

# First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

October 2020



## *Small Talk from Pastor Anna*

I want to say thank you to all who help carry on the ministry of the church. Thanks goes to Marlys for the wonderful music she provides each week, for the work she does chairing the worship committee and CE. Thanks to Lora Reever for recording our Sunday services and all the work she does as clerk of the session and for working to set up a new Facebook page for the church. I also want to thank Lora for explaining some of the finer details of football as we watched Treynor Cose, #55 play in a home game at the school. Thanks to Diane Thelin and Marlys for sharing their teaching skills with the youngest members of our church in Sunday School. Remember Sunday School for our children starts this coming Sunday, October 4th at the church at 9:30 a.m. I look forward to seeing them. I only just started to get to know them when COVID19 disrupted our usual way of worshiping together. I also want to thank the person who puts together our newsletter each month, Lindsay Cose. She does a great job doesn't she? Another thank you goes to Loretta Hansen. I do not think I have ever met someone with such a consistently positive and sunny attitude. Every time I have the opportunity to talk with her during the virtual Fellowship hour via Zoom I feel better for the rest of the day. I wouldn't mind being like Loretta when I grow up. Speaking of the Fellowship Hour I am moving the time to 1 pm since worship will begin at 10:30 a.m.

The work of the church cannot be done by one person. I so appreciate all of you who do the work, participate in our worship, whether in person or online. It has been my pleasure to get to know you a little bit better and to be your pastor. I always welcome email, texts or calls from you. Email me at [annadeesmall@gmail.com](mailto:annadeesmall@gmail.com) or call or text me at 503/847-1938.

Blessings to all of you,  
Pastor Anna

### **THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU**

Dear Presbyterian church,  
Thank you so much for the 'goodies' you brought to school for the teachers on their back to school work day. I hope we can continue all year long.

Jeanette Brinkman

SYMPATHIES to the Cose family on the loss of Gordon's mother, Ardith Cose of Denison, Iowa. She was just shy of her 92nd birthday. Rest in Peace.

## Where are they now?

Doug & Judy Smid lived in Glidden, Iowa, from 1976 to 1986 and were members of First Presbyterian Church prior to relocating to Pella, Iowa. They are the focus of this month's newsletter.

Judy Cuperus attended school for eight years at Sheldon Christian Grade School and spent her high school years at Sheldon Public School. Judy's family included four sisters and two brothers. During high school, Judy was employed at the Swanson Grocery Store. Upon graduation from high school, she secured employment with Northwestern Bell Telephone and was employed there for seven years, first as an operator and the last two years as a maintenance supervisor. This job lasted from 1964-1971.

Doug was born and raised in Boyden, Iowa. He was joined in the Smid family with one sister and three brothers. Doug attended school at Boyden for the first nine years of his schooling. Boyden merged with Hull and for the last three years of his high school years, he attended a joined Boyden-Hull school system. Upon graduation, Doug worked at the Boyden Farmer's Cooperative for two years prior to being drafted into the Army in 1965. Doug spent time at Fort Leonardwood and Fort Sill prior to being shipped to Germany. Doug spent 15 months in Germany working at a Nike Hercules Missile unit. After returning from Germany, Doug started his job at the Farmer's Cooperative Produce where he worked in accounting for the next seven years.

Doug & Judy were introduced to each other by a mutual friend. The couple were married at the First Christian Reformed Church in Sheldon, Iowa in 1969. While living in Boyden, the couple became the parents of two sons. Tom Smid lives in Fort Collins, Colorado, with his wife and three children, and works for Nutrien. Randy Smid with his wife and four children live in Grimes, Iowa, and works for Sammons Financial in Information Technology and Sales.

Opportunity knocked for the Smids in 1974 as they were invited to move to Pella and join the Boomsma Egg Company. They moved to Pella and after two years the company asked them to move to Glidden, Iowa, and manage the egg breaking plant. Judy admits that she was

not in favor of leaving Pella. In hindsight she admits today that this was a great move for the entire family. The family built a new home in Glidden. Doug moved early and the rest of the family came when the house was finished.

Pastor Scott Burkley and his wife Dottie were pastoring the First Presbyterian Church in 1976 and following the Reformed tradition, the Smids joined the church and with their two boys fit right in with the Shadles, Crawfords, Hofstads, Burdines, Petersons, Brandts and Seaman kids of the same age.

During that period of time, each year, the church would hold services at 9:30am in the summertime. One Sunday during the summer the congregation would travel to Swan Lake after church for a picnic in the East Shelter House and bike around the Lake before lunch. Following the picnic some adults and all of the kids would play softball. A very young boy was pitching when a young adult came to bat and thought he was in the home run derby. The possibility loomed that some small child could get hurt with a sharply batted ball. The motherly instinct in Judy took over as she asked the young kids if they would like some help. Judy started pitching to the home run batter and she struck him out each time he came to bat. Even in the wild, young mothers protect their young!



