

First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

August 2021

Answers

1. Genesis 1:10
2. Genesis 4:3
3. Genesis 9:13
4. Genesis 12:23
5. Genesis 13:11
6. Genesis 41:40

Small Talk from Pastor Anna

Friends in Christ:

At the last session meeting I talked about what it means to be Presbyterian. The word Presbyterian comes from the Greek word for elder. So, it is no wonder we have teaching elders (ministers) and ruling elders who serve on the session. Here is some of what I shared with the session. We are a reformed denomination that came out of the Reformation when churches broke away from the Roman Catholic Church. Two Reformers who influenced the creation of our denomination are John Calvin and John Knox.

There are three important books that guide us as Presbyterians. The most important is the Bible for through it God reveals God's self to us. The other two books are the Book of Confessions and the Book Order which make up the constitution of our denomination. We are a confessional church. What that means is that through our confessions we define who we are and what we believe. As a denomination we are reformed, always reforming. What that means is that as we have changed and grown throughout the centuries so too has our understanding of who God is, Christ, the Holy Spirit and what it means to be Christians and Presbyterians. Then there is the Book of Order which contains the rules and regulations of how our church is governed, how we are to worship, and how we are to discipline with love and grace.

Finally, did you know that our denomination has a reputation for being the most revolting church? The reason for this is once upon a time we were at the forefront of revolutions, the American revolution to be specific. A nickname for the war was the Presbyterian war because so many Presbyterians were involved including the Rev. John Witherspoon from New Jersey. He was the only minister to sign the Declaration of Independence. The office of the General Assembly of our denomination is located at 100 Witherspoon Street in Louisville, Kentucky.

August 2nd - 15th I will be on vacation. August 8th and August 15th the church will worship at Glidden United Methodist Church. Services there are at 10:30 a.m. If you have pastoral concerns, Pastor Lorinda Hoover will be available. Her phone number is 1/319-330-2220 and her email is lorinda.hoover@iaumc.net.

Once I come back, I will have office hours at the church Wednesday and Thursday, 1:30 pm - 4:30 p.m. However, on the third week of the month my office hours will switch from Wednesday to Tuesday. Friday is my day off.

Remember if you need to get a hold of me, you can reach me at 503/843-1938 or email me at annadeesmall@gmail.com.

Blessings to all of you, Pastor Anna Small

Where are they now?

Russell & Lillian Draves have been long time members of First Presbyterian Church in Glidden, Iowa. Russ & Lill raised three children – Kim, Becky & Sandy. This month we feature Becky Draves Dillehay as this month's story.

Becky was born at St. Anthony Hospital in Carroll and was joined by two siblings. She was raised the first sixteen years of her life on a farm five- and one-half miles south of Glidden on N44. In her junior year the family moved to a location east of Carroll. Early memories of Becky include attending Sunday school and setting on those little chairs in the east room of the lower level. She also recalls the mother-daughter banquet held at the church and each mother-daughter would be introduced and then walk across the stage to be recognized.

When it was time to start kindergarten, she was met by her teacher, Mrs. Legore. Each child brought a rug to lay on and rest during the day. Some children would go to sleep but most would only lay still and rest. Some of her early elementary teachers were –Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Bayer, Mrs. Gross, Mrs. Peters and Mrs. Turner.

As junior high rolled around, Becky began to discover her role of being a farm girl. She felt a little inferior to town children because she didn't get to go to the pool every day, she didn't get to ride her bike around town and she didn't get to play with town folks. This mindset was held by many farm children of that time only to find out later in life that the farm children had the advantage. Becky learned how to work walking beans, raising a garden, canning, cleaning hog stalls, and helping on the farm. All was not lost on this young lady as she began to participate in basketball, band and softball. She attended camp at the Presbyterian Camp at Okoboji for a couple of

years. She attended with Carmen Conner and Tracy Reever from Glidden and a host of children from around the state. She is still in contact with one of the girls she met there.

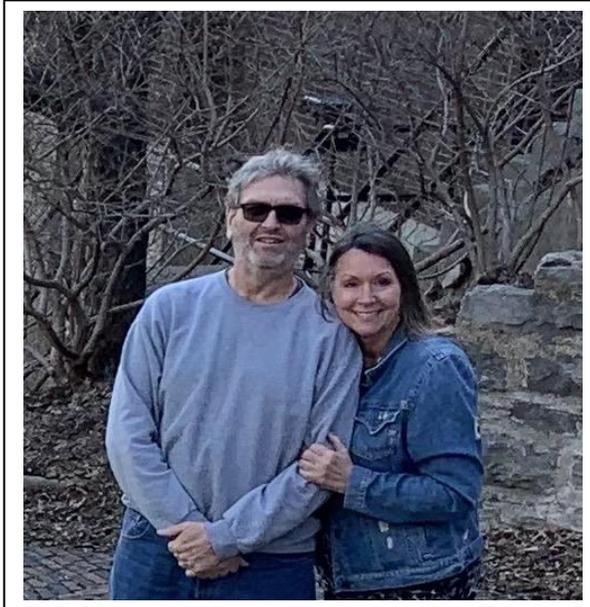
It was now time for high school and Becky began to mature in her thinking and realized she loved the study of science and English as a strong second. Becky claims that math came in close to last on her list of favorite subjects. In band she played the saxophone, sang in the choir, continued her involvement in sports, while participating in speech

