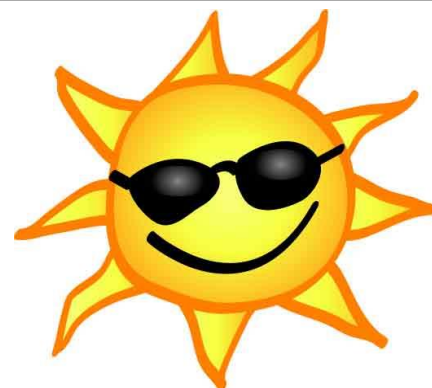


# First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

March 2019



## Pastor Mission Update

\*\*Pulpit has been filled through March

March 3 Barbara Huisman

March 10 Kendall Von Glan

March 17 Sheryl Puderbaugh

March 24 Sheryl Puderbaugh

March 31 Tom Daniels

\*\*Ministry Information Form is uploaded on the CLC. The PNC is currently reviewing possible matches.

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

\*\* Pastor Lorinda is on call for emergencies

### **Bible Banter**

The Lord is My Shepherd

A Sunday school teacher decided to have her second grade class memorize Psalm 23, one of the most quoted passages in the Bible. She gave the children a month to learn the chapter.

One little boy was excited about the task, but he just couldn't memorize the Psalm. Although he practiced and practiced, he could hardly get past the first line. The day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation. The little boy was nervous. When his turn came, he stepped up to the microphone and proudly said, "The Lord is my Shepherd and that's all I need to know!"

## Where are they now?

Scott Bender was born at St. Anthony Hospital in 1960 to Jerry and Linda Bender. Scott was later joined by two brothers, Kurt and Ryan and one sister Pattie. Scott now living in Spencer, Iowa, is the focus of this month's article.

The late Jerry and Linda Bender lived on a farm one mile west of Ralston so Scott grew up with many farm experiences. Scott's pre-school years were filled with helping care for younger siblings, investigating farm activities and just being a boy. Scott attended school at Glidden-Ralston from K-12 grades. He recalls his elementary years with great fondness as he enjoyed all of his years at GR. He recalls traveling to Ralston to attend fourth grade as a good memory and especially the fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Hermansen. Scott took a liking to sports so in junior high he played football, basketball and ran track. Being a farm boy he learned the value of work at a young age. He helped his family by walking soy beans, detasseling corn, baling hay and every day taking care of hogs, cattle and chickens. Most stressing to Scott was helping mother weed the garden, picking beans and the other garden activities.

In 1975, Scott was a freshman at GR and continued to play football. He admits, as a freshman, he didn't get to play varsity football but was still part of the State Championship team. Some of the boys in Scott's class were Mark Danner, Paul Fairchild, Wayne Owen, Brian Best, Steve McCrea and others. In high school Scott was drawn to Science and Biology classes therefore he had a good appreciation for Mr. Rezabeck and Mr. Brandt.

Scott graduated in 1979 and headed to college seeking a degree in teaching and coaching. He entered Ellsworth College and the college basketball coach recruited this 6'6" young man to play basketball for Ellsworth for the next two years. Once he completed his two year at Ellsworth, he moved on to Storm Lake to complete his college activities. He played basketball for two years at Buena Vista. Sometime during his stay at

Buena Vista he decided to change his major and earned a business degree in December of 1983.

During the summer of 1983, Scott met a Lake City girl named Kristy Bernholtz. They dated for three years and in August of 1986 they were married at the Catholic Church in Lake City, Iowa. Kris and Scott started their family in 1996 as they adopted Blake who was born in South Korea. Blake was five months old when he arrived in the United States. Two years later, in 1998, a six month girl



joined the family. Brooke was also of Korean origin. The Benders were not required to travel to Korea for the adoption of their two children but times have now changed and a trip to Korea is now required. Today Blake is a senior at Simpson College and will graduate in the spring. Blake plans to become a doctor of optometry so will face another four years of college. Brooke has graduated from high school and has

entered the world of work in Spencer.

Let's now back up to Scott's graduation from BV. He wanted to get away therefore he accepted a job in Texas with a company called Fertilome. The company is a garden supply company selling fertilizer, seed, plants and other garden supplies. Scott worked for this company for three and one half years as he traveled working in sales in Dallas-Fort Worth and western Texas. Scott was on the road for much of the time calling on clients. The travel and overnight stay became burdensome so Scott made a move in his career. Scott accepted a job with Aaron Rents which rents, sells or rents to buy furniture. Scott worked the Dallas area when first employed and then was transferred to Oklahoma for one year. In 1989 he was transferred to Denver, Colorado with Aaron Rents and worked in Denver for the next six years. While in Denver, Scott signed up to attend night school and learned a trade in heating, air conditioning and electrical work. This was a two year course and upon graduation from this training the couple moved to Spencer, Iowa to remove themselves from big city living.

