

“Member Profile”

This weeks feature : Michael and Patricia Pietraroia



Michael was born in Cleveland and grew up there while he attended St. Edward High School. As a member of IBEW Local 38 , he went through a 4 year electrical apprenticeship program in Cleveland. He followed that with 2 years of study at TRI-C and a BSBA degree in Corporate Management from Chancellor University. Patricia was born in Akron and grew up in Cuyahoga Falls and Green Township, attending Green High School. She earned a Business Education degree at the University of Akron.

Patricia has 4 brothers in her family, Michael has 1 brother. They met at The Glass Parrot in Willoughby, Ohio.

Patricia has had a diverse career history including positions at several Akron Institutions. Using skills she gained in college, her teaching assignments at Norton City Schools, The University of Akron, and Adult Education at Akron City Schools were important contributions to the community. Most recently she has worked at Cuyahoga Community College for 13 years mainly as Program Manager for the Construction Trades Apprenticeship Program.

Michael has also focused his efforts in the field that he studied during college. During 10 years in electrical construction with Local 38 in Cleveland, as well as 31 years at Ford Motor Company holding many positions including Health and Safety Rep for Local Union 1377, he achieved much success. His experience also included teaching electrical theory, electrical code, blueprint reading and OSHA classes at TRI-C.

During their marriage of 32 years they raised 2 daughters, and know this blessing to them is very special. Rachel age 31 and Lauren age 29 still live locally and are able to see them often. The oldest has 2 boys and one girl. They enjoy taking care of the 3 month old granddaughter at least 2 days a week! Their youngest daughter gives them much to be proud of as a dedicated and amazing nurse.

They had begun to seek out a new home church that was a better fit for their values and religious perspective. They officially became members in September 2021. Michael and Patricia are especially thankful to Bud and Sandee Zanders for introducing them to POP and discovering a wonderful and welcoming congregation! The activities and missions they are part of include Tables of Eight and various fundraising events.

During his free time, Michael enjoys golf, reading, keeping up with current events, home projects that include their daughter's new home, watching the grandchildren and traveling as time allows. An interesting fact about him is that he graduated college the same year their daughter Rachel graduated from high school. Patricia stays busy with her interests in reading, crafts, working out, baking, occasionally sewing, and of course watching the 3

grandchildren. Members may not know that she attended the University of Akron for 7 years of night school to graduate with her BS in Business Education (while also working full time and several part time positions).

As they usually sit in front of Lora and myself at the contemporary service, I know we will continue to learn more about them. When “Sharing the Peace” we can see them continuing to grow in Faith along with the congregation. The family they are part of here at Prince of Peace will always share our Love of God and each other on Sundays, and every day of the week!

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