

“ Member Profile “

This week's feature : Tom and Shoko Morton



Tom was born in Lansing, Michigan and grew up in Berea. He attended Michigan State University for his undergraduate degree. He majored in Math and Chemical Physics at MSU where he earned two Bachelor of Science degrees. His studies continued at Harvard for graduate school majoring in Chemical Physics. Shoko was born and grew up in Noshiro, Japan. She attended college in Japan.

Shoko has two older sisters in her family. Tom has one brother and one sister in his family. His sister is his twin...so, he is “Thomas who was called the twin”. Shoko and Tom met as pen-pals, introduced to each other by a common friend that he met at Prince of Peace.

Tom worked at NASA Glenn (formerly Lewis) Research Center for 17 ½ years, and at Philips Healthcare for 16 ½ years. At NASA, he studied the effects of the space environment on spacecraft as a space plasma physicist. At Philips, he worked to improve the image quality of CT scanners, as well as working on standard methods of reporting X-ray dose on industry-wide scanners. This was a position slightly out of his field when

NASA was reducing funding for contractors. But as a CT physicist, he thrived at Philips. He has always had a thirst to learn new things, especially in the science field.

Shoko and Tom have been blessed by God to have raised two children. Their son Harold is 25, and working as a software developer. He lives in Strongsville. Daughter Saaya is 22, and is working as a Research Assistant at a hospital in Boston. They offer their Love, guidance and encouragement to them in all their endeavors.

Tom is a life-long Lutheran. He joined in 1989, after moving back to Ohio. At that time, POP had a dynamic 8:30 AM Traditional service that appealed to him. He currently serves as an Assistant Minister and on the Hymn Selection Committee. In prior years, he also served on Council, the Endowment Committee, and the Computer Committee.

They have a variety of hobbies and interests that challenge their skills. Shoko teaches Japanese Flower Arranging called Ikebana. This is a centuries-old art that uses carefully selected blossoms, greenery and other fresh or dried materials to convey a specific emotion to the observer. Tom enjoys exercise and programming computers. One thing that people may not know about them is that they were Pastor Bishop's first wedding at Prince of Peace!

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are here to reflect God's Love to the world! Reach out to the Morton family at the 11 am service, another bond created at our church will strengthen our fabric of Faith.

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