Once in Spencer, Kris and Scott began the adoption process for Blake and Brooke. Scott began employment with a heating and air conditioning company and worked at this company for the next three years. In 2000, Scott

started his own company doing commercial refrigeration, heating and cooling units for grocery stores, convenience stores and other commercial sites. He operated this business for eight years. At this time he had a chance to work a Picxler Electric and became part owner within the first year. Picxler Electric is a well-known electrical company in Spencer and has been in business for 85 years. Today, the company employs seventeen full time employees and they contract major commercial jobs. The company rewinds electrical motors for customers. Scott has been part owner of Picxler now for the past ten years.

Kris has been busy raising a family and once in Spencer, she began a unique occupation. She is an independent contract employee of a funeral home. Her job is to sell advance burial services on behalf of the funeral home. She is required to meet with the clients, prepare the contract and receive the payment for services that will be required at some future date.

Scott is or has been involved with the Jaycees, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce and the Knights of Columbus in Spencer. He enjoys playing golf in the summer, ice fishing in the winter. He has always like learning and reads when time permits. He enjoys watching sporting events.

His memory of First Presbyterian Church are plentiful as he recalls lighting candles as a young boy, the Christmas programs, Christmas Eve. Services, attending Sunday school and meeting for summer bible school at Swan Lake.

It was a great joy visiting with Scott and discussing the many turns that have taken place in his life. We wish Scott, Kris, Blake and Brooke good health and a full God filled life.

## *KUDO'S Korner*

*To Jennifer Fairchild Flemmig for design and assembling the 2019 Annual Report.*

*To Tom Brady (Flemmig) for suppling the muffins during the annual meeting.*

*To Marlys Conner and Lindsey Cose for their generous time serving on the Session. Enjoy your year(s) off.*

*To Lora Reever on accepting three years of service on the Session.*

*To Sara Fleecs on accepting the role of ruling Elder for the next three years.*

*To Rhonda Schroeder for lining up pulpit supply during our pastoral vacancy.*

## Quotes of the Month

*"Our hope is not in the new year....but in the One who makes all things new."*

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*"Believe in yourself. You are braver than you think, more talented than you know, and capable of more than you imagine." — Roy T. Bennett*

# 2019 Church Committee Responsibilities

Session is a group of elected Presbyterian congregation members, known as elders, who are responsible for the leadership of the church.

**Clerk of Session**.....Church record keeper duties include recording membership, deaths, marriages, & baptisms. Clerk prepares & distributes session minutes & prepares the annual meeting report. Clerk answers Presbytery report requests & updates corporations filings & church roles. Jennifer Fairchild-Flemmig

**Finance/Stewardship**.....This committee is responsible for recommending an annual operating budget to session & reporting the monthly finances. They work closely with the church treasurer & financial secretary. They recommend the use of gifts, audits, & communicating the financial status to the congregation. Conducting an annual generosity campaign is the stewardship mission includes One Great Hour of Sharing, Peacemaking Offering, Christmas Joy Offering, Community of Concern, grocery store certificates, the after school program & others. Rhonda Schroeder, chair

**Buildings & Grounds**.....This committee is responsible for effective management, maintenance, use & acquisition of property, facilities, & equipment. This includes pest control, elevator maintenance, repair of church's mechanical, heating, ventilation, paint, & custodial needs. Ron Burdine, chair

**Christian Education**.....This committee is responsible for planning, purchasing, & implementing curricula for Christian education. This includes church classes in Sunday School including adult members. Duties include obtaining teachers,

recognizing 2<sup>nd</sup> graders with Bibles, and graduation gifts for seniors. Church camp participation is considered one focus of CE. Mark Adams, chair

**Parish Life**.....The purpose of this committee is to engage members & community in hospitality. They support the social activities of the church including sending notes, emails, & phone calls expressing concern, congratulations & appreciation. Activities include planning & preparing for annual meeting, Thanksgiving dinner, Halloween festivities, Mothers Day recognition & others. Gordon Cose, chair

**Worship**.....This committee's main duty is to facilitate worship. In the absence of a pastor, filling the pulpit with guest speakers is essential. The committee is in charge of preparing for the special service activities of Advent & Easter & others as determined by the session, scheduling lectors, ushers, acolytes, & communion preparers, providing supplies for ministers, communion, paraments, flowers, bulletins, subscriptions & postage, candles, banners, sanctuary large screen, banners, and service music including expenses of organ & piano maintenance & music costs. Lora Reeve, chair

**Pastoral/Personnel/Nominating**.....The mission of this committee is to seek out members of the congregation to become leaders as elders to serve a term on the session. A major part of church budget is salary, employer paid benefits such as medical, dental, death, & disability insurance coverage thru the Board of Pension. Establishment of these plus job descriptions, review of personnel performance, monitoring vacation & study leave, and recommending a congregation member for committee at the annual meeting are duties of this committee. The committee serves in an advisory capacity to the session. Sara Fleecs, chair

