

First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

October 2018



Pastor Mission Update

****Pulpit has been filled for the below dates:**

-October 14-Angelo Luis

-October 28-Tom Daniels

****Session is working on mission study**

****Jennifer Olson from United Presbyterian Church in Denison is our Moderator**

**** Pastor Lorinda is on call for emergencies**

*******Results of the Survey*******

After having everyone rate each possible direction our church can go, the results are below to show the order of most interest to least.

-Hire a part time Pastor

-Hire a full time Pastor

-Start conversation with Methodist

-Start conversation with Carroll Presbyterian

Prayers Needed

Prayers and cards for Paul Walkup.
He has been in the hospital for the majority of September dealing with his heart.

Nebraska Medicine, Clarkson Tower Rm #3844 4350 Dewey Ave Omaha, NE 68105

Where are they now?

Doug and Judy Smid moved to Glidden in 1976. Doug managed the Boomsma Egg Plant in Glidden until 1986 at which time they were transferred to Pella, Iowa. The Smid's have two sons Tom and Randy and the feature this month is on Tom Smid.

Tom was born in Sheldon, Iowa and moved to Glidden after attending kindergarten in Pella. He began school as a first grader in Glidden-Ralston in 1976. Tom recalls his years in elementary school with great memories of the people in his grade. He is well aware of the benefits of good classmates at all the schools he attended. The pastor at First Presbyterian when Tom moved here was Rev. Scott Burkley. Tom recalls the great times he and others enjoyed with Marlys Conner and her junior chorus. This group was made up of young people like Hofstad, Burdine, Shadle, Petersons, Crawford's, and Seaman's. During the summer months Tom played little league baseball, with Randy Schon as their coach. Going to the city swimming pool was a daily event during the summer; however, mother requested the boys wash all the dishes after lunch before they could bike to the pool. Thus, the Smid boys were never first to the pool when it opened. The Smid family enjoyed attending high school sporting events while in Glidden. Looking back Tom appreciates the small school atmosphere where all grades were located in one building. Tom enjoyed his years in elementary school and recognized the excellent teaching staff during these important formative years.

Tom moved on to high school and spent only his Freshman and Sophomore years at GR prior to moving back to Pella. In high school, Tom began to sort out the subjects he enjoyed the most, such as history and math. In sports he played football, basketball, golf and baseball. Many of his coaches were important to Tom's educational development. Not just on the athletic field, but also, in the classroom setting. Larry Littlefield was Tom's home room advisor for his 9th & 10th grade years. Mr. Thelin, Mr. Jepsen and Mr. Brandt were special in the learning process.

The company closed the egg plant in Glidden and the company moved the Smid's back to Pella prior to Tom's junior and senior years of school. The summer before attending school in Pella as a junior, Mom and Tom went to school to meet the guidance counselor who interviewed Tom about his interests. According to Tom, the guidance counselor was very thoughtful and perceptive. He assigned Tom a locker next to a group of likeminded people, so Tom would readily fit in with the students. The small gesture was recognized by Tom as a real benefit to meeting new school mates. Tom continued his love for learning while still participating in athletics with many more people involved. In Glidden, Tom had thirty students per class, but in Pella there were more than one hundred students per class. Again, Tom claimed to have excellent classmates which made learning, sports, stage plays and other activities more enjoyable.



After high school graduation in May 1988, Tom was off to Iowa State University that Fall. While in high school and college, Tom worked during the summers at Hardee's, Precision Pulley or Pella Corporation.

At Iowa State Tom joined Farm House Fraternity, a fraternity with sixty members dedicated to scholarship and philanthropy. He enjoyed the relationships with other members, who were helpful resources to him on campus. While at Iowa State University, he served on the Vieshea Central Committee. He also enjoyed homecoming, Greek Week, variety shows and mixers with sororities. Tom dedicated plenty of time to studying and graduated in August of 1992 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a major in Accounting.

Jobs were not plentiful at the time Tom graduated, so he went home for a month and sent out resumes. Tom tells the story of a New Year's Eve party several years prior in Des Moines. He was introduced to an auditor that worked for Gardiner and Company. Never thought much about this meeting, but Tom remembered the man's face and the fact that he did the audit at "West Central" in Ralston. Later he was contacted for an interview with Gardiner and Company based on the resumes he had mailed. As he walked in he saw and remembered this man from the New Year's Eve party many years ago. During the

interview, with the Human Resource person, Tom dropped the name of “West Central” and how familiar he was with them because of the years he spent in Glidden. Tom got the job and worked as an auditor for Gardiner for three and a half years.

In 1996 Tom accepted a position with Terra Industries in Sioux City, Iowa as an Internal Auditor and eventually moved into an Assistant Controller position. While at Terra, Tom met a young lady by the name of Tamara, who was a Human Resources graduate from the University of Oklahoma. Tamara was offered two different opportunities with Terra to relocate from their office in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Sioux City but turned them both down. She was offered a third position in Sioux City and thought “someone must be trying to tell me something.” So, she accepted the third job offer, packed up her life and relocated to Sioux City. Her friends and co-workers kept telling her “you are going to meet some nice Iowa farm boy.” Well, Tom wasn’t a “farm boy,” but he was a “nice Iowa boy.” Tom and Tamara were married in 2000 in Claremore, Oklahoma.

