

First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

September 2018



Be A Part of the Future!

Please join us on Sunday, September 9th for a Congregational Gathering.

We will be discussing future options and ideas for Glidden Presbyterian Church.

There will be no worship that day.

*Meet at the Fellowship Hall for donuts, coffee, and conversation
at 10:30 am.*

*Everyone who attends this church is requested and encouraged to be a
part of this process
(members and non members).*

Kudos Korner:

*-To Wayne and Shirley Seamen for hosting the fellowship coffee on July
29th*

*-To Marlys Conner and Diane Theilin for teaching Sunday school again
this year*

Where are they now?

This month we focus on Rev. Scott and Dottie Burkley who served First Presbyterian Church in Glidden from 1975-1983. Many current members remember Scott and Dottie but allow us to refresh your memory and advise new people on this couple's lives.

Scott Burkley attended Princeton Theological Seminary and graduated on June 2, 1975. He was ordained on June 15, 1975 and married Dottie on June 28, 1975. His official first day as pastor in Glidden was July 16, 1975. The PNC interviewed Scott and offered him a chance to move from the East Coast to the barren land called Iowa. He was advised by some at the seminary not to go to Iowa. Scott was told, "If you have ever seen Gunsmoke, Iowa is just like that!" A member of the Committee on Ministry told Scott that he could not take a train from Iowa to see a Broadway play. However, the associate pastor at Scott's home church, named Pastor Fred Missel had served a church in Ames, and told Scott to go and you will really find nice people. In retrospect, Scott and Dottie both agree the people in the Glidden Church and Glidden area were some of the friendliest people they have ever encountered. Scott preached his first sermon in the basement of First Presbyterian to the PNC in April 1975. Dottie remembers how peaceful the surroundings were in Glidden. She said it was a wonderful area to begin their life together but after time she realized how far it was to home on the East Coast.

Memories of Glidden and the church include an early meeting with Don Hansen who invited Scott to join him for coffee at the local café. Scott didn't care for coffee so he declined, which prompted a call from Loretta, who advised Scott to get to the cafe with Don. This started a three day per week trip to the coffee shop to meet people. In Glidden all churches supported each other and if Scott missed the home football game on Friday night people would inquire as to what happened. Dottie and Scott both recall the musical talent in First Presbyterian. The music by the choir, the organist, and pianist was a great part of the glue that held the church together. Events include the day that a homeless woman visited church, God speaking to the congregation in church over the P.A. system, a cat walking down the aisle of church, while Scott was



preaching, only to be rescued by a 5 year old girl. Other events include the yearly New Year's Eve party, the pot lucks, the bicycle ride around Swan Lake and joint services with Scott's special friend, Wally Kinzler, pastor at United Methodist Church.

Everything changed for the Burkleys in January of 1980 when son Phillip was born. As Scott and Dottie traveled home from the Lake City Hospital, they were spotted and the telephone lines lit up as the word was spread that the Burkley's were home with their new baby.

Today, Phillip is a graduate of the University of Delaware in Computer Science and he works for Oracle Company. Phillip married Shannon in 2006 and his hobbies include scuba diving, geocaching and blacksmithing.

Son Andrew was born in 1982 in Lake City and was only a year old when Scott, Dottie and family left Glidden. Andrew attended Misericordia College in Dallas, PA where he attained a BS in Psychology, he went on to Frostburg University for a Master's degree and received Doctorate of Psychology at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, PA. Andrew is married to Kimberly and they have a two year old son, Bennett Scott. Andrew works out of a clinic and does counseling for both adults and children.

Daughter Joy was born in Ohio in 1985. Upon her graduation from high school, she entered a five year Master's program at Alvernia University, graduating in Occupational Therapy. She graduated in 2017 with a Doctorate degree in Occupational Therapy from Creighton University in Omaha as an online student. She is now an Occupational Therapist in Williamsburg, Virginia.

As Scott and Dottie and family left Glidden they moved to Kinsman, Ohio to serve a church of 350 members in a town of only 300 people. This too was a very rural church with many sugar maple trees surrounding the manse. The manse, built in 1831, was a historic manse set on a double lot. The home was worshiped by many members of the congregation because of its history but not so much by the Burkleys. The building had no insulation and occasionally was occupied by many different varmints.

Scott was busy in the community and at the church. He was President of NESFACE (North East Services Food and Clothing Exchange). He organized a youth group club of 20 young people in grades 6-12 that met each Sunday evening and a Wednesday evening group of 20

children who were in 1-5 grades. He was a director of a summer program called KASP (Kinsman Area Summer Program) that involved swimming, crafts and field trips. After 10 years in Kinsman, Scott and Dottie decided it was time to move on but before they did the church had planned a mission trip to India. Ten members plus Scott made up the delegation. Painters, electricians, nurses, and camp directors were just some of the people to go on the mission to work in a Presbyterian Hospital in Miraj, India. They spent two weeks on the trip and painted the entire inside of a local hospital plus helping with needed repairs.

