

First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

September 2019



Pastor Mission Update

1st-Rev. Barbara Todd
8th-Chaplain Angelo Luis
15th-Rev. Barbara Todd
22nd - Chaplain Angelo Luis
29th-Rev. Barbara Todd

**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

KUDO'S KORNER

To our Sunday School Classes and their teachers as we begin a new year.

To all the people who offered school supplies for the GR students.

To the candle lighters who bring the light of Jesus Christ into our service and at the end of service distribute this light into the World.

Where are they now?

The late Doug Stidham and Kathy Stidham lived in Glidden in the 1980's and 1990's and raised two children. Their daughter, Kirsten Stidham, is the focus of our story this month.

Kirsten was born in Ames, Iowa at Mary Greeley Hospital and began the first eighteen years of her life in Glidden. The family lived across the street from the park; therefore, she spent many days of her early life at the park playing with her brother and other friends. Like many youth in Glidden she spent much time at the swimming pool. She also rode her bicycle throughout the town with no concern for foul play.

Kirsten began her school career as a preschooler in the lower level of the First Presbyterian church in Glidden and joined many other beginners to her class. In 1995 she entered Kindergarten with 35-40 other children in her grade. The group was divided into two classes and Mrs. Jorgenson was Kirsten's teacher. From the first day until graduation Kirsten loved school and all it had to offer. Early on she took great interest in Science and English but did not care so much for math. During these early years she loved the outdoors and occupied much of her time playing. The children loved to go golfing with their dad, but one day in late fall that all ended. Dr. Doug Stidham, her Dad, suffered a heart attack and died in the year 2000 while Kirsten was in fifth grade.

Life goes on and so did Kirsten as she moved to junior high, which she claims seemed much older as she enjoyed more freedom and new experiences. Activities picked up with participation in band, music, art and other activities. In 7th and 8th grade they were assigned a home room and Mr. Lensch was their teacher.

In junior high she participated in sports but she recalled her time in shop as quite memorable with Mr. Jepsen as their instructor. Their project was to make a magazine rack but the construction was only a part of the project. They treated it as a business venture and they were required to itemize the cost of material, the time it

took for construction, mark-up and the list price of the magazine rack. The class had business meetings, sold stock to investors for the project and calculated the return on investment for the project. Kirsten admitted there was no profit when the project was completed but it was a unique experience for a young person.



GR High School was the next step for Kirsten and her class with a new home room teacher, Mr. Jepsen. She continued to like her school work, as she fondly recalls English class with Mrs. Thelin, noting that it was often as much about life advice as it was English. She also participated in Agriculture Classes with Ms. Weeda as the instructor and the Future Farmers of America (FFA) advisor. In FFA Kirsten was an officer for three years out of the four years she participated. High school also allowed her to participate in

basketball, softball and track. One of her memories of high school was the football play-offs in 2005 when the GR team played in the championship game at the UNI dome and won. She mentioned Thelin, Stork, Johnson, Lensch and other members of that team.

It was now time for Kirsten's high school days to wind down but first we had the Jr. -Sr. Prom held at the Lincoln Club with a later party at the bowling alley in Carroll. Graduation occurred in 2008 with college in mind.

In the fall of 2008, Kirsten headed off to college at Grace University in Omaha, Nebraska. Grace was a small Christian college with 4-500 students in attendance. From day one, she had chosen psychology as her major. The first two years were mostly basic course work with some psychology studies added. Much of the basic study included Bible study. The second two-year period of study was very hard and involved a lot of psychological work but Kirsten applied herself and loved the course work. Kirsten lived in a dorm all four years at Grace and played basketball for the University. In fact, she and her team advanced to the Nationals in her junior and senior year. The Nationals were held in Ohio. It wasn't all play for Kirsten as she worked during the summer months. One year she worked as a nanny and other years she worked as a camp counselor with 50-60 campers each week in

attendance. College graduation soon arrived in the spring of 2012.

Four years of college were over and Kirsten enrolled at MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, Kansas to attain a Master's Degree in mental health counseling. She attended school at Olathe for 26 straight months with only a week break here and there. While at MidAmerica she worked at a child care center. Graduation came in 2014 and Kirsten had her Master's Degree in mental health counseling.

In 2014, she accepted a job in Omaha with a company called Behaven Kids where she works with children 18 months to 12 years of age. She began her duties as a therapist working with children with behavior problems such as aggression and severe noncompliance, as well as children with trauma. Many of her clients come from low income, single parent or foster care households. She has now been promoted to Therapy Coordinator and supervises three other therapists. She also works with outpatients as individuals and also as group therapy for teenage children. With all of this background, she loves her job very much.

To relax, she coaches AAU girls' basketball at the seventh-grade level, but she has coached grade 3rd through 8th. She spends time going out with friends and occasionally many friends gather at her home.

Kirsten's Dad was an avid reader of books and that trait was passed on to Kirsten. She enjoys reading while expanding her knowledge in her chosen field.

Kirsten is involved in the Coram Deo Church which is a reformed church much like the Presbyterian denomination. When she thinks of Glidden Presbyterian, she recalls the junior sermons, youth group with Pastor Fitzsimmons and a mission trip to Ireland with 12-15 students who helped teach summer Bible camp while there.

As we began to wind down our conversation, we inquired what the future may hold. Kirsten does have a plan as she would like to start her own private practice and continue to serve those who need some help. We can only wish her congratulations on the life she is leading by helping others and wish her excellent success for the rest of her life.

Graduates from Glidden and our church makes us proud.

Sunday School is Back!!!