## February and March Birthdays and Anniversaries

### February

- 5<sup>th</sup>-Karla Cose
- 7<sup>th</sup>-Heather Mueggenberg
- 9<sup>th</sup>-Whitney Reeve
- 11<sup>th</sup>-Harry and Judy Reeve Anniversary
- 15<sup>th</sup>-Michael Douglas
- 17<sup>th</sup>-Emma Flemmig
- 18<sup>th</sup>-Will Reeve
- 18<sup>th</sup>-Treynor Cose
- 28<sup>th</sup>-Mark Toyne



### March

- 11<sup>th</sup>-Ron and Jane Burdine Anniversary
- 13<sup>th</sup>-Kevin Fleecs
- 18<sup>th</sup>-Russ and Lil Draves Anniversary
- 23<sup>rd</sup>-Mark Adams
- 24<sup>th</sup>-Jamison Stevens
- 26<sup>th</sup>-Rhonda Conner
- 26<sup>th</sup>-Sara Fleecs
- 28<sup>th</sup>-Kali Nelson
- 30<sup>th</sup>-Judy Littlefield

### **Info From Presbytery**

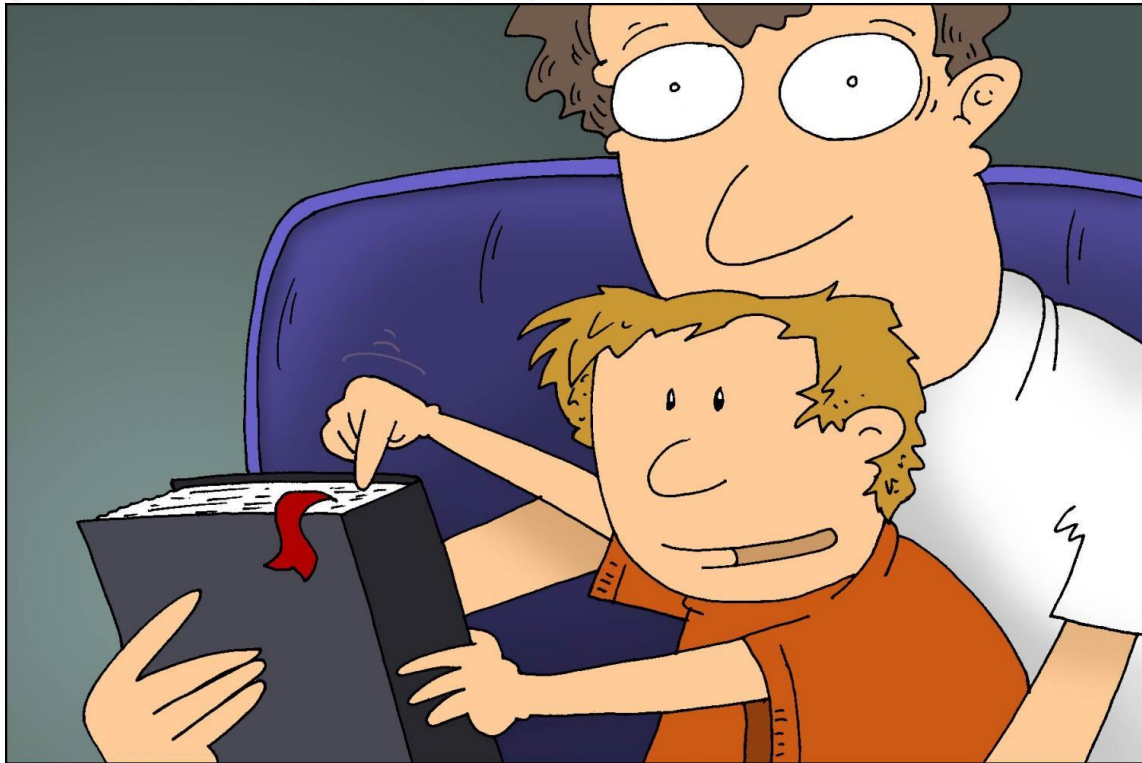
The next Presbytery meeting will be April 6, 2019 at Cherokee. Our very own Bill Crawford will be installed as Moderator of the Presbytery at that time.

The Presbytery of Prospect Hill office has been moved to the camp and we share personnel with North Central Presbytery. There is a combined newsletter from Prospect Hill Presbytery and North Central Presbytery. The link to the website is <https://prospecthillpresby.org/> and the current newsletter is listed under NEWS tab at this link. The newsletter has calendars for both presbyteries as well as other information that may be interesting.



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## Announcements

- PW meets on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am at Las Margaritas in Glidden
- Session meets on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm

The Mission Emphasis for the months of March and April is the **One Great Hour of Sharing**. The One Great Hour of Sharing is the largest Special Offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA). It goes to support three different Presbyterian ministries – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. In 2016, the OGHs supported projects from repairing a fire-damaged Presbyterian Church in Burt, Iowa to the construction of 40 toilets for a town in rural India. This offering is the primary source of mission funds for the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is one of the best things that we do together as Presbyterians.