In 1993 the Burkleys moved to Middletown, Delaware with the intent of starting a new church. With no base to start from, Scott visited all the businesses in town and inquired of each - what does this community need in a church. He met resistance as people defended their own church but he merely pushed for a simple answer. These visits were followed up by Scott and Presbytery volunteers phoning 2000 families and asking them what they saw as a need in a community church, and inviting them to the church's first worship service. Following this ground work, they decided to have a Sunday worship service in a private home. Forty families showed up for the first formal service in a school gymnasium . They continued to meet in homes, public school buildings and in gymnasiums throughout the town. In 1995, just two years into this mission, they built a new building that would seat up to 110 people. One year later they added six rooms to this 2500 sq. ft. building. All of the debt on this building project was paid off by 2016.

While all of this was going on at the church, Dottie was teaching in Townsend Elementary School. After earning her master's degree in Instructional Technology she became the K-5 grade technology instructor her last eight years of teaching. While at Townsend Elementary, Dottie was twice selected Teacher of the Year and was a finalist for the Presidential Mathematics Award. On June 2017, Dottie retired from her teaching career at the school.

After 41 years of being a pastor, Scott retired his position at New Covenant church in Middletown, Delaware. Presbyterian rules say Scott can no longer attend worship at this church he started but he has been elected as Pastor Emeritus of this church.

Scott and Dottie have now both retired but haven't quit. Dottie leads a bible study during Sunday School at New Covenant prior to attending church at Elkton Presbyterian Church with Scott. Dottie teaches K-8th grade science and space education at Delaware Aerospace Education Foundation 2-3 days a week. Scott is a substitute Pastor and fills in 2-3 times per month at various churches.

Additionally he trains members how to teach bible classes. He is also the Area Representative of Bethel Bible Series, which requires 5-6 hours per week. Scott just finished serving a two year term of Rotary Club President.

"All work and no play makes Johnnie a dull boy". This applies to the Burkleys so they have planned an 18 day cruise to Rome, Jerusalem, Athens, Corinth and Israel. Future plans are to visit the two year old grandson and develop some hobbies. They have seven fruit trees on their property such as pear, apple, peach and apricot as well as a grape vine and strawberry bed that can be harvested and saved for later use. Scott used the fruit to make jelly and jam. All first time visitors to the church received a jar of Scott's jelly or jam, over 500 jars handed out as pastor of New Covenant Church . Scott is also involved in a hobby of cutting, molding, soldering and gluing stained glass art.

The couple will continue to volunteer at school, preach as a substitute, take care of family and enjoy watching the development and leadership of their children.

As we concluded this article, we do so with many fond memories of their time in Glidden, Iowa and remember the experiences of all the lives they touched.

Sunday School is Back!!!

Sunday, September 9th

9:30 am

Presbyterian Church



Hymm Humor

Do you know your Hymms?

Dentist's Hymn.....Crown Him with Many Crowns

Weatherman's Hymn.....There Shall Be Showers of Blessings

Contractor's Hymn.....The Church's One Foundation

The Tailor's Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy

The Golfer's Hymn.....There's a Green Hill Far Away

The Politician's Hymn.....Standing on the Promises

Mission Emphasis

The Mission Emphasis for the months of September and October is the Glidden-Ralston After School Program. This non-denominational service to the community has been in existence for fifteen years and serves children in kindergarten through sixth grade. It meets at the Methodist Church but does not involve religion-based teaching.

The program serves an average of 20-40 students each day, Monday through Thursday, and is staffed entirely by volunteers. Funding is based solely on donations. In addition, the program has been fortunate to receive a few bequests from estates.

The goals of the After School Program are as follows:

1. Provide a place where children can go in place of parental supervision.
2. Provide positive experiences for children.
3. Provide good adult role models.
4. Provide an opportunity for peer networking.
5. Provide homework help to students in order to increase academic success.

After school, children are transported to the church by bus and may be picked up by parents any time before 5:00. Upon the children's arrival at the church, they check in and have a snack. These are provided by volunteers and parents. Also, the Masons pay for food purchased at Glidden Grocery. From approximately 4:00 to 4:30, students participate in an organized activity which may be a game, craft, movie, puzzle, reading or homework. At 4:30 there is free play until parents arrive.

The G-R After School Program is a local program serving local students and families. Please consider making a donation during Sept/Oct to help with food and supplies. You may also become a volunteer by calling Mary Rezabeck at 659-3775.

Quotes of the Month

“Do not strive in your own strength; cast yourself at the feet of the Lord Jesus, and wait upon Him in the sure confidence that He is with you, and works in you. Strive in prayer; let faith fill your heart-so will you be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.”

~ **Andrew Murray, Pastor**

“In all my perplexities and distresses, the Bible has never failed to give me light and strength.”

~ **Robert E. Lee, American Military Officer**

Read more: <https://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/top-25-christian-quotes-about-strength/#ixzz5Pah0xbCv>

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

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



Announcements

- ***Sunday morning worship begins at 10:30am, starting September 2nd**
- *Sunday School returns on Sunday, September 9th
 - All classes will meet at 9:30am
 - Adults will be at the United Methodist Church
 - Students / Children will be at the Presbyterian Church
- *PW meets on Wednesday, September 12th, at 11:30am at Bloomers
- *Session meets on Tuesday, September 18th, at 5:30pm