

## **“Member Profile”**

***This week’s feature : Dineen Terstage***



**Dineen was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin and grew up in the Oconomowoc/Delafield area of the state. She was the oldest of three girls, Dineen, Doreen, Donna. At the time the area was rural/agricultural with rental summer cottages around the lakes. It’s considered “Lake Country” now. Their home was a summer cottage on a lake that her parents spent their lifetime remodeling, often working on it during the weekends. Her Dad was a carpenter by trade and her Mom was a home-maker. Her sister owns the house now... it’s just so comfortable to visit there! Her mom got them involved in Girls Scouts. Dineen’s grandmother got the girls started in Sunday School which led to immersion in youth choirs and Luther League. Being a rural area, she rode the school bus every day to and from school from her first day of first grade to the last day of high school when she graduated Oconomowoc High School. She continued her studies at Spencerian College in Milwaukee which is now merged with Concordia College Division of Business.**

**Dineen met her husband, Art, on a Caribbean Windjammer Cruise vacation. They were married in 1972. As Art was from Cleveland, they moved there with the intention of moving back to Wisconsin. At the time her husband had no opportunities for employment in her home**

state, so they bought a home in North Olmsted and Ohio became their home. They have a son, Art Jr., who lives with his wife Amberly in Shelbyville, KY. They have a daughter, Anna, in Olmsted Falls that is married to husband, Karol. Both of them were involved in Sunday School, Youth programs and the start of the band at POP. Art passed away in 2002.

Dineen followed a career path as a secretary/administrative assistant working at a Military School, industrial manufacturing, her dream job as a legal secretary, several “seasonal” retail jobs when the kids were in school, and North Olmsted Schools. She retired in 2019 from North Olmsted Schools-26 years as Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent. She was a volunteer at the kids schools and heavily involved with PTA for many years.

She joined POP in 1978. Dineen had been looking for a church where her children could have the same kind of church home she had experienced (Sunday School, choirs, Youth Groups). She set out one Sunday morning to find a service and ended up at POP. The family had driven by POP many times when the sanctuary was being built in the early 70’S. That morning, they were greeted by a couple she had known from her former church. Pastor Loerke and the congregation were so welcoming and friendly. Dineen instantly knew it was going to be their church!

Over the years, Dineen has been involved with Christian Education (Sunday School teacher and committee chair) and the education wing building committee. She has worked with committees that have planned special events, and groups that made paraments and banners. Currently she serves as chair of the Altar Guild. Originally, she prepared the altar for worship services. When Pastor Bishop and Deaconess Jeanette offered a “Talents Inventory”, she chose “administration” as a skill. Then as a spot opened for the Altar Guild chair, she raised her hand to say she would give it a try! Being creative, Dineen was seeking to add more visual things, so decorating

**is now a part of Altar Guild. She feels blessed to have POP friends that like to do the same. Now in retirement, she has joined the Comfort Quilters, goes on trips with Travel Quest, and enjoys lunches with Young at Heart as time allows. Being a member of the Peace Pavilion Committee is another position that will pay dividends in POP's future!**

**Dineen always liked to create stuff. Hobbies and interests in her free time include sewing and crafting... wreaths to wedding dresses! Mostly for gifts or for her own enjoyment. Traveling again is another part of her "bucket list", and she is starting with the POP Israel trip with members this fall. Retirement has given her the time to just read a book, peruse "Pinterest," take one-tank trips, local events, movies and take a few crafting classes with her friends. She loves to keep learning!**

**Something that people would not know is that Dineen might try being a "snowbird", maybe for just one season. It would be hard to think of her not being here each week to serve Our Lord, but she deserves a place to relax also. Thanks for everything you do, Dineen!**

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