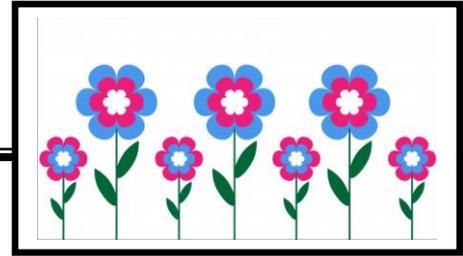


# First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

June 2020



Greetings from a physically safe distance!

Reformed, always reforming will hopefully sound familiar to most who have studied what it means to be Presbyterian. We are a connected church and a confessional church. What that means as Presbyterians we are one church connected to many churches through our Presbytery of Prospect Hill, the Synod of Lakes and Prairies and the General Assembly which includes all churches that are PC(USA). To be confessional means that we have a Book of Confessions starting with the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed and ending with A Brief Confession of Faith and the Confession of Belhar. We have so many confessions because as humanity has grown and changed over the centuries, our understanding of who God is and who we are in relationship to God has grown and changed. So, as a reformed church we continue to reform, to change which means that we as Christians, as Presbyterians will continue to change in our understanding of what that means for us as a church.

So, too the church has changed throughout the history of Christianity. Thanks in part to COVID19 we see the church changing in new and dare I say exciting ways. I say in part because the church was already changing thanks to the fact that more people than ever before identify themselves as "nones" meaning they have no religious affiliations.

Because of COVID19 more churches than ever before are offering some sort of worship online and in doing so are connecting with a larger number of people than ever before. On Sunday, May 31 we celebrate Pentecost where the power of the Holy Spirit empowered the followers of Jesus to continue the ministry of Christ, to share the old old story anew. How too can we as a church share the story, digitally, in person and in every way possible with a world in need of connection that brings hope, love and grace?

Stay safe and Blessings to you all,  
Pastor Anna

## *Senior Meals*

*Tuesdays are designated Presbyterian delivery days for Senior Meals. If anyone is interested in helping contact Suzy at 712-830-0772 as they are always looking for volunteers.*

## Meet the Members

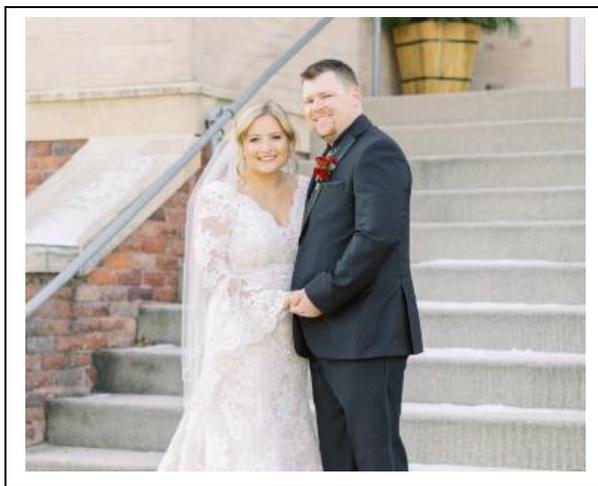
The focus of this month's story is on Will and Leah Reever who live on the farm southeast of Glidden. Will is the son of Lora and the late Tim Reever. He was joined in this family by two siblings. Will was born at St. Anthony Hospital in Carroll and spent his pre-school days on the farm learning about God's creation. School days found Will attending Glidden-Ralston School for his early education. Will enjoyed school and his teachers who performed very important roles. Marlys Conner, Cheryl Rohrbeck, Dana Weeda and Kirk Thelin, were a few who stand out in his memory.

Will was involved in many activities in life as a young man and those activities increased as he moved through school. In his elementary and junior high school years he participated on the Glidden swim team but curtailed this activity once he took on more extracurricular activities. Will was involved in sports including football, basketball, golf, and baseball. He was also involved in vocal music and band. Future Farmers of American took up some of his time as did 4-H. Will would spend his summers at the county fair in Coon Rapids showing cattle. Somewhat unusual was Will's hands-on experience in helping build many projects at G-R. He helped build bleachers at the football field and erected playground equipment. These types of projects don't come around very often but Will helped with both projects.

Will was in junior high school but remembers the thrill and joy of all residence when Glidden-Ralston won the state football championship in eight-man football in 2005. He recalled many players on the team.

As many farm youths, Will participated in the operation of the farm at a young age. He remembers those days of picking up rocks, walking beans, baling hay, doing daily chores and working on his 4-H project. As the years quickly passed, the class of 2011 celebrated prom and graduation before exiting the halls of Glidden-Ralston. It was now time to move on to another phase of life at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

We back up in time to begin the life of Leah Gilman. Leah was born at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, the child of Cary and Rochelle Gilman of Stuart, Iowa. Leah is joined in the family by one brother. Leah grew up in Stuart, Iowa and like Will spent her very early years investigating her environment. At the age of five she was off to school at West Central Valley School in Stuart. Leah enjoyed school and the activities that accompanied school. She recalls just a couple of her many great teachers from her youth. She named Mr. Madden and Mr. Claire as a couple she remembers fondly and a special principal by the name of Mrs. Wilson. A special event happened in Leah's junior year as she and her fellow students entered a new high school building. Few students get this experience, especially in a rural area.



