

First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

March 2021



Small Talk with Pastor Anna

Friends in Christ:

On February 14, we finally did it. I was officially installed as your pastor after a year of waiting. COVID19, a brother who could not make it in person, or extremely cold weather did not stop this installation from happening. Like Mark Toyne and Mark Adams when they were installed the week before I made promises. So, too did you, the congregation, make promises. We are all in this together, working to fulfill the ministry God calls us to do, to share the good news, nurturing and supporting each other, showing love and grace in all that we do as God in Christ has done for us.

Again, I say thank you to Marlys Conner & Judy Reever for the beautiful music, to Suzy Danner and Jeremy Douglas for getting the jump drive my brother sent with his message on it, to Lora Reever for streaming the service, and to the Parish Life Committee for providing wonderful goodies and hot coffee and cocoa. I also thank all those on the Presbytery Commission who installed me, including Wayne Seaman. I also thank Mark Toyne for agreeing to ask the questions of the congregation. Finally, I love the lantern that was given to me at my installation.

What better gift than a lantern, reminding me, reminding us of the light we receive in the person of Jesus the Christ who was sent by God to light the way for all of humanity. May we too light the way for those who feel lost in the darkness, who need reminding that they too are created in God's image, and for those who need hands to hold walking with them on their journey in faith, hope and love.

May we all accept the blessings of God's love and grace in Christ. As we have been blessed may we share God's blessings with all in need.

Blessings, Pastor Anna

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Where are they now?

The spot light this month shines on Joyce Walkup Stonehocker who is the first-born of Doris and Ed Walkup, both now deceased. Joyce was born at St. Anthony Hospital in Carroll and was later joined by two siblings – David and Paul Walkup. At the time of her birth, Doris & Ed farmed south east of Glidden. Doris was also a registered nurse. Joyce remembers her youth as a typical farm girl of that time as the family had row crops along with livestock consisting of hogs, chickens and dairy cows. Also, as farm families of that period, the Walkup's had a sizeable garden. Joyce got her share of helping on the farm by walking beans and corn. She also walked the oat field to pull mustard plants out of the field. A special memory of Joyce's life on the farm involved driving the tractor on the hay fork as they put away the hay crop.

Joyce attended all thirteen years of her schooling in Glidden-Ralston (GR). She mentioned a few of her class mates as Marilyn Peterson, Steve Lindsay, Annie Johnston, Marty & Ed Remsburg.

It may be difficult to believe for today's youth but GR offered no basketball for girls and no softball. Joyce claims that girls couldn't even own a letter jacket. In eighth grade the class did a journey to the Iowa State Capitol on a field trip. Joyce participated in 4-H, beginning in her junior high years. Girls in 4-H at that time were limited to sewing, cooking and refurnishing. In high school, Joyce did join and participated in FHA which was somewhat along the same lines as 4-H. She did participate in the County Fair by entering a project in cooking by submitting a pie. One year she entered her home-made drapes in the fair. People that won blue ribbons at the fair were treated with a trip to the Ice Follies in Des Moines.



Also, while in junior high and high school, Joyce was in high demand as a baby sitter as she sat with Wagner's, the Rich family and other children. Regardless of the number of children, the pay was always twenty-five cents per hour. In the summer, Joyce would hop on her bicycle and head for the old Glidden swimming pool. Joyce says, "the old pool was just south of the present pool". While in school, Joyce enjoyed participating in the mixed chorus.

Graduation was fast approaching in 1966 and the prom was to be held prior to the final days at GR. Prom was much different in 1966 than it is today. It was held in the gym. Parents furnished the food for the banquet. The floor was then cleared for the formal dance. Graduation followed later and seniors were released to conquer the world.

In the fall of 1966, Joyce moved to Des Moines renting a room with a family as she enrolled at the Thompson Beauty School. Thompson Beauty School was located in the second floor above what was then Bishop's Cafeteria. Later Joyce moved into a dorm setting located adjacent to the old KRNT Theater. The beauty school was a two-year course without summer breaks.

After finishing her schooling, Joyce accepted a job at Mr. Steak Restaurant. Later she went to work at Iowa Power in the Archives Dept. She worked there for 4-5 years maintaining historical events of Iowa Power. She enjoyed this employment and the challenges it offered.

Joyce Walkup and Tom Davis were married while Tom was in the Air Force. For three and one-half years the couple lived in Japan as Tom served the country. Following their return from Japan, the couple decided to part and each go their own way.

To support herself, Joyce began a career of cleaning houses and business offices. She did this for

the next forty years usually cleaning up to three houses each day. She had clients in Creston, Des Moines, Norwalk and other surrounding communities. During this time period, she also worked five years at Newton Village Park Center, a retirement home. She worked in retail at the Farm and Home Store for another five years and worked at Maxium Advertising Gifts for over twelve years.

