

First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

April 2019



Pastor Mission Update

**Pulpit supply for April

7th-Sue Mulvihill

14th-at the Methodist

21st-Angelo Luis

28th-Angelo Luis

****The PNC has interviewed 4 candidates.**

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

** Pastor Lorinda is on call for emergencies

Lenten Services

April 14: Palm Sunday: @ Glidden Methodist Church
Presbyterian and Methodist Joint Worship Service at 10:30 AM

April 18: Maundy Thursday Service: @ Glidden ME Church/Communion
6 PM Potluck Glidden churches providing soup/main dish
Lanesboro and Lohrville churches salad/veggie/dessert

April 19: Good Friday: @ Lohrville Methodist Church Probably at 7 PM, not definite at this time

April 21: Easter Sunday: 10:30 with Angelo Luis

Where are They Now

Paul Conner (deceased) and Carolyn Conner have been long term members of First Presbyterian Church in Glidden. The Conners raised three children in this church; Clark, Karmen and Clair. Karmen Conner Baretich is the subject of this month's article. Today, Karmen lives in Athens, Georgia with her husband Anthony Jones.

Karmen was born at St. Anthony Hospital in Carroll, Iowa and enjoyed pre-school years in Glidden. She recalls her early years at First Presbyterian sitting in the pew with Dad and watching her Mother direct the choir. To pass the time in church, Dad would draw pictures of cats to amuse her. She recalls the Mother-

Daughter Banquets and especially one Mother-Daughter Banquet in Coon Rapids when she was part of a four-generation family there. She was only six years of age but can recall the Glidden Centennial in 1967 and all of the activities at church and in town. As a child, Karmen remembers attending choir practice at the church to be with Mom. Prior to the carpet being installed, Karmen remembers starting at the back of the church and sliding under the pews all the way to the front of the church just to have something to do! This happened only a few times until Mom put a stop to this activity. She refuses to incriminate others who joined in the fun.

Karmen spent thirteen years at Glidden-Ralston school (including kindergarten) and recalled some of her classmates such as Julie Burdine, Suzanne Reidesal, Traci Reeve, Scott Bender, and Paul Fairchild. Throughout her school years she always enjoyed science, math, and business law. She mentioned Dixie Martins, Jerry Mathine and Karen Ploeger as special teachers along with many other teachers that inspired her. Fourth grade was special because it was located in Ralston and Mrs. Hermansen was the teacher. It was special because it was your own school for the year, your own playground, and your own world. Karmen's first theater productions happened on the stage in the basement. In junior high she became more involved with the church as she began to sing in the church choir, was part of the

Christmas programs, vacation bible school, youth group and other activities at the church.

Special memories of Karmen occurred as she participated in special events. As part of the youth group, she visited a Jewish synagogue in Des Moines where the Jewish beliefs were discussed. A joint mission trip to Fort Smith, Arkansas with the Methodist youth group was important as they helped remodel and rebuild housing. John Johnston taught us how to shingle, drywall and repair housing. A smaller event but still important was a vacation bible school trip to Swan Lake that Karmen remembers from her early years. Pastor Scott Burkley and Dottie Burkley served the church while Karmen was in school and she helped them move into Glidden and eventually baby sat two of their children.



School days at G-R were over for Karmen in 1979 and she was ready to go into the world and make her mark. In the fall of 1979, she enrolled at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls. For the next four years she was involved with many college activities while obtaining a major in communication and theater arts. She received a minor in history and teaching. Following graduation in 1983, she stayed on at UNI as a graduate student and taught speech courses. In 1985 she accepted a position teaching speech at Upper Iowa University. After three years teaching full and part time at Upper Iowa, she accepted a position as Director of Student Activities at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. She spent much of her time working with student activities and managed the college guest house.

Along the way Karmen, met Joe Baretich and on December 23, 1994 Karmen and Joe were married at the First Presbyterian Church in Glidden with the Rev. Don Cameron officiating. Pastor Cameron was backed up by Marlys Conner at the organ and Larci Conner on the piano.

Joe was a resident hall director at Tusculum College in Greeneville, TN. This is a private college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church. As a Residence Director, Joe and Karmen lived in a men's residence hall. At Tusculum College, Karmen worked with professional studies programs, taught night

classes, and was director of program development and services. She hired and supervised faculty personnel that taught adult masters degree programs in 28 locations in eastern Tennessee. During this time period, Karmen obtained her Masters degree in adult education. After graduating with her MA, Karmen continued to working at Tusculum College as Director of Career Counseling and Academic Support Services as she aided students in preparing job applications and writing resumes.

In 1998, Joe and Karmen returned to Upper Iowa University and Karmen became the Director of Student Activities and taught freshman orientation classes. They stayed there for three years when they answered an advertisement for a job near Dupont Circle in Washington, DC. They became Resident Managers of International Student House in Washington. Joe and Karmen managed house operations and supported a community of 105 international graduate students and foreign embassy interns. The students were from 40 countries and they received two meals each day in a huge tudor mansion. Joe was a full time employee and Karmen was part time therefore Karmen took a second part time job with the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program.

Following their time at the International Student House, the couple moved to an apartment in Pentagon City. Joe moved into real estate as he managed property for owners and oversaw apartment housing. Karmen transitioned to full time and became the project manager for the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program Orientation and Alumni Grants. On the exchange program, teachers from around the world were matched with teachers in the U.S., and they would trade homes and classrooms for a semester or a year with their families. The orientation was a 10 day conference event to prepare about 520 attendees from 28 countries to meet and depart for their assignments around the world.