While in high school, Leah was occupied with her studies but did participate in many extracurricular activities, including sports such as volleyball, basketball, track and softball. She was in musicals and choir plus Future Farmers of America and 4-H Club. During the summer months, Leah followed in the footsteps of many farm kids as she too picked up rocks, helped with baling hay and did chores when time permitted. She also spent much of her summers traveling to cattle shows and fairs to show her shorthorn cattle. Prom and graduation for Leah was in the spring of 2012, just one year later than Will. In the fall of 2012, she too was off to Iowa State University.

Both Will and Leah were now at Iowa State University. Will was living in a fraternity named Alpha Gamma Rho while Leah took up residence in Willow dorm her first year and shared apartment living with friends her last three years. Will concentrated his studies on Animal Science and graduated in 2015 with his Bachelors of Science degree, while Leah spent some time in college deciding her future. She began in Agronomy, then switched for a short time to Mercy College in Des Moines to study nursing. This was short lived as she decided nursing was not her thing. Once back at ISU, she concentrated on Food Science as her area of study, graduating in 2016 with her Bachelor's degree and again in 2018 with a Master's Degree.

Will and Leah were introduced by one of Leah's roommates, who knew Will through a study abroad class. The couple met in 2014 as they joined each other on a dinner date. Dates over the next four years involved many ISU functions including sporting events and cattle shows.

While in college, Will spent the summer of 2014 working at the Audubon/Manning Vet Clinic, working with cattle and hogs that needed attention. He also spent other summer breaks working at Agri Associates in Glidden and working on the farm. Leah also had internships during her college career. One summer she worked for Burke Corporation of Nevada, Iowa, creating new toppings for pizza. Another summer, she worked for OSI Group out of Aurora, Illinois, a food service supplier. At this location, she worked in the Quality Control Department. Her third internship was with Hy-Vee in West Des Moines where she worked in regulatory compliance.

As an undergraduate student at ISU, Leah was awarded Academic Achievement from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. As a graduate student, she achieved the Excellence in Research Award.

On December 14, 2019, Leah Gilman and Will Reever were married at the First Presbyterian Church in Glidden with Pastor Brian Camera officiating. The couple traveled to Jamaica for their honeymoon and is normal, each couple has an experience to tell about their trip. While swimming in the ocean, Leah was bitten by a jelly fish. Luckily there was a nurse at the resort where they were staying that could treat her.

The Reever couple are big fans of ISU football and basketball teams and support them and their programs. They enjoy attending cattle shows with both of their families. They also enjoy spending time with many friends.

Will and Leah are heavily involved with the extensive farming operation. Will claims it is a partnership when it comes to doing the work with Mom Lora, Grandpa & Grandma, Harry and Judy Reever, involved plus great help from Jeff Walkup. In addition to row crop farming, the Reever family have fifty cows that calve in the spring. Most of the calves are sold as 600-700 pounds but occasionally heifers are kept to upgrade the herd by replacing older cows. Additionally, Leah manages a sensory science lab part time in the Food Science and Human Nutrition Department at Iowa State University. She travels to Ames on a regular basis to work but occasionally

she can work from home. During the pandemic, she works exclusively from home.

Will is a member of the Masonic Lodge in Glidden, member of the Glidden Visionary Committee and serves their church as a member of the Finance committee.

As we close out our conversation with Leah and Will, it gives us great satisfaction that these young people are continuing the great tradition of farming practiced many years in the past by Great Grandfathers, Grandmother and Grandfather, Mother and Dad and now Leah and Will. Congratulations on a young couple who First Presbyterians are very proud of.

## *KUDO'S KORNER*

*To Pastor Anna and all the participants on the Zoom Conference calls held at 11:00am on Sunday mornings.*

*To the Glidden city office and public works staff for planting & mulching the corners at the church. Looks great!*

*To Duane & Joyce Conner for delivering senior meals every Tuesday for the months of April & May. Also, to Matt Conner for delivering meals in January & February.*

*To everyone who is helping write articles and gather materials to include in the newsletter.*

*KUDO'S TO ALL*

## How are church finances?

Well, where to start. The current pandemic has seemed to ease the down word trend of our investments for now. We are seeing small gains as the markets gain volume with some American businesses opening up and money going back into the economy, but we have only recovered about half of our initial loss on our primary investments. It will take some time, but we will see our investments recover.