Sunday, September 8th

9:30 am

Presbyterian Church



"I looked, and the Ten Commandments don't say *anything* about running with scissors!"

From your Clerk of Session

Regular Session Meeting August 7, 2019. Moderator Rev Jennifer Olson

The Pastor Nominating Committee meet with session to review their recent decision concerning a potential candidate.

Expenses in July exceeded income, however, year-to-date investments through June 30th have gained about \$38,000.

An unrepairable motor on the air conditioner was been replaced. The elevator annual inspection has been completed.

The Parish Life committee provided donuts to GR teachers on their second day.

Pulpit speakers have been scheduled through September.

Jennifer Fairchild-Flemmig, Clerk of Session

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

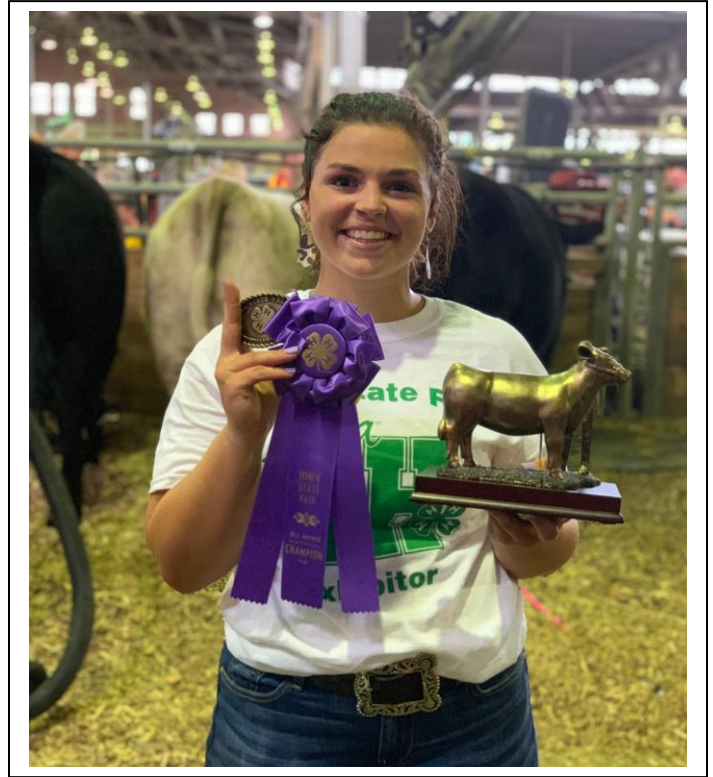
- 3rd -Julie (Burdine) Raisch
- 13th -Ryan Thelin
- 15th -Larry and Judy Littlefield Anniversary
- 18th -Amber Birkett
- 19th -Elaine Crawford
- 26th -Wayne Seaman



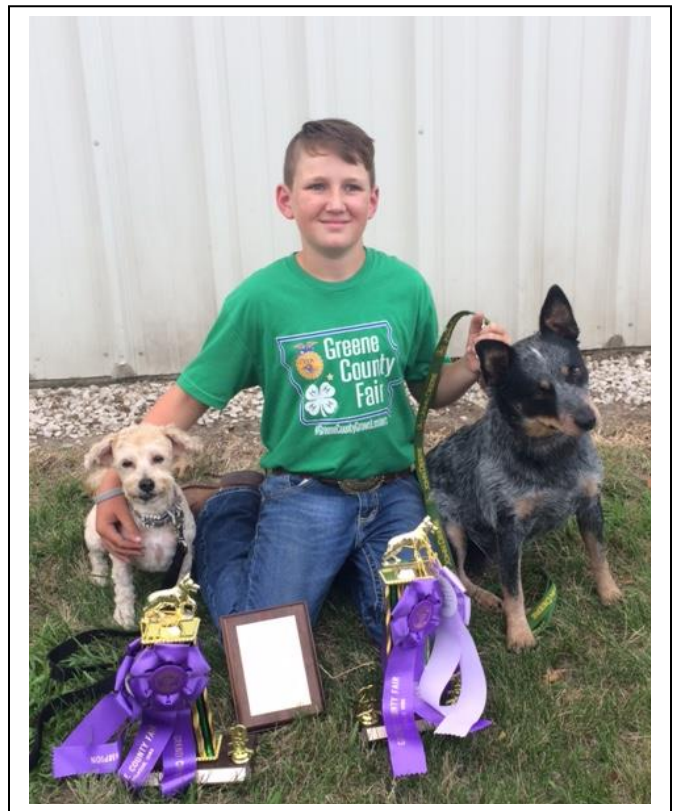
First Presbyterian Church Kids Rock it at the Fair

Right: Whitney Reeve had a very successful Carroll County Fair and Iowa State Fair winning many Purple Ribbons and Grand Champions. Highlight was winning Champion Senior Showman 4-H Beef at the Iowa State Fair! Way to Go Whitney! Dad is smiling down from up above.

Below: Braylee Cose participated in the Birds and Bunny Club and Puppy Pack with Clover Kids at the Green County Fair. Highlight was getting to show Lewy in showmanship. Way to go Braylee!



Right: Treyvor Cose showed rabbits, dogs, and horses at the Greene County Fair. He won lots of purples and Grand Champions with his horses and dogs. He will be competing with his horse, Salty, at the Clay County Fair in September. Highlight was winning Junior High Point Horse Division. Way to go Trey!



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 5:15. 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.

Announcements

***Sunday morning worship begins at 10:30am, starting September 1st**

***Sunday School returns on Sunday, September 8th**

-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 11th, at 11:30am at Charlie's**