and drama. She was a member of the Thespian Society . She participated in competitive speech and drama contest and received a one rating delivering a poem entitled "This Is My House". She still retains the copy of that poem. Becky loved high school and recalled some of her high school teachers such as Mr. Mathine, Mr. Ploeger and Mr. McCrea. Even today, when she meets them, she calls them mister and does not address them by the first name. One

more highlight of Becky's high school career happened when she was a sophomore. The Glidden-Ralston football team won the State Championship and Becky's brother, Kim, was a member of that team so the entire Draves family was involved.

The year was 1978 and graduation was upon the class. Prom included a meal and dance in the school gym. At midnight, the class had reserved the Carroll theater for a movie. Once the movie was over at 1:30am-2:00am, the seniors went to a private home, as a group, for breakfast. This breakfast was served by her parents at her home. Becky's date for the prom was Scott Dillehay.

Scott and Becky met at an earlier time on a double date. Scott was meeting a different girl and Becky was meeting his friend. As they talked and the evening passed, Becky decided she liked the other boy better than her date. Also, Scott determined he liked



Becky better than his date, thus the two joined together for a second date and they have been a couple for the past forty plus years. Becky graduated with honors from GR and her future was already in place. The last couple of months of high school, Becky answered an advertisement in the Carroll paper placed there by the Carroll Eye Care Associates. She was accepted for the job and has been employed at this company the past forty-three years. What started as a summer job – turned out to be a fulfilling career.

When Becky began her work at Carroll Eye Care there were two optometrists in the office plus Becky. Today there are three doctors and ten eye care assistants. The world of eye care has changed once insurance companies realized it was less costly to prevent vision problems than treat them later. Becky is now a certified technician. She has attended seminars in Minneapolis, Des Moines, and each year attends educational seminars to keep her certification. One of her most challenging experiences was helping remove a tick from a customer's upper eyelid. They heated a needle and stuck it to the tick and the tick backed out of the eyelid. The rewarding times in her job are fitting a young child with glasses and watching the expression on the child's face as he sees a clearer vision.

In 1980, after dating for two years, Scott Dillehay and Becky Dillehay were married at First Presbyterian Church in Glidden with Rev. Scott Burkley and Father Collison presiding. In 1982, Benjamin was born. He lives in Clive where he manages/operates a Brown Shoe Store, his wife works in the medical field. In 1985, Bailey was born and she lives in Tampa, Florida with her son A.J. Bailey is a middle school teacher in an all boy school teaching 6th, 7th & 8th grade boys. Scott Dillehay is a certified engineer / conductor for the Union Pacific Railroad. He works very irregular hours that are unpredictable.

Earlier in this article, we mentioned that Becky had attended church camp. Well, in 2005 and 2007, she attended church missions in Costa Rica and Northern Ireland. The group traveled to areas that were less fortunate to teach bible school to young children. They stayed in Hostel with each having their

own bed but sharing a bathroom with up to thirty other guests. Some children did not attend these schools as they were afraid to leave their own homes.

On another occasion, Becky traveled to Morelia, Mexico as a mission to aid less fortunate people with eye glasses. The mission was VOSH- Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity. In this group there were seven optometrists and twenty-five technicians with 5,000 pair of used glasses in their luggage. Previously, they had checked and cleaned each pair. They had measured the prescription and labeled each pair. The group spent seven days checking and fitting young people and adults to correct their vision. The area they served had rough surroundings and lacked many of their basic needs. Becky remembers one older lady in particular- that stated in her language "I can not pay you with money- but GOD will pay you in heaven". Becky returned from this trip realizing we live in abundance while others have little but was inspired that their group had helped people have better vision.

Scott and Becky have a Labrador dog and a pug. These are healthy dogs as Becky cooks their food for them. She prepares a dish of chicken breast, sweet potatoes, white rice, frozen vegetables, adds water to cook in an Insta Pot. By doing this, she knows her precious dogs get only healthy food. She enjoys walking her dogs on a regular basis.