In 1976, Joyce married Charlie Stonehocker and from this marriage two children were born. Amy, their daughter, is a nurse and is married to Mike Beerends. They have three children – Lane, C.J. & Lydia. Steve and his wife Katy have three children – Emma, Alex & Isabel. Steve is presently unemployed due to the virus. The family was expanding as children arrived but problems were on the horizon. In 1987, after just 11 years of marriage, Charlie died of cancer. Joyce had to move forward as she had two children to care for and move on, she did.

Today, Joyce is a member of the St. Luke Methodist Church in Newton and the pastor is Rev. Chad Jennings who served the Methodist Church in Glidden some time ago. This church has supported Viet Nam immigrants as they locate in and around Newton. Through the church, Joyce and the congregation joined Mission Place located in Illinois.

They make flannel diapers to be shipped overseas. For the past three years, Joyce was a board member of this organization. Normally, the diapers are made at the Newton Church or in private homes. A couple of times per year a group from the church travels to Illinois and they stay for several days making diapers, sleeping on cots at the mission and enjoying each other's company. This year the church is more cautious because of Covid and will only go one time with reduced people going.

When Joyce is not busy with her hands, she enjoys several board games shared with friends. Friends are important to her as she lists friends as one of her awards. Throughout her life, Joyce has been involved with different churches and she has discovered friendly folks regardless of the denomination.

As far as First Presbyterian Church in Glidden, Joyce comments that it gave her a very solid base for life and its many turns. She recalls Sunday school, youth groups, family pot lucks, Christmas Eve Service, Mariners outings and many happy events. She is proud of her roots in Glidden, the lessons she learned, and the people she associated with. It was a joy talking with this upbeat persona that looks at the good in all people.

Kudo's Korner

To the six representatives from Presbytery who were part of Pastor Anna's Installation service. Also present by video, was Rev. Michael Small, Pastor Anna's brother from Walker, Minnesota. PNC member, Mark Toyne, gave the charge to the congregation.

To the Parish Life Committee for serving coffee, hot chocolate & bars after the service.

To Mark Adams for accepting another three years on the Session & Mark Toyne joining the Session for a three year term.

Budget or Abundance

Earlier this year the budget committee held a meeting to plan for the 2021 year. In the discussion we set the charities the church would support in 2021 and salary items were discussed. The committee visited about the historical giving over the past few years and the expenses incurred by the church during those years. Much discussion revolved around income verses expenses. Currently income is NOT meeting expenses and only the Federal Government can continue with this scenario.

At the Annual Meeting of First Presbyterian, this idea of spending more than we receive was also discussed with the congregation. The church was not covering budgeted expenses. A committee member pointed out that if the church continues as it has in history, the church will run out of members before it runs out of money.

Money – Budgets – Expenses – Income. Is the church concentrating on the wrong issues? The bible addresses this issue and gives guidance on what we should be doing. But things have changed since Jesus walked this earth and we need to adjust to some of those changes. Presently the Government of the United States has taken over a large role of what the church used to support. We all pay taxes to support welfare programs. Since the early church, many charitable organizations have developed like New Hope Village, American Heart Association, American Cancer Association, St. Jude Hospital, and many, many other 501C charitable organizations have developed. Almost daily people receive requests to donate to specific causes.

Are we as a committee and a congregation concentrating on the wrong message? Should we concentrate on expenses and income or should we concentrate on the abundance the good Lord has provided the people of Glidden, Iowa? People of Glidden and Carroll County live in the top percentage of the population in the world. We must realize there are exceptions to this idea but step back and understand how God has blessed us. This is an individual decision but let us concentrate on our wealth not so much on the budget. It does not matter what others give to the church; it only matters what the person in the mirror presents as their financial contribution to the church.

We live in abundance so let us share likewise.

Finance Committee

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Thank you for the cards and good wishes for our anniversary. It warmed our hearts on some very cold days!

~Harry and Judy Reeve

Bible Banter

-Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?... He just knew there was something fishy about it.

-What kind of cell phone did Delilah use?... Samson

-Who do mice pray to?...Cheesus.

Scotch-Irish

Presbyterianism came to the colonies by people referred to as Scotch-Irish, a term that is used in very few places other than the United States.

The term Scotch-Irish is generally used to refer to people whose ancestors originated in Scotland, but who lived in Ireland, sometimes for several generations, before immigrating to America. They are also called, Scots-Irish, Ulster Scots, or Ulster Presbyterians.

