

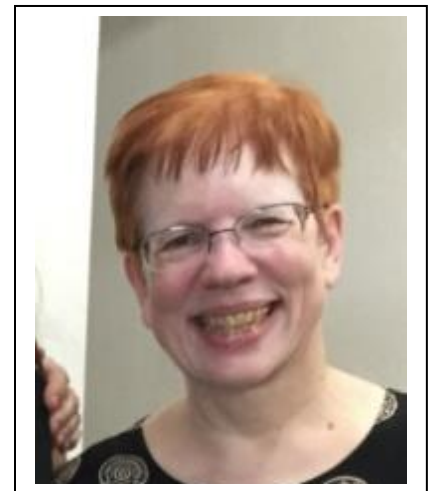
First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

January 2020



Pastor Mission Update

Pastor Nominating Committee has selected Pastor Anna Small from Gresham, Oregon to lead our congregation. Pastor Small will candidate in front of the entire congregation on January 19, 2020. The congregation will then have a chance to vote on this nominee during the church's annual meeting to be held on January 19th.



We encourage all to attend and meet this wonderful person.

1st-Kevin Nelson
2nd-Kirk Thelin
6th-Braylee Cose
7th-Brandon and Cole Burdine
11th-Anna Fleecs
12th-Daniel Lamp
17th-Jayden Douglas
18th-Stuart Conner
22nd-Larry Littlefield
24th-Duane Conner
26th-Erin Danner

January Birthdays and Anniversaries



Where are they now?

Pastor Don Cameron and his wife Della began pastoring at First Presbyterian Church in Glidden in 1989. They moved to Glidden from a church in Louisiana and with them was their son, Jacob Cameron. Jacob and his family are our focus in this article.

Jacob was in third grade when he arrived in Glidden. He said there were about forty in his class and was able to recall several names of his classmates. Jacob had a southern tone to his speech, and he was an adopted young man. Jacob claims these two items caused him some grief in his first few years as some children razzed him. Jacob admits he disliked school very much and caused problems while in school; earning him countless in-school and out of school suspensions. Jacob enjoyed social studies with Mr. Rezabek, civics with Mr. Thelin, English with Mrs. Thelin and Art with Ms. Baack. He participated in basketball, football and baseball, even though he admits he wasn't the slightest bit athletic.

He moved into high school and things got worse as he admits he was in trouble on a regular basis. In fact, when Jacob was a sophomore, he was sent to Quakerdale for one year. He returned to Glidden-Ralston for his junior year and toward the end of that year he joined the Army National Guard in Carroll. During the summer of 1997, between his junior and senior year of high school, Jacob attended nine weeks of basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Prior to going to Fort Leonard Wood his dad told him to just be quiet while you are there. Jacob heeded this advice and finished basic to return to Glidden-Ralston for his senior year of high school, graduating in 1998.

During high school, Jacob had dated Angel Kruse and on June 6, 1998, they were married, which was just

one week after high school graduation. The couple was married by Rev. Don Cameron at the Presbyterian Church in Glidden.

Then just one week later, Jacob began his 22-year career with the Army by attending a Motor Transport Operator School for eight weeks back in Fort Leonard



Wood. Jacob is quick to point out this is a fancy name for a truck driver. Jacob decided to change his career within the military and joined active duty Army and reclassified to become a Small Arms and Towed Artillery Repairer. Jacob was trained to repair weapons and M1 Abrams tanks.

In early 1999, Jacob completed his training and was stationed at Camp Garry Owen in South Korea, on the DMZ which divides North & South Korea. While Jacob was stationed in South Korea, he was given the opportunity to attend three weeks of jungle training in the Philippines, which he admits as intense and tough. Also, in 1999, Jacob spent one month at the Port of Darwin in Australia. This was logistics training on moving large amounts of equipment over a big area. Jacob was not in the good part of Australia but spent his time in the outback among sand and rocks.

In July of 2000, Jacob was transferred to Fort Drum, New York, for the next 18 months. This location is the first time Angel could join him at a military base. Jacob served as a weapon repairer for the 10th Mountain Division and was sent to Bosnia for a peacekeeping rotation.

Throughout the years from 1998 until 2001, Jacob had received promotions and now was a Staff Sergeant. From 2001-2004, he was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, MO serving as an Operations NCO and Training Sergeant. Jacob was stationed at Fort Polk, LA in 2004, assigned to the 4th Brigade 10th Mountain Division; a new unit preparing for combat in Afghanistan. Jacob was deployed in 2005 and served as a Gun Truck and Convoy Commander

responsible for conducting patrols and armed transport around southern Afghanistan in the Helmand Province. Jacob received the Bronze Star on this deployment and suffered from multiple IED explosions.

In 2007 Jacob was stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland where he served as the Chief Instructor for schoolhouse operations. Jacob was responsible for training Soldiers to become weapons repairers as he had done 10 years earlier. While in Maryland Jacob was promoted to the Rank of Sergeant First Class but was also selected to become a Warrant Officer. Jacob changed from being an enlisted service member to an officer. Many officers in the military gained rank through college or schooling from books. Many Warrant Officers come up through the ranks like Jacob has done. Warrant Officers are well respected because they are considered the subject matter expert in their field.

After being promoted to Warrant Officer, Jacob was once again stationed at Fort Polk, LA with the 1st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade. Jacob was selected to serve as the Chief Weapons Officer for the 3rd Special Forces Group for another deployment to Afghanistan. Jacob was deployed to Bagram Afghanistan and worked with U.S. Special Forces to identify foreign weapons on the battlefield.