While living in Glidden, the Smids were active in school events, church activities and work. Doug's employees at Boomsma grew to forty employees. At the church, Mariner's was a very active group that met each Sunday evening and the Smids joined in. The Smids recall familiar names like Conners, Walkups, Salisbury, Shadles, Lindseys, Clausens, Overholts and others who were active in this group of Presbyterians. In 1986, the Smids were called back to Pella with Doug returning to work at Boomsma's home office. Later he worked for Pella Corporation for 18 years until he retired in 2008.

Throughout their life the Smid family has always cherished vacation time with their boys. Many of the vacations were educational as the boys still recall highlights of those trips. The Smid boys were involved in sports, so Doug & Judy spent much time following sporting events and doing laundry of sport uniforms. Both Doug & Judy were golfers.

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Doug still enjoys golf but Judy had to give it up for health reasons. For several years they would vacation in Arizona, post retirement years, where they might stay for two weeks up to two months. Many siblings might join them in Arizona to golf and relax. In 2014, they joined a vacation tour and traveled to Holland and Belgium. They toured the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium and other museums depicting World War II events.

The Smids have had excellent health over the years and in fact hardly visit a doctor. That all changed in the fall of 2018 as Judy did not feel well. She went to the doctor in Pella and explained her symptoms. He prescribed some medication and sent her home. This was in November of 2018. She visited this doctor until April of 2019 when she finally asked to see another doctor. She was transferred to Des Moines, Iowa City and eventually Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. By this time, she was experiencing low blood pressure and would occasionally pass out. In the spring of 2019, Des Moines Lutheran Hospital installed a heart pacemaker, eliminated much of her medication and discovered she had Multiple Myeloma, a cancer that is in the blood and affects the white blood cells. She began chemotherapy treatments but was interrupted by the medical shut downs and quarantines due to the coronavirus, therefore she is now starting a new series of treatment. She hopes to finish treatment in October and following that be on a maintenance program. She is very restricted in her travel and visiting others as she attempts to avoid the Covid-19 virus. Judy claims she has her good days and her bad days.

The Smids have always had a deep trust in God and prayer is a large part of their lives. They are active members of the Reformed Church in Pella and are proud of their high energy Pastor. They have been attending on-line service and Judy will stay on-line. They miss visiting their seven grandchildren but understand these are the times we live in.

Doug still plays golf, they do some walking, read and they are now assembling scrapbooks with pictures and stories for each grandchild. Judy claims she and Doug must now listen better since she has lost much of her hearing ability due to the cancer treatments.

Even with Judy's medical problems, it was a real joy visiting with this upbeat couple who for ten years were a fixture at First Presbyterian in Glidden. We wish them well and will keep them in our prayers on a regular basis.

#### Clerks Corner:

The iPad has been received and will be connected to the sound board. Hoping this occurs by September 27 church service.

The church's current Facebook Page is connected to Pastor Brian's Facebook account. I am trying to establish a Facebook account and a page that are not connected to an individual's account. As of September 20, Facebook has locked me out and is reviewing the new account.

Facebook does not upload the church service until Monday morning, despite starting this process immediately after church.

### October Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1<sup>st</sup>-Bridget Draves
- 1<sup>st</sup>-Brooke Draves
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-Mark Conner
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-Mary Haselton
- 6<sup>th</sup>-Oliver Conner
- 12<sup>th</sup>-Gordon Cose
- 14<sup>th</sup>-Ty Cose
- 20<sup>th</sup>-Loretta Hansen
- 21<sup>st</sup>-Ethan Mueggenberg
- 28<sup>th</sup>-Roy and Marge Middaugh Anniversary





**CONGRATS! CONGRATS!**

We commend Roy & Marge Middaugh on 70 years of marriage.

This milestone will be reached on October 28th and is seldom attained.

Congratulations to Roy & Marge and their wonderful family.



***Kudo's Korner***

*To First Presbyterian church, for serving the Glidden community for the past 150 years. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!*

*To the improvements made in the presentation of the video recording of church services.*

*To Gordon & Karla Cose for the birth of a great granddaughter born September 2<sup>nd</sup> to Emily & Jon Fast. Piper Rose weighed in at 7 lbs. 9 oz. She joins 2 brothers. This makes them with five great grandchildren.!*

*To Lindsey Schaefer & Kevin Busbee, married on Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup> in the mountains at Breckenridge, Colorado. It was originally planned for March 28<sup>th</sup> in San Diego. Due to the Covid-19, plans were changed to 2021. They live in Denver currently and decided to go ahead & get married. Eight guests attended, including Lindsey's parents, Mike & Traci Schaefer & grandparents, Harry & Judy Reeve. Brother Ben sang & his girlfriend played the violin.*

*To Traynor Cose for showing his dog at the State 4-H Dog Show in Ames. He received 2 blue ribbons, 1 red & learned a lot!*