During the latter half of 1560, the Scottish Parliament met, and on the advice of John Knox and other religious leaders passed laws making the Kirk (Scottish for church) as the official state faith and outlawing Catholic practices. At that time, Scotland and England were separate countries, and border conflict was common. That region was known as the lowlands, with small farms and poor soil leading to much poverty. A famine in the late 1690s occurred and tens of thousands of people fled from Scotland to Ulster, Ireland (or Northern Ireland).

England had defeated the Catholic Irish in 1603 and opened up the Irish province of Ulster for settlers in an effort to take care of this religious problem. These settlers came in large numbers to Ulster in the early decades of the 1600s. They came from especially lowland Scotland (along with some from Northern England). These Scotch people brought their Presbyterianism with them. The re-settlement continued throughout the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

According to Kyle J. Betit, Scotch-Irish immigrants settled in the American colonies from the 1600s. However, the first major migration of Scotch-Irish to America was a group that came with Rev. James McGregor from County Londonderry to New England in 1718. They arrived at Boston, and many of them moved to New Hampshire, establishing the town of Londonderry. They brought seed potatoes with them and introduced them in the colonies.

The Scotch-Irish largely came to colonial America in family groups, often such that members of an extended family settled near one another in America, whether they immigrated together or separately. Some Scotch-Irish immigrants came to America as part of larger group or congregational migrations, meaning that an entire group or congregation of Presbyterians together moved from one locality in Ireland to one locality in America.

Many of the earliest Scotch-Irish immigrants (of the 1720s and 1730s) first settled in Pennsylvania. Many then moved down from Pennsylvania into Virginia and the Carolinas. From there immigrants and their descendants went on to populate the states of Georgia, Kentucky, and Tennessee in the 1780s and 1790s. Nonetheless, there was significant Scotch-Irish settlement in each of the thirteen American colonies. They were a stiff necked group and were strongly encouraged to settle in the western frontier. As they moved further west, their Presbyterianism went with them.

These Scotch-Irish Presbyterians believed in education and started schools and colleges, one of which is now known as Princeton University, and churches. They believed that a pastor should be educated, but that was a challenge in the frontier to find enough men that qualified. In some areas, the people were served by Methodist circuit riders, while keeping their Presbyterian traditions.

The first Scotch-Irish president was Andrew Jackson.

From Wikipedia: In the United States Census of 2000, 4.3 million Americans (1.5% of the population of the United States) claimed Scotch-Irish ancestry. Author and former United States Senator Jim Webb suggests that the true number of people with some Scotch-Irish heritage in the United States is more—over 27 million—possibly because contemporary Americans with some Scotch-Irish heritage may regard themselves as either Irish, Scottish, or simply American instead.

There was an exodus of minister and members from the Church of Scotland in 1733 that were known as "Seceders". Many were direct immigrants from Scotland. The underlying principles of the split focused upon issues of ecclesiology and ecclesiastical polity, especially in the perceived threat lay patronage represented to the right of a congregation to choose its own minister. These issues had their roots in seventeenth century controversies between Presbyterian and Episcopal factions in the Church of Scotland.

The Scotch-Irish in the colonies included Seceders, who founded the Associate Presbyterian Church of North America. Even after the Scot Seceders had made their peace with other elements in the mother country, American Seceders retained their separate identity until 1858, when most of them united with much of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to form the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

Note: There is a Seceders cemetery at Clarinda.

One of my distant relatives is James Crawford. It is family tradition that he was a terribly rigid Covenanter and came from Strahan, Ireland, a settlement of Scotch Covenanters. He fought in the Revolutionary War, and was captured and taken prisoner by the British and was held in Nova Scotia. After the War, he settled in Reynoldsburg, Ohio and was one of the first members of the Seceder Church. In 1882 the U. S. War Department sent to his oldest grandson, William McIntire of Reynoldsburg, an old copy of the Westminster Confession of Faith, also a gun and other effects that had been left by him somewhere while on duty as a soldier and as a prisoner of the Revolutionary War, sent to the War Department and preserved until they found a clue to his grandson who had written to inquire about the land patents. This old book seemed to take the place of a Bible with him as he had recorded in it his marriage and the births of all his children. The following record was copied from the Confession of Faith by my father, Rev. Thomas McIntire. These valuable relics were borrowed or stolen and never recovered.

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 11th-Ron and Jane Burdine Anniversary
- 13th-Kevin Fleecs
- 18th-Russ and Lil Draves Anniversary
- 23rd-Mark Adams
- 24th-Jamison Stevens
- 26th-Rhonda Conner
- 26th-Sara Fleecs
- 28th-Kali Nelson
- 30th-Judy Littlefield



SYMPATHIES:

To Matt & Rhonda Conner & families, on the death of Rhonda's mother, Marlene Neubauer and two weeks later the death of her father, Jack Neubauer.

To Marlene Sherwin & family on the death of her husband Frank, Memorial service will be held at a later date.