Aside from our invested money we need to take a minute and discuss our cash flow and monthly operations. Throughout the current situation we are dealing with tithes and offerings have for the most part remained the same as the previous month. With a pastor in house again we are seeing an increase in our expense, but not in the income side of the balance sheet at the end of the month. In comparison to this same time last year our expenses are double the amount. We all know that most things in everyday life such as utilities, insurance, janitorial supplies or even books will more than likely not be cheaper next year. As we sit in church (when we could) it is obvious that the pews are not full and there aren't too many young families walking through the doors.

So, I asked myself, am I giving more than I was last year? Can I give more next year? Have I included the church in my will? We as a congregation have been truly blessed and are greatly thankful to have members that have given great sums of money to the church so we can sustain. As many have done before we need to continue to look to the future and remember the church in our giving.

If anyone has a question on our financial state regarding expenses, income or investments before the annual meeting please reach out to anyone of the finance committee members and we would be happy to go through things in more depth.

The text 'Slappy Father's Day' is written in a highly stylized, calligraphic font. 'Slappy' is at the top in a cursive script. 'Father's' is in the middle, with thick, textured strokes and a 3D effect. 'Day' is at the bottom, also in a cursive script. The background has a light, speckled texture.

The righteous  
man walks in  
his integrity;  
**His children  
are blessed  
after him.**

PROVERBS 20:7

## Bible Banter

A teacher asked her Sunday school class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by a boy's picture which showed four people on an aircraft, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The flight to Egypt," he replied. "I see... and that must be Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus," she said. "But who is the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius—the Pilot!"

The pastor told the congregation that next week he would be preaching about the sin of lying. To help all understand the sermon, the pastor suggested that everyone read Mark, chapter 17. The following Sunday as the pastor prepared to deliver the sermon, he asked for a show of hands to know how many people had read Mark 17. Almost every hand went up. He smiled and said, "Mark only has 16 chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

### Riddles

Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?  
Noah: He was floating his stock while everyone was in liquidation.

How do we know Peter was a rich fisherman?  
By his net income.

## God Whispers

The man whispered, "God speak to me."  
And a meadowlark sang.  
But the man did not hear.  
So the man yelled, "God, speak to me!"  
And the thunder rolled across the sky.  
But the man did not listen.  
The man looked around and said, "God, let me see you."  
And a star shone brightly.  
But the man did not notice.  
And the man shouted, "God, show me a miracle."  
And a life was born.  
But the man did not know.  
So, the man cried out in despair, "Touch me God, and let me know you are here!"  
Whereupon, God reached down and touched the man.  
But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

**Moral: Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way you expect.**

***Please pray for Mark and Deb Adams family for the loss of their loved ones.***

## June Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 3<sup>rd</sup>-Diane Thelin
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-Brad & Heather Mueggenberg Anniversary
- 8<sup>th</sup>-Kevin and Sara Fleecs Anniversary
- 11<sup>th</sup>-Keith & Suzy Danner Anniversary
- 15<sup>th</sup>-Matt & Rhonda Conner Anniversary
- 19<sup>th</sup>-Rick & Tami Burdine Anniversary
- 20<sup>th</sup>-Russ Draves
- 24<sup>th</sup>-Duane and Joyce Conner Anniversary



## Quotes of the Month

*Live your life with grit and grace. Count your blessings. Love your family. And remember: Even on our worst days, we are blessed to live in America.*

~Taken from Nikki R. Haley's book "With all due respect"

*"Highly Contagious is" Kindness, Patience, Love, Enthusiasm, & a Positive Attitude. Don't wait to catch it from others....Be the Carrier!*

### Clerk's Report

The Session will meet in person in June and review the CDC, IDPH and local recommendations for having church in person vs our current virtual services.

There will not be Synod School for 2020 due to COVID 19.

Presbytery has asked each church to fill out an Emergency Information Form. This will be kept in the church office and will direct any church member on information from running the computer to who has the authority to sign checks on behalf of the church.

Expenses were greater than Income for the month of April.

Presbytery will meet virtually on Saturday, June 6 starting with 9 AM Zoom sign in and Worship to begin at 9:30. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Anna!

### Church reading material:

The Sower is an online publication for Presbyterian Woman. It can be obtained by contacting them directly at [thesower.slap@yahoo.com](mailto:thesower.slap@yahoo.com), to have you put on an email list or you can go to their web address and read current and past publications:

[https://www.lakesandprairies.org/files/518\\_sower\\_0719.pdf](https://www.lakesandprairies.org/files/518_sower_0719.pdf)

The Presbyterian Outlook [presoutlook@pres-outlook.org](mailto:presoutlook@pres-outlook.org): This Publication follows the common lectionary and discusses the most current lectionary. For Pentecost Sunday, May 31, the article discusses passages from Numbers 11:24-30; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; Acts 2:1-21 .