

“Member Profile”

This weeks feature : Cindy Strieter and Dave Lamar



Cindy was born in Cleveland and grew up there as well as North Olmsted. She has 2 younger brothers in her family. She attended Ascension Catholic School and John Marshall High School. She was a registered nurse and a pediatric nurse practitioner before she went to medical school at Case Western Reserve University. Dave was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky. His 2 sisters, Lisa and Sandra, live in the Louisville area. He received a degree in Mechanical Engineering with an Aerospace Specialty from Rice University in Houston, Texas.

Dave spent 14 years as a NASA contractor, then moved to NASA as a civil servant for an additional 23 years. The first 25 years, he was at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, the last 12 at Glenn Research Center. Cindy has had a career as a Pediatrician for 33 years at Comprehensive Pediatrics. Originally an independent group, now she is a part of University Hospital. My 2 children were seen at Comprehensive Pediatrics in Westlake, I can attest to the caring environment that Cindy was a part of.

They met in the Contemporary Band at POP. Cindy has 4 adopted grown children and 5 grandchildren. Dave has 2 children: Michael age 35, and Sarah age 33. Prior to joining POP, Cindy had been a member at St. Paul Lutheran. She heard a service with David Bird as the band leader playing "We are Marching in the Light of God" and knew she wanted to be part of that! She became a member here in 1999. Dave had been a member of Messiah Lutheran, Fairview Park. He joined the band in 2005 here. After Cindy and Dave married on the beach in Maui in February, 2018, Dave decided to transfer his membership, but things got crazy: Pastor Bishop announced his retirement, and then Covid hit. After a more stable pastoral situation developed with the call to Pastor Woodward, Dave joined as a member on October 24, 2021.

Both are very active in important missions here at Prince of Peace. Cindy is the Contemporary Music Director and has been on multiple OMNI medical mission trips. We can look forward to much inspiration as she leads the wonderful music we enjoy each week! Their involvement in OMNI has impacted many in need in Zambia. Housing, Medical Care, Education, Nutrition and learning of God's Love has been the focus. This year will be the first trip scheduled since Covid and political upheaval had cancelled these mission trips. Dave is also a big part of the CrossFire Band. Please be prepared for his final volley of drum beats at the end of a service, it will loosen any dental work you may have! He also is involved with Open Mic Nights, Wednesday afternoon Bible Study, and the 2022 Stewardship Team. He is President of the Board of Trustees of United Protestant Campus Ministries in Cleveland since Oct.2021.

Cindy enjoys reading and music in her spare time. People may not know that she was a Cantor at Bethel Lutheran church in her 20's and helped introduce the Green Lutheran Hymnal with her good friend Linda Kempke. Linda is a well

known Lutheran organist and choir director. Linda was the director of the Lutheran Acapella Choir and has a doctorate of divinity for Lutheran Worship music. Their friendship remains strong as both have been committed to spreading The Good News through music. Dave is interested in Thoroughbred horse racing. They have hosted wonderful Kentucky Derby parties at their home. With an encyclopedic knowledge of all aspects of this event and very tasty Mint Juleps, the costume wearing participants had a great time! He also enjoys alternative rock and contemporary music as well as Space Exploration including the Moon & Mars, and the Outer Planets. Known mostly at POP as a fan of contemporary music, he surprised former organist Don Jackson with his knowledge and interest in obscure Baroque music, including Danish organist and composer Buxtehude. Don responded "I never knew a drummer who knew anything about baroque music."

What a gift we have received here at POP! Cindy and Dave have been dedicated to sharing the message of the Gospel as members for many years. Living daily as a Christian has inspired us! They certainly are "Walking in the Light of God."

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