

“New Member Profile”

This week’s feature : Kimber Pappas



Kimber was born in Columbus, Ohio. She grew up there and also in the nearby community of Granville. Her parents had her baptized at the Lutheran Church. After high school, she was accepted at Bowling Green State University and received a Marketing degree. Kimber continued her studies at Cleveland State University to pursue an Education degree. For the past 25 years she has been employed at the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Currently she teaches 7th grade Social Studies at John Adams School.

Her position has also allowed her to participate in the TCI program, a career readiness path for students in a partnership

with groups that offer entrepreneur lessons, and vocational choices. The faculty is using Zoom technology to teach remotely. In her 2 years at this school, Kimber has offered resources to assist students in need of social and emotional support as well.

Kimber has interests and hobbies to help her relax in her free time. Reading is a passion she enjoys, and spending time with her dog, Kleo and cat, Kody! She supports many causes related to animals including volunteering for the last 4 years at the Cuyahoga County Shelter Jog/Walk to fundraise each year. Owners bring their dogs along and upwards of 200 have made the trek. Her dog was a rescue from the APL. The Berea Animal Rescue keeps her busy with Bingo Bonanza as she provides donations for their funding needs.

Her son Christopher, age 34, attended Westlake High School and was a member of the football team as an offensive lineman. He is a graduate of Denison University located in Granville, Ohio. He now lives in San Antonio, TX and teaches high school mathematics classes. His love of sports continues as an offensive line coach at the high school level. A reunion with Kimber may be in the future as Christopher has expressed a desire to relocate back to the area nearby her.

On May 7, Kimber became a member at Prince of Peace! We are so blessed to welcome additional Hands to do God's Work. She had searched locally at various protestant churches. As an active church ambassador, Lia Staaf was instrumental in encouraging her to continue her Faith Journey here. Her desire to assist with

the homebound members of our congregation will be very welcomed.

As Kimber anticipates retiring from teaching next year, she has a few bucket list items on her mind. She imagines a new residence in the Carolinas, allowing her to read her favorite books on the beach. Continuing to foster animals is also on the horizon in her retirement. Her love for God's Creatures Great and Small are a very worthwhile cause. Take time to meet her at the contemporary service, I found her to have a compassionate focus on life!

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