Crisis hit on March 1, 2007 as Karmen had returned to Iowa to be with her mother who was ill and received a report that Joe had died unexpectedly. Karmen had no choice but to move on with her life as she continued her employment with the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program. Later, she accepted a job with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission managing the Leaders Academy. She led a training program focused on leadership

development, not only for technicians who were promoted to management positions, but also for senior executives as well as other managers within the agency.

While living in the Washington, DC area, Karmen volunteered at the White House. She helped with the annual Easter Egg Roll, the fall and spring tours of the White House grounds, 4th of July celebrations, state visits, and tours of the White House during the holidays. As a volunteer, she met many interesting people and shook hands with President Obama and the South Korean President Lee during a state visit.

Four years later, Karmen and Anthony Jones were married at the Carlyle House in Alexandria, Virginia in 2011. Anthony was working in Washington, DC at the U.S. Department of Education and served as a policy analyst for the federal student financial aid programs. In 2013, Anthony accepted a faculty position and later became the Director of Financial Aid at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. Karmen worked in the International Education and Development Office at Appalachian State University. The couple lived in Boone for five years eventually moving to Athens, Georgia. They still own their home near Boone and plan to retire there. While in Boone, Anthony relocated his mother there and he and Karmen managed her health care.

The couple, along with Karmen's mother-in-law, now live in Athens, Georgia. Anthony is Director of Student Financial Aid at the University of Georgia. Karmen continues to help provide care for her mother-in-law, does a little gardening, and enjoys cooking. They both have visited Iowa for holidays and family reunions and weddings.

Karmen fondly remembers the First Presbyterian Church, its great people, the church choir, being a guest at Mariners and many other joys embedded in her memory.

Retirement for this couple is only a few years into the future but even in retirement they plan to search for new opportunities and challenges. It was certainly a joy visiting with Karmen and recalling past events. We wish Karmen and Anthony God's blessings and a wonderful life together.

A Common Lectionary

Fifth Sunday in Lent—April 7

Isaiah 43:16–21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b–14

John 12:1–8

Passion / Palm Sunday—April 14

Sixth Sunday in Lent

Liturgy of the Palms

Luke 19:28–40

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Psalm 31:9–16

Philippians 2:5–11

Luke 22:14—23:56 or Luke 23:1–49

Monday of Holy Week—April 15

Isaiah 42:1–9

Psalm 36:5–11

Hebrews 9:11–15

John 12:1–11

Tuesday of Holy Week—April 16

Isaiah 49:1–7

Psalm 71:1–14

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

John 12:20–36

Wednesday of Holy Week—April 17

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Psalm 70

Hebrews 12:1–3

John 13:21–32

Maundy Thursday—April 18

Exodus 12:1–4 [5–10] 11–14

Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Good Friday—April 19

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16–25 or Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

John 18:1—19:42

Easter Vigil—April 20

A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen. The reading from Exodus 14 should always be used.

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26

Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13

Psalm 46

Genesis 22:1–18

Psalm 16

Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21

Exodus 15:1b–13, 17–18

Proverbs 8:1–8, 19–21; 9:4b–6

Psalm 19

Isaiah 55:1–11

Isaiah 12:2–6

Isaiah 61:1–4, 9–11

Deut. 32:1–4, 7, 36a, 43a

Ezekiel 36:24–28

Psalm 42 and 43

Ezekiel 37:1–14

Psalm 143

Daniel 3:1–29

Song of the Three 35–65

Jonah 1:1–2:1

Jonah 2:2–3 (4–6), 7–9

Zephaniah 3:14–20

Psalm 98

Romans 6:3–11

Psalm 114

John 20:1–18

Resurrection of the Lord—April 21

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 65:17–25

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

1 Corinthians 15:19–26 or Acts 10:34–43

John 20:1–18 or Luke 24:1–12

Second Sunday of Easter—April 28

Acts 5:27–32

Psalm 118:14–29 or Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4–8

John 20:19–31

Kudos Korner:

To Keith Danner for his special efforts this winter dealing with the heavy snow and abundant ice.

To Jennifer Fairchild Flemmig for her efforts and judgement as she has spent several hours cleaning the church office.

To Jamison Stevens on celebrating his birthday by presenting all people in church attendance with homemade delicious cookies.

To Pastor Richard Francis and Pastor Jennifer Olson (moderator) on leading a training session for elders on the formalities of distributing the sacraments of Holy Communion. Thanks too to the elders who attended.

Bible Banter

Question: Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

Answer: Samson -- he brought the house down (Judges 16:30).

Question: Where is the first baseball game in the Bible?

Answer: In the big inning. Eve stole first, Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel. The Giants and the Angels were rained out.

Question: How did Adam and Eve feel when expelled from the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:23-24)?

Answer: They were really put out.

Question: What is one of the first things that Adam and Eve did after they were kicked out?

Answer: They really raised Cain.

Question: What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

Answer: "Your mother ate us out of house and home" (Genesis 3:6).

Question: The ark was built in 3 stories. The top one had a window to let in light. How did the bottom two stories get light?

Answer: They used floodlights.

Question: Who is the greatest baby-sitter mentioned in the Bible?

Answer: David -- he rocked Goliath to sleep.

Question: How do we know that they played cards in the ark?

Answer: Because Noah sat on the deck

Question: Which Bible character had no parents?

Answer: Joshua, son of Nun (Joshua 1:1).

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

-2nd-Mark and Marlys Conner

Anniversary

-3rd-Gordon and Karla Cose

Anniversary

-5th-Brad Mueggenberg

-17th-Madison Douglas

-18th-Suzy Danner

-18th-Keith Danner

-29th-Matt Conner



Announcements:

*PW meets on Wednesday, April 10th, at 11:30am at Napoli's

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.