and when asked about his favorite teacher he said "all of them". David recalls fondly his fourth grade as it was spent in Ralston and was the only grade in the building. When David arrived in junior high, lessons became more difficult and extra-curricular activities became a part of his schooling. Additionally, the Walkup family was involved in Mariners, a National church group of young married Presbyterians. Each summer the Walkup's would go to the National meeting which would be held at college universities. The family attended these cruises (not really a cruise) at Kearny State in Nebraska, Buena Vista in Storm Lake or Washington State College, plus other locations around the United States. David estimates they attended 8-10 of these cruises, each lasting one week. On one cruise they even



stopped at Disneyland for a fun day. These were the Walkup's family vacation each summer. In junior high, David took an interest in sports and before he graduated from high school he participated in track, baseball, football and basketball. In high school, David was in band, vocal music, drama, swing choir and had a vocal music instructor by the name of Issac Jenkins, who he admired. David was a part of a Children Choir who as junior high students sang for Bill Riley and moved on to sing at KRNT TV. During these years at Glidden the Presbyterian youth group was very active and would have 12-15 students

participate. Some of the students David named were Dean Wheeler, Tom Moorhouse, Linda Moorhouse, Nancy Leonard, Dave Fisher, Chris Lindsay, Jerry Junker, Sharon Junker and others. As David's days at G-R wound down, he recalls all of the people who had a positive influence on his life and gave a special mention to several coaches and teachers.

In 1970, following high school graduation, David was off to Buena Vista University to study Physical Education and Social Sciences. The first year of college was a little difficult for David because he had not learned the discipline required for college attendance. David admits that he received a stern lecture from his dad once he received his freshman grades. Maybe it was more like a threat than a lecture. David returned for his sophomore year, played football all four years at BV and won conference championships in 1972 and 1973. David caught onto how college worked and finished school in 1974.

During the summer of 1971, David met a young lady from Lake City by the name of Janet Conrad. Janet was two years younger than David and when she graduated she enrolled in the University of Northern Iowa studying Elementary Education. She studied at UNI for two years and then transferred to Buena Vista for the last two years of her college education. Since Janet was two years behind David to

graduate, David stayed at Storm Lake and was Head Resident and supervised all of the men's dormitories. He had plenty of experience as he had been resident advisor while attending school at BV. During this year David obtained his second Major in Social Science.

Following David's graduation in 1974 David and Janet were married on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The wedding took place at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lake City, Iowa.

Once the young couple graduated from college it was time to begin their life as they developed their careers and family.

<b>YEARS</b>	<b>SCHOOLS &amp; FAMILY</b>		
1975-1978	David accepted a job at Primghar as Physical Education and Social Studies teacher as well as head football coach. The school had a class size of 35 students per class.	1983-1990	with a Dr. Al Lewis. A good mentor to David. David received his master's degree in 1983. During this period of time, Janet was being a mother with two little ones.  Upon graduating from OSU, David accepted the Principal's position at Lynnville-Sully and was the assistant football coach. Lynnville-Sully was state football champions in 1986. Another big family event occurred in 1986 as Tom Walkup was born in March. During these years, Janet taught Elementary and in 1989 taught the Talent & Gifted students. Over a two year period, during his stay at Lynnville-Sully, David attended Iowa State University on a part-time basis and received his Superintendent Certificate.
1978-1981	David became the person in charge of Physical Education and head football coach at Paulina, Iowa. During this period, Janet taught Elementary at Alton, Iowa. In October of 1978, Todd Walkup was born. A sister was added to the family in March of 1981 as daughter Kari was born.	1990-1993	In 1990 David accepted a position at Winfield-Mt. Union as Superintendent. During this same time, Janet taught in the Winfield-Mt. Union school district as the Talent and Gifted instructor.
1981-1983	Continuing education was calling so Janet and David pulled up stakes in the spring of 1981 and headed to Oklahoma State so David could attain his Master's degree in Education Administration. While at Oklahoma State the couple were Head Resident Advisors which provided them with housing and a food supply all because of David's connection	1993-2000	During this seven year stretch David became the Superintendent at Manson-NW Webster, which was a school in re-organization, which required talent to mold two cultures into one. Janet taught TAG students at St. Edmonds in Fort Dodge.
		2000-2009	The Walkup's moved to Osceola, Iowa and David became the high school

principal for nine years. After nine years, David retired and became a substitute teacher at various schools for the next 7-8 years. David estimates he taught about 60% of a regular schedule. Janet wrapped up her career in education by teaching 16 years at I-35. She continued to teach TAG students.

Memories of Glidden-Ralston for David include Grandma Walkup's home, the swimming pool where David worked as pool manager for two summers during his college days, great memories of the Boy Scouts and its leaders such as Don Haggard and Dick Thornton.