Other hobbies include gardening with her mother and father and canning the produce from the garden. She likes to be in her kitchen – which she says helps relieve stress, if she can cook or bake something. The couple owns Harley Davidson motorcycles one for Scott and one for Becky and have ridden to Sturgis, S.D. several times to attend the big rally. They have traveled to Florida and ridden at Daytona Beach. Also, traveled to California and ridden on highway 1. Becky travels to Florida by air to visit their grandson on a regular basis.

Becky has always believed that it is right to be nice to one another and this paid off. She received the Carroll Friendly Award. She also was awarded the Optometric Award given by professionals in her field at a State level.

Memories of First Presbyterian Church in Glidden are precious to Becky. Sunday school, confirmation class, potlucks and great people make up part of a long list of blessed memories.

The future for Scott and Becky are more of the same if their health continues to be good. Becky loves her job so why not continue with something you love? She continues to be a member of the Presbyterian Church in Carroll and attends on a regular basis.

A great story provided by a great person who remains upbeat and optimistic as she looks forward to a better tomorrow.

County Fair Results!

Braylee and Treynor both competed at the Greene County Fair in July with their horses and dogs. They had a successful fair coming home with lots of ribbons/trophies, life lessons, and memories to last a lifetime.

Braylee ended up with Champion Junior Rally and Reserve Champion in both of her obedience classes with her dogs. She showed three horses this year and ended up Reserve Pony Gelding, Reserve Champion Showman, Junior High Point, 8 firsts, 12 purple ribbons, and 2 blue.

Treynor finished with Champion off leash medium dog and open agility, Champion Intermediate Rally, and Champion in his obedience class with the church's very own mascot Tesky! All of that church time did him some good I think! Trey showed two horses this year and ended with Grand Champion Mare, Champion of Champions, Champion Showman, Intermediate High Point, 9 firsts, 8 purple ribbons, and 2 blue.



Kudos Korner:

To the United States of America on celebrating its 245th birthday on July 4th.

To our congregation for supporting the Carroll County Community of Concern Food Pantry by donating \$320.00 during the May/June mission emphasis.

To the University of N.D. 2920-21 women's basketball graduate, Julie Fleecs, as she was named The Summit League's Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. She will pursue a medical degree at the University of Iowa this fall.

Kuddos to All

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to all who sent cards and greetings for our 60th wedding anniversary. We feel very blessed to have enjoyed these wonderful years and to have special friends like you!

PeeWee and Joyce Conner

SYMPATHIES TO Mark & Marlys Conner & their extended families on the death of Mark's brother-in-law, Vern Strachota. Vern was married to Cindy (Conner), Mark's sister.

Did you know?

Each person who wants to be ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) needs to pass five ordination exams. The first is the Bible Content Examination in which we are tested on our knowledge of the bible. These questions come from an actual exam from 1988. (Column on right.) The other exams we take are in our last year in seminary. The first is Biblical Exegesis. In this exam we are tested on how well we know either Hebrew or Greek as we look at a passage from the Old Testament or the New Testament. We can choose which language we want to be tested on. The third exam is Theological competence where we need to show that we understand Reformed Theology. Theology is the study of God and we Presbyterians are reformed. The third exam is on Worship and Sacraments where we show our knowledge of worship and sacraments within the Presbyterian Church. The final exam is on Church Polity which tests us on our knowledge of how our church is governed.

1. The phrase “and God saw that it was good” appears:
 - A. In the creation story
 - B. At Noah’s completion of the building of the ark
 - C. After Abraham’s obedience in the call to sacrifice Isaac
 - D. At Joshua’s completion of the conquest
 - E. After the marriage of Adam and Eve
2. Cain made an offering to God of
 - a. The firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions
 - b. The fruit of the ground
 - c. Wine
 - d. The first born
 - e. His wealth
3. God made a covenant with Noah symbolized by
 - a. The dividing of an animal in sacrifice
 - b. Gentle rain
 - c. Circumcision
 - d. The rainbow
 - e. A dove descending from above
4. In Genesis God promises Abraham
 - a. Land and progeny
 - b. Guidance and protection
 - c. Wealth and land
 - d. Lineage in government
 - e. Long life
5. Abraham divided the land and Lot chose
 - a. The plain of Esdraelon
 - b. The hill country
 - c. The Jordan valley
 - d. The Negev
6. Joseph rose to power in Egypt by
 - a. Birth
 - b. Early life in the house of Pharaoh
 - c. Interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams
 - d. Administrative genius
 - e. Knowledge of Egyptian government

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 9th-Kirk and Diane Thelin’s Anniversary
- 15th-Sara Stevens
- 18th-Deb Adams
- 20th-Joyce Conner
- 21st-Allison Thelin
- 22nd-Linda McCellan
- 24th-Carolyn Conner
- 25th-Jane Burdine
- 26th-Marge Middaugh
- 28th-Ed and Jen Flemmig Anniversary
- 31st-Mike and Linda McCellan Anniversary



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