

“Member Profile”

This week’s feature : Terry and Dennis MacKenzie



Dennis was born in Lakewood ,Ohio and grew up in North Olmsted. He attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and graduated with a degree in Economics. He has one sister, Debbie, who resides in Brookpark, OH. Terry was born in Cleveland, OH and grew up in Avon Lake. She attended Bowling Green University with a major in Business. While working in the insurance industry she obtained insurance designations. Terry has a brother named Ollie.

They met in Cleveland at the “Last Moving Picture Company” during an after work get together with friends. After that evening it was all history ...

They will celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary in May! What a wonderful bond of Love for each other God has blessed.

Dennis is now retired after working with several companies in logistics management. Terry spent her career working in the insurance business. Her last 18 years she spent working for FM Global, a large property carrier as a General Adjuster. She adjusted large losses in various areas of the country and some internationally. If there was a natural disaster such as a large hurricane, a fire or industrial disaster, Terry was usually in the damaged area for extended periods. She retired 4 years ago.

They have raised 2 children. Their daughter Stephanie and her husband Dave have two children ; Austin age 9 and Jackson age 6. They reside in Avon Lake. Their son Ian and his wife Kate also have two children ; Aili age 5 and Whineray age 2 ½ (Winnie) living in Avon Lake. Ian moved to Colorado for the adventure and met Kate. They married and lived in Denver until Winnie was 2 years old and then moved back to Ohio.

Terry and Dennis were members of Ascension Lutheran Church for over 20 years, but when changes were made that did not fit their beliefs , they started to look for another church. They found it at Prince of Peace and joined in the Fall of 2015. They know they have truly found a home to Grow in Faith, Serve in Love, and Live in Peace! Tables of Eight and Travel Quest are groups they enjoy.

With 4 young grandchildren, Dennis and Terry spend quite a bit of time playing. When their parents are out of town, they open their home to enjoy every minute to share their Love. Traveling is a passion they enjoy, that was delayed due to Covid. Now plans are being made to visit friends in Arizona this spring and tour Ireland and Scotland this summer. As weather permits, hiking is another shared interest as well as attending a gym for workouts. They enjoy jigsaw puzzles, but most of all they love to spend time with friends and family.

Terry is a member of the Prayer Chain. This group is always available to be linked together as Christians seeking God's guidance and healing in troubled times . Dennis has always enjoyed building things, and has worked for Habitat for Humanity in Cuyahoga and Lorain Counties. He also likes building things from "kits", and has built a black powder flintlock rifle, which he used in a shooting competition (let's just say he did not win). He also recently built a "Les Paul" style electric guitar, which he now needs to learn how to play. I see "Open Mic" Coffee House performances in the future with the legendary Gibson sound.

At Prince of Peace, we have such a diverse group of members with many talents and backgrounds. Terry and Dennis have a beautiful story to tell. Faith, Family and Commitment is the picture they paint as they reveal their lives to us! Get to know them as they attend the contemporary service, you'll be glad you did.

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