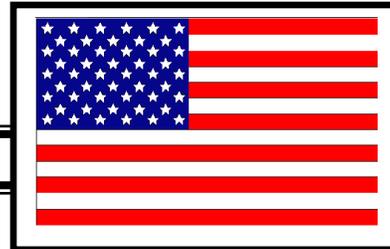


First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

July 2019



Pastor Mission Update

****PNC has looked through almost 95 PIFs and has had 7 interviews so far**

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

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

July Ushers

Wayne and Shirley Seaman

July Pulpit Supply

7 and 14: Tom Daniels

21 and 28: Angelo Luis

From your Clerk of Session

Regular Session Meeting June 18, 2019. Moderator Rev Jennifer Olson

May income exceeded expenses!! And our year to date Income & Expense Report shows a positive balance of \$4123.57.

The Sunday School curriculum beginning in September has been set for the Presbyterian & Methodists students.

It appears Lora is closing in on the problems with the sanctuary projector & soon we will have screen use again.

Session reflected on the last month discussion with the PNC & Presbytery. The revised MIF has been session approved & we continue to support PNC in the search for a pastor.

Jennifer Fairchild-Flemmig, Clerk

Announcements

*Summer Church Time Change

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

*PW meets at Bloomers in Carroll at 11:30 on Wednesday, July 10th.

* Synod School 2019 is July 21-26 at BV University, Storm Lake

“Cultivating Civil Community” is the lesson and if anyone wants more info to contact me.

KUDO'S KORNER

To Suzy Danner and Lora Reever for working with the projector and screen so that we may use it during worship

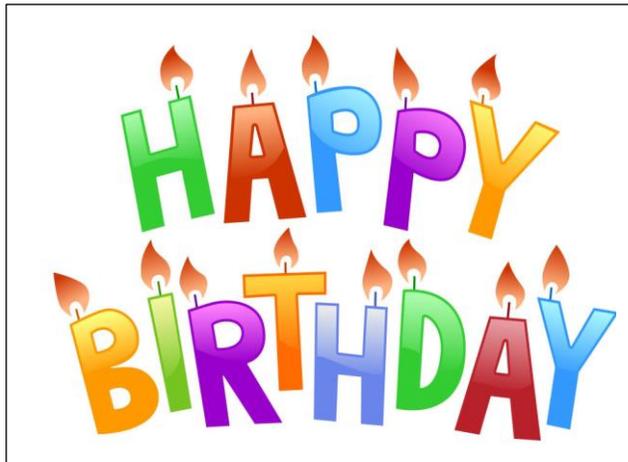
To the PNC committee for their continued dedication in finding a Pastor for our church

To the Session for there continued support and time

KUDO'S TO ALL

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 4th-Alexia Nelson
- 4th-Sara Douglas
- 8th-Jennifer Flemmig
- 8th-Rhonder Schroeder
- 9th-Grant Fleecs
- 12th-Elizabeth Burdine
- 14th-Carson Mueggenberg
- 16th-Cal Riedesel
- 19th-Mary Fairchild
- 19th-Bill Crawford
- 21st-Lindsey Cose



Where are they now?

The focus of this story is on Bart and Joni DeVries. Bart DeVries is the son of Larry DeVries and Coleen Myers. Joni Soyer DeVries is the daughter of Norman and Jane Soyer. Bart was joined in his family by brother Bret DeVries and Joni was joined in her family by brother Scott Soyer.

Bart was born in Lake City, Iowa and moved to a farm in the Glidden area when he was in eighth grade. Joni was born in Carroll, Iowa and spent her school years in the Glidden Ralston School system. Now that they live in the big city of Des Moines, they recall the freedoms that Glidden offered while they were growing up.

