

“ New Member Profile “

This week's feature : Mel and Sue Grunau



Mel was born in Cleveland, Ohio and grew up on the westside of the city. His family included two older brothers who have passed away. He attended Nathaniel Hawthorne Elementary School and John Marshall High School. Sue was born in Toledo, Ohio and grew up in Berea. She was the middle child in her family. Her older brother has passed away. A younger brother lives in Berea. Her early education was at Central Elementary School and Berea High School.

Mel started out as an engineering major at Ohio State quickly realizing that it was not where he wanted to be. He finished his undergraduate degree at Baldwin Wallace majoring in art. He then went on to earn a master's degree in Architecture from Kent State University. Mel worked as an architect for a number of area architectural firms finishing his career as a project manager for Doty and Miller Architects in Bedford, Ohio.

Sue attended Capital University in Columbus, transferred to B-W and finished a degree in elementary education there. She then attended Cleveland State University earning a master's degree in community agency counseling. Sue taught 5th grade in Columbus. After moving back to Berea, she tutored special needs children in the Berea School system. Then she

went on to a position at the University of Michigan coordinating educational programs for UAW Ford workers. She finished her career as an advisor for adult students at Baldwin Wallace College.

Sue and Mel met in the time-honored tradition of “cruising” at the old Bearden’s Restaurant on the westside of Cleveland. They have two biological daughters , Maureen and Michelle, and one “adopted” daughter, Yungsook “Gracie”. Maureen and her family live in the Chicago area. Michelle and her family live in Portland, Oregon. Gracie and her family live in Irvine, California. Sue and Mel have five grandchildren , three boys and two girls ranging in age from 7 years to 32 years. They are so happy to share a bond of Love with a far reaching family from one end of the country to the other!

Mel and Sue became associate members at POP in October of 2023. They had been searching for a church to meet their current faith journey needs. Pastor Charlie offered the possibility of an associate membership which opened the door for them. They had visited POP for several months finding a warm welcome, meaningful worship services, excellent sermons and a congregation engaged in community service!

Sue continues to play the bells at her former church, and loves to sew and garden on a smaller scale now. Mel is a professional artist and an avid baker. In former days they loved to travel, but those ventures have ceased due to the limitations of age. Some things that people may not know about them is that Sue once starred in a third grade class play which officially marked the end of her acting career. Mel was voted the guy having the “prettiest hair” in his high school class. Both have a wonderful sense of humor.

As they want to contribute to the Prince of Peace community, they have some future plans that would be well received here. Future plans for Mel include the possibility of teaching a painting class. For Sue a future plan includes offering an opportunity for the quilting group to engage in a new

venture. As they are always looking forward, they are called to be servants of Our Lord! Welcome them into our community, they have much to offer.

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