

## “ Member Profile “

*This week's feature : Bill and Patty Beard*



Bill was born and grew up in Lakewood, Ohio. Patty was born in Alliance, Ohio and grew up in Sebring, Ohio. Her family included one older brother. After graduating from high school, they both attended Ashland College. This was where they met and began their relationship.

Bill majored in Accounting and Patty majored in Vocational Home Economics. Then it was off into the world to build their careers. Patty chose a path in the Teaching profession for 30 years. She started off serving at Parkside Junior High in Westlake, then Columbia High School, next Adult Education at Polaris and finishing at Brooklyn dedicating her final 25 years here! Bill focused on the Banking/Commercial industry to use his knowledge. Both have retired now.

Patty and Bill have raised a family of 3 children. Ben, who is 40 years old, graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a Computer Engineering degree. He is married to Jackie who is also a UC alum. They have 2 girls - Kelly (10) and Sydney (7). They reside in Solon, Ohio. Blake, age 28, is also a UC graduate with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He has recently

moved back to the Cleveland area from Arlington, Virginia, Now he lives in Battery Park and is a contractor for NASA. Brent, who is 36 years old, is married to Daniae, both Ashland University graduates. Brent has a law degree from John Marshall. They are POP members with their 3 children Logan (8), Landon (6) and Leela (1 ½ years). As the family has grown, the grandchildren have become a Joy to share their Love.

As the former St. Andrews Church had merged with Prince of Peace, we received a wonderful gift. Patty and Bill became members here to Grow in Faith, Serve in Love, Live in Peace! Patty has served as a Eucharistic Minister at Bickford Care Center, offering worship and communion to those unable to attend our services. She has also been on the Church Council. Bill has contributed his talents to serving on the Finance Committee with a focus on keeping our operations financially sound. We have been able to expand our missions as a result.

They both enjoy the challenges of playing golf. They have participated in the Youth Fundraiser Golf event put on by Buds and Suds, and always seem to have a low score. I may have to ask them for some tips as I shoot at the opposite end of the scorecard, very high! Travel is another interest they share. Patty also likes sewing and machine embroidery. One thing people may not know is that Patty can ride a unicycle, or at least a little!

I'm glad I learned more about these dedicated Christians that share the Love of God! You'll enjoy meeting them after the service, they have much to offer our congregation.

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