In Glidden, young children could ride a bicycle all over town without worry or being afraid. Young people could gather at the swimming pool and enjoy each other's company. They had the freedom to roam, thanks for being raised in a small town. As school days came along, the pace of activities increased for both Bart & Joni. Living on a farm, Bart became involved in working on the farm and for neighbors, as he worked bailing hay in the summer months. In high school he joined the Future Farmer of America and began working in food service as he worked at Mister "D's" in Glidden. Joni participated in various clubs, band, basketball, softball, track, volleyball and was on the swim team. Prior to transferring to Glidden, Bart recalls several special activities in the youth group at the church in Lake City. During the earlier years, the Catholic's mass was held in the old theater in Glidden. The Presbyterian Church offered their Church to be used by the Catholic Youth on Wednesday evening for youth group training. Joni recalls her classes being held at the Presbyterian Church until the classes was later transferred to St. Elizabeth.

Bart & Joni were in the same grade in Glidden and as juniors in 1981, the Jr.-Sr. Prom was fast approaching. The night of the Prom was their first date and that date started a lifelong relationship.

School years passed quickly for Bart & Joni and they are grateful to have such great educators throughout their school years. They did recall teachers who made a special impact on their lives and they are: Mrs. Karen

Ploeger, deceased, Mr. Jerry Mathine and Mr. Merle McCrea. Joni & Bart graduated in the spring of 1982 and that fall they were off to college at Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) in Ankeny. Bart studied Hotel and Restaurant Management that involved two years of study. Joni enrolled in DMACC studying Business, with the emphasis on banking. While in college Joni worked as an intern for Norwest Bank as a teller.

After graduating from DMACC, the couple decided



to get married. On October 6, 1984, Bart and Joni were married at the Woodlawn Christian Church in Lake City, Iowa. Like many couples of that period, the honeymoon lasted the weekend and on Monday, it was back to work. Joni continued her job at Norwest and became a full-time teller for one year. In 1985, she transferred to the Corporate Trust Department and over time she moved along in

her career from an Administrative Assistant to a Vice President, managing a portfolio of on bond financings in the areas of higher education, health care, student loan and multi-family housing. In 1998, Norwest merged with Wells Fargo Bank and the company continued to grow. In 2011, Wells Fargo transferred the Corporate Trust office in Des Moines to Minneapolis. Not wanting to move north, Joni accepted a job as Paralegal with the law firm of Ahlers & Cooney. She has now worked for them for eight years, and due to her background at Wells Fargo, she continues to work with large lettings of bond financings for many of the same clients she had at Wells Fargo.

Following graduation, Bart worked for Loffredo Fresh Produce, beginning as a delivery person and soon being promoted to a buyer position. Following fourteen years at Loffredo, Bart moved to Villirillo Gardens in 1998 as a buyer and vehicle dispatcher. Villirillo supplied grocery stores with produce. In 2009, Bart switched jobs to Sortino Trucking and they hauled meat to the West Coast and hauled produce to Iowa. Bart was a dispatcher for this company, who operated over eighty trucks. The company was sold to Road Runner Transportation in 2014 and today operate over four hundred trucks. Bart remains in the logistics business with this company, dispatching and directing truckers.

Bart and Joni have three boys: Alex was born in 1987 and married to Jami. They have a three year old daughter named Norah. Nick was born in 1990 and is married to Becca. They have a 7 month old son named Ayrton. Ben was born in 1993 and is now in law school.

As we think of family, Joni and Bart both have longevity in their families. Bart on his Mother's side had five generation posing for a family photo and Joni on her father's side posed for a photo of five generations. It may not be uncommon for families to have one branch of the family tree with five generations, but two branches are unusual.

Bart & Joni are very active as they enjoy boating, vacationing in the Ozarks, bicycling, riding their Harley and Joni working out at the gym. Bart does not work out!

When questioned about good advice they could recall, it didn't take any time for their response – "Mistakes are alright as long as you learn from them" and "Treat people the way you want to be treated".

They have been able to take several fun vacations/trips through the years. In 1997, Larry purchased time-shares in Okoboji and the annual tradition of a week in August with all of the family began. That later transitioned to the Ozarks and many great years were spent together at the lake! In 2008, in recognition of 25 years of service to Wells Fargo, the company held a celebration in San Francisco for all of 25-year employees. Bart & Joni enjoyed this very much. In 2011, Coleen took all of the family on a trip to Hawaii! Again, another great trip for everyone. Many other memorable trips were taken through the years and they look forward to continuing their travels in the future.

