

# First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

May 2022

Spring

## Small Talk from Pastor Anna

Friends in Christ:

The covenant between the sessions of Glidden Presbyterian Church, Manning Presbyterian Church, and myself has been in the works for several months. The sessions and I have approved and signed the covenant as well as the Commission on Ministry for our Presbytery. The congregations of both churches have had the opportunity to hear about the covenant. This is an exciting opportunity for us to redefine who we are as part of the body of Christ. So, with the blessings of all of you on May 1st I will start serving as your pastor and the pastor for Manning. This means I will lead the Manning congregation in worship at 9 a.m. and then I will come to Glidden and lead you in worship at 10:30 a.m.

The first week of each month I will spend my Mondays in Manning. The rest of the month I will spend my Tuesdays in Manning. Most days I will be in Glidden and have hours at the church on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, except for the week we have session meetings when I will switch from Wednesday to Monday. I am working on a calendar that will go into more detail. However, you, the people of this congregation and the congregation in Manning come first. That means if someone is in the hospital, or there is a death or some other sort of emergency my schedule will change so I can be where I'm needed.

This will be a work in progress. At regular intervals the sessions and I will meet and evaluate how the covenant is working and if there needs to be some tweaking of the covenant. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me or members of the session. Thanks to all of you for the opportunity for these two churches and I to grow as we seek the best ways to serve both communities.

Again, my office hours at the church here in Glidden will be Wednesday and Thursday, 1:30 pm - 4:30 p.m. However, the third week of the month my office hours will switch from Wednesday to Monday. 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](mailto:annadeesmall@gmail.com).

Blessings to all of you,

Pastor Anna Small

Anna's calendar can be viewed at

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=YW5uYWRIZXNtYWxsQGdtYWIsLmNvbQ>

## *Kudos Korner:*

*To Marlys Conner, Diane Thelin & Linda McClellan and our youth for presenting a wonderful message and singing for Palm Sunday worship.*

*To all those in our congregation that help read scripture or usher for worship.*

*To Gordan Cose and Mark Toyne for their creative ideas and development of those ideas. Erecting shelves in the furnace area and installing a light that amplifies the wood working above the communion table, to mention a few.*

*To Drs. Wes and Amanda Reever for graduating from ISU College of Veterinary Medicine on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Amanda also graduates with a Master of Science in Animal Prevention Medicine. Wesley will be working for Collison Embryo (cattle) in Rockwell City and Amanda will be working for Suidae (swine health and production) in Algona. They were married at Swan Lake Park on April 2 (picture below) and will be living in Manson, Iowa.*

## *Quotes of the Month*

*“Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success. When you do a thing, do it with all your might. Put your whole soul into it. Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.”*

*~Ralph Waldo Emerson*

*“Sometimes, all it takes is just ONE PRAYER to change everything...”*



## Where are they now?

Growing up in Glidden for Erin Danner holds lots of fond memories. Born to parents Suzy and Keith Danner January 26, 1985, Erin grew up with little sister Amber. Because most of both Danner and Conner relatives were local, the best memories developed year after year of holidays or the annual Conner Okoboji vacation.

During school years at G-R, Erin wrote:

“Most of my favorite memories revolve around some type of physical activity or sport. I was playing something different every season. Volleyball, cross country and football cheerleading in the fall; dance, basketball and open gyms with my dad through the winter; track in the spring; and softball and swim team in the summers. The exposure to so many sports as a kid and the support from my family and the community is something I feel very fortunate to have had.

I won't ever forget our dance team's trip to Florida to perform at the Citrus Bowl halftime {under Mrs. Rezabek's coaching}, or when Rachel Danner and I had the opportunity to represent G-R at the Shrine Bowl. Both were very unique experiences on a larger scale than we were used to.

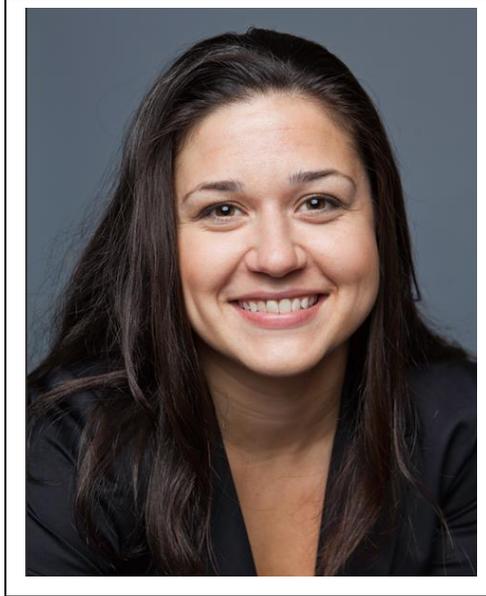
If not in sports, you could find me in Mrs. Baack's art classes. Any of them really were great, but my favorites were painting, drawing and pottery wheel classes. I still love to paint and have most recently started practicing with watercolor.”

Outside of school and family events, Erin wrote:

“Growing up in the church also brought many fond memories when I was younger, from Mary Poppins Preschool to Sunday school singing/activities and making paper chains for decoration at Christmas time. As I got older, I remember fun at Sunday school with my friend Allison Thelin and, of course, my teacher and grandma Joyce Conner. She always brought the bet snacks; if we were lucky, {she brought} some homemade cinnamon rolls. Another fun experience through the church was the opportunity to attend Vacation Bible Camp at Okoboji. I remember lots of kids, nature adventures, singing, campfires, and endless games.”

Erin finished her story with where she is now:

“Currently, I reside in the beautiful Northwest city of Seattle, Washington, with my boyfriend William Hicks. We enjoy traveling to new places together. My favorite destination so far has been Barcelona, Spain. The food, wine, the architecture- all were amazing!



For the last 13 years, I've worked at the Washington Athletic Club in multiple roles (fitness, sales, project management, marketing); and just this March, I switched to a new company, Allstate corporate, in a role as a Project Manager. I am working with the finance team and also on integration communications projects. Outside of work and travel, I enjoy staying active with daily yoga and walks to the waterfront.

As a way to get involved in the community and meet

people, I joined the Junior League of Seattle and have been an active volunteer for the past ten years. The Junior League is an organization that promotes volunteerism, develops the potential of women and improving the community. Most recently, I've managed our Northwest Art Project that provides visual art learning directly to classrooms through traveling art exhibits. This connects kids with opportunities to experience original art first-hand. Through the Junior League I have been able to give back to the community and make an impact in women's and children's lives.”

Erin's giving her talents for helping others speaks for itself.

## May Birthdays and Anniversaries

-4<sup>th</sup>-Jeremy Douglas

-6<sup>th</sup>-Julia Fleecs

-9<sup>th</sup>-Roy Middaugh

-9<sup>th</sup>-Jeremy & Sarah Douglas

Anniversary

-11<sup>th</sup>-Wesley Reever

-14<sup>th</sup>-Rick Burdine

-16<sup>th</sup>-Marlys Conner

-20<sup>th</sup>-Zoey Stevens

-21<sup>st</sup>-Ron Burdine

-25<sup>th</sup>-Kathe Powell

-28<sup>th</sup>-Ty & Lindsey Cose Anniversary

-31<sup>st</sup>-Grayson Stevens