Once Jacob returned from Afghanistan he was assigned as a Foreign Area Officer with the 162nd Infantry Brigade at Fort Polk. From there he trained Security Advisor Teams and trained allied forces within the Baltic Region. Jacob was able to travel to Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, conducting training on foreign weapons as well as training allied forces on U.S. weapons.

In 2014 Jacob was stationed in Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he served as the Brigade Weapons Officer and Master Gunner. In 2015 Jacob became the Company Commander of a Forward Support Company and served in that position for two years. During his last year in the Army, Jacob served as a Brigade Maintenance and Logistics Officer and prepared for retirement. Jacob completed his military service with a total of 22 years and retired at the rank of CW3 (Chief Warrant Officer 3)

Angel has been a very important nucleus of the family as she cared for the children, kept the home fires going and works as a real estate agent in Oklahoma for the past five years and plans to continue in that position.

Their children are Isaac who has now served one year in the U.S. Navy and plans to make it a career. Jonathan, who works for Lowes store but is thinking of a military career. Kristiana is a senior this year and plans to attend Cameron University in Lawton, OK. In the fall of 2020. Their youngest child is Mark and he is a junior in high school and wishes to become a Combat Medic in the Army after Graduation.

Once Jacob retired from the Army, he signed up for one year to work for Raytheon as a weapons instructor. He returned to Afghanistan to train Afghan Commando's and Special Afghan forces to use American built weapons. Six trainers would travel to their base and attempt to train 5000 uneducated Afghans on how to use firearms. Jacob admits that he did not feel safe in this environment. He stated that Afghan Soldiers are fed propaganda from the Taliban and there were multiple attempts made on him and his team members. Jacob finished working for Raytheon and now lives with his family in Fletcher, OK.

Oh, one other interesting information on Jacob. While in the Army he enrolled in Trident University, an on-line college and received his BS in Business Management. Jacob graduated with honors, a fact that he finds funny due to his poor academic record in Highschool.

Jacob is now fully retired from the Army at 39 years of age and is searching for his future. He has had offers to pursue police work of some nature but may want to pursue a different career.

It was great spending time talking with a young man from Glidden who has reached a high level in life. Congratulations to Jacob & family for their service to the USA. Good luck in your future endeavors.

SAVE THE DATE

*****Annual Meeting**

January 19th

After Church

Refreshments Provided***

God is doing a new thing, can you perceive it?

January 23rd, 2014 saw eight people gathered in a small conference room at Collegiate Presbyterian Church in Ames for discussions about the future of the Presbyterian ministries in North Central Iowa and Des Moines. This was the first of dozens of meetings over the next several years, some fruitful and some frustrating. Through ongoing peaks and valleys, guidance from the synod, and the addition of Prospect Hill Presbytery we realized: God's mission must lead our plans, communication is key, and we must humble ourselves to build trust among ministry partners if we are to be about faithful, joyful service to the people of Iowa. These meetings produced a model of 5 full-time shared staff that will serve all three presbyteries:

- Mission Executive – resource for the mission of the presbyteries and churches
- Pastoral Executive – support the leadership of the presbyteries and churches
- Administrative Executive who will serve as Stated Clerk and Head of Staff
- Administrative Assistant for Executive Support
- Administrative Assistant for Mission, Pastoral Care, & Presbytery Communication

On Tuesday, November 12th the Ministers and Commissioners of the Presbytery of Des Moines joined the Presbyteries of North Central Iowa and Prospect Hill in voting to approve this new, exciting, uncomfortable model of leadership.

The current staff of each presbytery will continue to serve until this new team of 3 executives and 2 assistants is formed and in place – which could take as long as 6-18 months. A search team made up of representatives from each body will convene before the end of 2019 and send out a Ministry Information Form in early 2020.

The final, affirmative vote taken at the Presbytery of Des Moines is perceived as the culmination of several years of discernment and dozens of multi-presbytery gatherings. The vote has been taken. It passed. It's over. This, however, is just the beginning. God's mission must lead our plans, communication is key, and we must humble ourselves to build trust among ministry partners if we are to be about the faithful, joyful service to the people of Iowa.

By voting to share staff among 3 distinct, unique presbyteries, we've created a new structure - a new wineskin. That's a technical solution. The challenge now is to recognize Christ in each other and join together in seeking the will of God in creating the new wine, the new ministry, which will be delightful and useful in discipling the next generation of those seeking Christ.

Rev. Ian McMullen
Transitional General Presbyter of
North Central Iowa and Prospect Hill

<http://prospecthillpresby.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Presbytery-Connection-1.pdf>

“Kudos Korner”

To Lindsey Cose for being recognized at the annual Greene County 4-H Awards Ceremony as a volunteer & to Treynor Cose for his JUNIOR SPARK AWARD.

To Weston and Emily Conner on the birth of their daughter, Lennox Marlene born on November 5th. She joins older brother Boone, in the family. The proud grandparents are Matt & Rhonda Conner and great grandparents, Duane & Joyce Conner. Congratulations to all.

To Oliver Conner who graduated from Iowa State University in December with a major in Agriculture Studies. He will join the New Cooperative as a technician in the Agronomy area, based out of Lidderdale.

To the students and teachers for presenting a great Christmas program on December 22nd.

To the families who participated in the Advent Candle lighting through the four weeks of Advent.

Kudos to all

Announcements

*Sunday School meets at 9:30am

Children and adults at the United Methodist Church

Students at the Presbyterian Church

*PW meets on January 11th at Queen Beans in Carroll at 11:30am

*The Annual Congregational Meeting is on January 19th, after church