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This week's feature : Susan and Paul Franz



Paul was born in Dayton, Ohio and grew up with two sisters, Christine Utt and Catherine Gough. After high school, he attended Bowling Green State University and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. Then his studies continued at Lorain County Community College where he received an Associate of Science in Nursing. Continuing his path in the medical field, Paul attended Ohio University to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Susan was born in Cleveland and grew up in North Ridgeville with two sisters, Meghan Kollas and Erin Bruneau. Erin and her husband Phil are current members at Prince of Peace with their two children. After high school, Susan attended Bowling Green State University earning a Bachelor of Arts in Scientific and Technical Communications. She continued her education at Nova Southeastern University and achieved a Masters of Science in Special Education. And her direction in higher education led to a Reading License at the University of Phoenix.

They have been engaged in very active careers using the skills they have gained. Susan has worked for the Ohio Virtual Academy as an Interventional Specialist for 17 years. Paul has held a variety of positions including Construction Superintendent/Project Manager for 13 years. In the field of health care, he worked in Nursing at the Cleveland Clinic Children's for 3 years as well as St. John's Hospital Pediatrics for 2 years. Other assignments include Specialty hospital long term care for 6 years and Bon Secour Mercy Hospital Cardiac Cath Nurse for 1 year.

Susan and Paul met through their older daughters' school. They have been blessed by God with a large family of 9 children! Hannah is 23, Lillian is 22, Aidan is 20, Jason is 18, Noah is 18, Aaron is 14, Nora is 10, William is 8, and Nicholas is 7 years old. Susan is a lifelong member at POP. Both have a love for the Education Team of Bev Braun and Hiliary Lucas. They participate in many events during the year as a family.

Paul and Susan both volunteer often at Sunday services as Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. They enjoy hobbies and interests during free time. Paul enjoys remodeling homes, reading and woodworking. Susan gets much relaxation through reading. Something that POP members may not know is that the family lives on 5 acres and raises pigs and sheep. They plan to add goats and chickens this year and cattle in a year or two! Also, their youngest daughter is a competitive gymnast!

The Bible has many references to animals to explain God's will and Jesus's life. Noah's Ark, Jonah and the Big Fish, Jesus riding into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday are a few. Susan and Paul will be able to teach their children real life lessons on their property about how Our Loving Creator cares for us as they care for their herd!

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