Today their lives revolve around work, children and grandchildren. In fact, in November the couple will be blessed with another granddaughter. They include many friends in their weekly schedules and mentioned on how they also enjoy returning to the Glidden to see family and friends several times each year.

It was a great joy talking to these people from our home town who have gone out into the world and have done so well. We wish them well into the future and may God Bless them with continued good health.

Thank you!

Thank you for thinking of me at the time of my graduation. Thank you for the support, encouragement and the word of God for so many years.

~Whitney Reeve

Help Lakeshore Center in Okoboji

"Thousands of lives have been touched by God in and through the ministry of Lakeshore Center at Okoboji."

Lakeshore Center is a sacred place for the thousands of lives that have been touched by the ministry of this church camp experience. The first summer of camping took place in 1956 and since that time many buildings are still in use today and many improvements have evolved. Most recently, the Lakeview Lodge was completed at a cost of over a million dollars a decade ago. The debt of \$383,000 remains and the Center is asking for donations for this debt repayment. If you have been blessed by this camp in the past & would like to donate, please mark your donation & include in any Sunday service offering.

LAYMAN'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. PRAYER IS NOT A "SPARE WHEEL" YOU PULL OUT WHEN IN TROUBLE, BUT IS A "STEERING WHEEL" THAT DIRECTS THE RIGHT PATH THROUGHOUT OUR JOURNEY
2. SO WHY IS A CAR'S WINDSHIELD SO LARGE AND THE REAR VIEW MIRROR SO SMALL?
BECAUSE OUR PAST IS NOT AS IMPORTANT AS OUR FUTURE. SO, LOOK AHEAD AND MOVE ON.
3. FRIENDSHIP IS LIKE A BOOK. IT TAKES YEARS TO WRITE BUT ONLY A FEW SECONDS TO BURN.
4. ALL THINGS IN LIFE ARE TEMPORARY. IF THEY'RE GOING WELL, ENJOY THEM... THEY WILL NOT LAST FOREVER. IF THEY'RE GOING WRONG, DON'T WORRY. THEY CAN'T LAST LONG EITHER.
5. OLD FRIENDS ARE GOLD! NEW FRIENDS ARE DIAMOND! IF YOU GET A DIAMOND, DON'T FORGET THE GOLD! BECAUSE TO HOLD A DIAMOND, YOU ALWAYS NEED A BASE OF GOLD!
6. OFTEN WHEN WE LOSE HOPE AND THINK THIS IS THE END, GOD SMILES FROM ABOVE AND SAYS, "RELAX, FRIEND, IT'S JUST A BEND, NOT THE END!"
7. WHEN GOD SOLVES YOUR PROBLEMS, YOU HAVE FAITH IN HIS ABILITIES; WHEN GOD DOESN'T SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS HE HAS FAITH IN YOUR ABILITIES.
8. A BLIND PERSON ASKED ST. ANTHONY: "CAN THERE BE ANYTHING WORSE THAN LOSING EYE SIGHT?" HE REPLIED, "YES, LOSING YOUR VISION!"
9. WHEN YOU PRAY FOR OTHERS, GOD LISTENS TO YOU AND BLESSES THEM, AND SOMETIMES, WHEN YOU ARE SAFE AND HAPPY, REMEMBER SOMEONE HAS PRAYED FOR YOU!
10. WORRYING DOES NOT TAKE AWAY TOMORROW'S TROUBLES... IT TAKES AWAY TODAY'S PEACE.

IF YOU REALLY ENJOY THIS, PLEASE PASS ON TO OTHERS. IT MAY JUST BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY. LIVE SIMPLY, LOVE GENEROUSLY, CARE DEEPLY, SPEAK KINDLY, AND LEAVE THE REST TO GOD.

AMEN !