David is still a busy person even in retirement as he has served on the City Council for six years, serves on the Clarke County Development Corp., Knights of Columbus, Osceola Library Foundation, Clarke County Hospital Foundation. He and Janet were Co-Chair of a Clarke County Hospital fund raiser that raised over one million dollars.

As hobbies, they play golf, spend time with six grandchildren and do traveling. They have gone on cruises to the Caribbean, Alaska, Bahamas, and New England-Canada and are now planning a cruise to New Zealand and Australia. Most recently the Walkup's, along with two of their friends, experienced a one day educational trip to Havana, Cuba. They arrived to Havana on a cruise early morning and boarded the ship home that evening. They employed a tour guide who owned a 1956 orange Cadillac. David reports that people, in Cuba, receive their education at government expense, therefore the colleges are well kept and look wonderful. However just two city blocks away you will drive into very depressed areas. David reports there are certainly two extremes of wealth or lack of around Havana. David said, "I have been there and I have no desire to return but I was glad we went".

Presently the Walkup's are building a house in Marion, Iowa, on the seventh fairway of Hunter's Ridge golf course and hope to move in December of this year.

David remembers the Presbyterian Church with Sunday school, Mariners, the Choir, and the great people that made up the church as pleasant experiences.

As readers, you can see by the length of this story, David has climbed a long ladder and has touched the lives of young people throughout his career. We conclude this story with sage advice offered by his parents.

"Whatever you do it will get back to us before you get home".

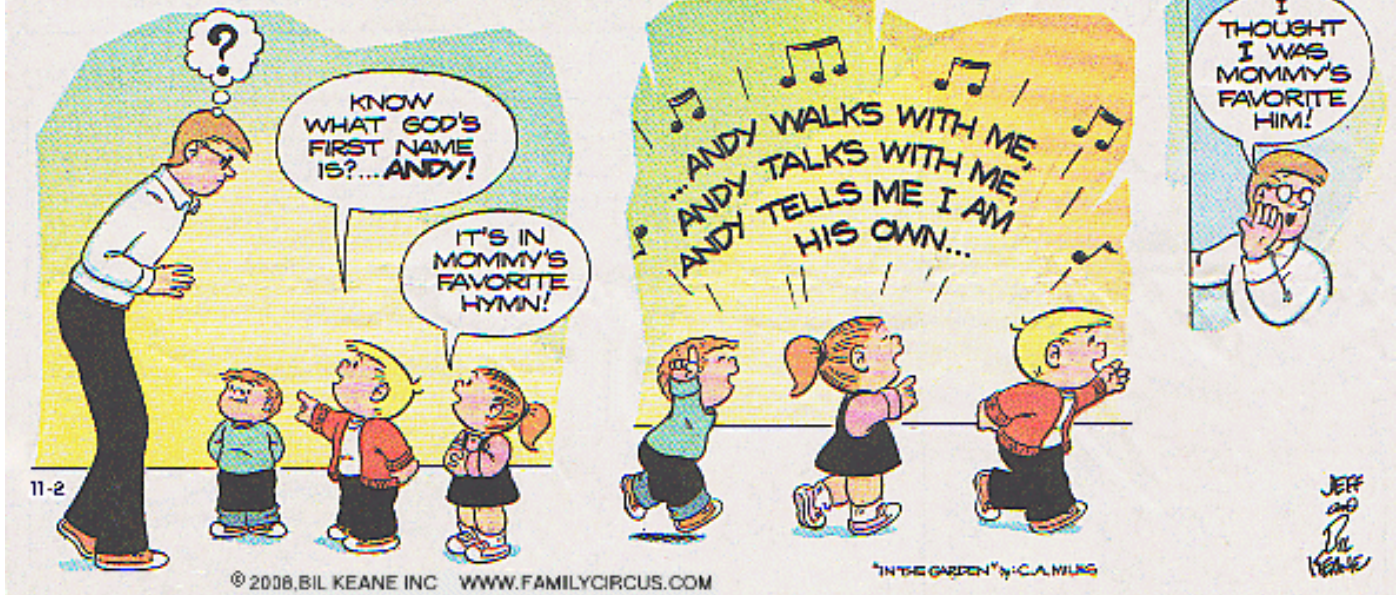
Congratulations to David and Janet, their three children and six grandchildren.

## June Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 3<sup>rd</sup>-Diane Thelin
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-Brad & Heather Mueggenberg  
Anniversary
- 11<sup>th</sup>-Keith & Suzy Danner Anniversary
- 15<sup>th</sup>-Matt & Rhonda Conner  
Anniversary
- 19<sup>th</sup>-Rick & Tami Burdine Anniversary
- 20<sup>th</sup>-Russ Draves
- 24<sup>th</sup>-Duane and Joyce Conner  
Anniversary



## THE FAMILY CIRCUS®



## Announcements

### \*Summer Church Time Change

Worship begins at 9:30am during the months of June, July, and August

\*A Congregational Meeting to dismiss Pastor Brian is scheduled for Sun, June 24<sup>th</sup>, after church

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.