Terra Industries went through some changes with the sale of their retail crop inputs business to Cenex/Land O’ Lakes. Tom decided to start looking for new opportunities and was offered a position in 1999 with ConAgra Foods, based in Omaha, Nebraska as an Internal Auditor. A couple of years later Tom transferred to ConAgra’s United Agri Products business unit based in Northern Colorado as a Financial Analyst. A few years later this division was acquired by Agrium and became Crop Production Services. In 2018 the company went through a rebranding and is now operating under the name of Nutrien Ag Solutions. Since 2007, Tom has been an integral part of the organization’s Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) team. One of his latest projects involved the purchase of Agri Associates of Glidden; which brought to light what a small world it is, with Tom reconnecting to Glidden and the egg plant where Tom spent time as a young boy. Tom oversees the M&A and Greenfields department for Nutrien Ag Solutions and spends a considerable amount of time working with company attorneys.

Tamara also works at Nutrien; she has worked in the Human Resources and IT departments since 2010. She works as a liaison between the IT and Human Resources departments to assist the HR, Payroll and Benefits teams

with the technical-side of their world to better utilize systems for a more cohesive work place.

Tom and Tamara are the parents of three children. Eli is an active fourteen-year-old young man, who loves soccer and attends a high school of 2,200 students. Liesel is a vibrant thirteen-year-old young lady who plays softball and attends a middle school of 700 students. Liesel is also involved in a unique sport, which is competitive rock climbing. Her team competes in the Northern Colorado/Denver area against teams from other clubs, the climbs are all held in indoor rock wall gyms. Caleb is a fun loving nine-year-old boy who gives 100% to both his baseball and soccer teams, he attends an elementary school with over 800 students. All of the children are involved in school and community activities as well, which keep dad and mom (otherwise known as “the taxi drivers”) on the run.

The Smid’s attend Timberline Church in Fort Collins, the mention of “church” brought up memories in Tom’s mind of Glidden’s First Presbyterian church. He recalls the good people of Glidden. He “fondly” recalls setting up and taking down tables and chairs for the church potluck events. He has great memories of the junior choir; as well as the New Year’s Eve parties and ringing the church bell at mid-night to bring in the New Year. Tom mentioned how the ten years he lived in Glidden was very transformative to his life and was filled with wonderful experiences and memories.

Tom’s mother gave her boys wonderful advice when she said, “Always be considerate of other people.”

We concluded our conversation with the Smid’s understanding that the church in Glidden had been a very positive experience in Tom’s life. We wished the Smid’s great family success and good health as they lead their lives as a family, in business and in church.

Quote of the Month

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. -
Psalm 112:5

Sunday School

Sunday school has begun with classes being held for elementary and middle/high school at the Presbyterian Church and adults at the Methodist Church. Elementary students are studying lessons from One Room Sunday school curriculum "At Home With God". The curriculum's mission is to help children on the journey to understand themselves as children of God, explore and deepen their relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and love and serve God, family and friends. Beginning with Jesus' own family, students will see how families care for children as they grow, build loving relationships, and explore how different families belong in God's big story. In discussing what ingredients would be needed to put together a happy family, the students first response was "LOVE". They shared family stores that reflected their parents' unconditional love. Other ingredients included being kind and forgiving of family members. An additional tasty ingredient mentioned was chocolate candy – in the shape of a loving heart.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1st-Bridget Draves
- 1st-Brooke Draves
- 2nd-Mark Conner
- 2nd-Mary Haselton
- 6th-Oliver Conner
- 12th-Gordon Cose
- 14th-Ty Cose
- 20th-Loretta Hansen
- 21st-Ethan Mueggenberg
- 28th-Roy and Marge Middaugh Anniversary



Bible Banter

A Sunday School teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her class. After explaining the commandment to 'honor they father and they mother', she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat out brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat, one child answered, "Thou shall not kill."

Kudos Korner:

**To people leading worship on a fill-in basis: Pastor Richard Francis, Pastor Ken Fells, Pastor Marshall Brown, Rev. Barb Huisman, Layman Lorna Peters, Layman Tom Daniels, and Chaplain Angelo Luis*

**To the Presbyterian Session for hosting a meeting to discuss the future of this church and keeping the membership informed*

**To Wayne and Shirley Seaman for coming up with and writing the "Where are they now?" article for the newsletter each month*

**To Jeremiah & Dana Johnson on the birth of their daughter, Codie Lu. She is joined by a sister.*

**And many blessings to our wonderful Sunday School teachers as they start the new school year.*

Announcements

***Sunday School is back!**

All classes will meet at 9:30am

Adults will be at the United Methodist Church

Students / Children will be at the Presbyterian Church

***Session meets on Tuesday, October 16th at 5:30**

***PW meets on Wednesday, October 10th, at 11:30am at Queen Beans in Carroll**

***Trunk-or-Treat is Sunday, October 28th, from 4-5pm at City Park in Glidden**

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 5:15pm. 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.