

Profile Communications ~ Judy Kazak

Throughout this Covid-19 pandemic I have been following the safe guidelines. I am wearing my mask; I am limiting contact with others, especially in large groups; I am trying to maintain the 6 feet distance. I have been actively working to coordinate members at POP to contact other members to keep in touch. Writing this communication is a good way for me to continue reaching out, and I encourage POP members to write their communication like this for the newsletter.

Coming to Christ is a hard story to tell, at least for me, because it's a personal story. I realize it is a powerful story for Christians to tell, so here goes. I grew up in Great Falls, Montana. I grew up in the Lutheran church. I remember that while in confirmation class, we had to take notes during the sermon each week. After high school, I drifted away from church. I didn't go to church when I was in college. After moving to Cleveland, I met my husband, Joe. We attended Parma Lutheran Church, where we were married. While there, we became very active. We taught Sunday School and were new member sponsors. Our three children were confirmed there. We then moved to North Olmsted and visited different Lutheran churches. We decided on Prince of Peace and joined when Landis Kaufman was Pastor. Joe passed away in 2000, and I have remained at POP.

So, I have been off and on in church attendance in my life, but I am active now. Do I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? I think so, but I also know that I have a long way to go. When I spoke to Dick about submitting this communication to the POP congregation, we talked about how I can continue to build that personal relationship. We talked about prayer, reading the Bible and interacting with other Christians. I am active in the latter, but my goal is to become more active in the first two. I think I am like many folks who know about the Bible but find it a challenge to read it by myself. Maybe a goal is to be involved with others in Bible study at POP. I do have a goal to pray every day to strengthen that important communication. One prayer I do have is that the Lord continues to strengthen and guide me.