

## Profile Story

***This week's feature : Christie Kilbane-Wiedt***



Christie was born in Cleveland, Ohio. She grew up in Parma, Ohio with 3 brothers (2 deceased) and 1 sister. She attended Valley Forge High School class of 1976. Continuing her education Christie majored in Nursing at Lakewood School of Practical Nursing 1976, Cuyahoga Community College AND, RN 1981, as well as University of Akron BSN class of 1986.

Christie met her husband Mark at a bar in Lakewood, the Kenilworth Tavern. His family owned the bar at this time in 1980. They dated for 5 years before getting married.

In her career as a nurse for 48 years, Christie used her skills at many of the area's top health care facilities. 36 years at UHCleveland Medical Center in University Circle in specialized areas including PACU, SICU, ER. Past 34 years in PACU at UH Westlake Outpatient Surgery Center. She worked at St John Medical Center for 22 years, ER 5 years and Community Outreach. Christie's first position was at Lakewood Hospital , then St Vincent Charity Hospital.

She was a Certified Child Passenger Technician for 21 years. This was a paid and at times a volunteer position. Christie helped with the installation of car seats in cars and vans. She is truly a Car Seat Nerd!!

Mark Wiedt is retired. His career was in health care administration. He started as an X-ray Tech. He went on to get a BA and an Executive MBA.

Their son Paul Wiedt and his Life Partner Brighid have lived in Los Angeles since 2015. Paul (34) works in Film Production as a 1st Assistant Camera. Brighid (33) is a Doula. They met at Kent State University. Christie and Mark wished they lived closer.

Their daughter Maureen Wiedt (28) lives in Westlake. Many years as a server but will be attending Nursing School this fall at Lorain County Community College!! She also does dog/cat sitting.

Christie met Judy Coffman when she was working in the ER at St John Medical Center in 1994. She was looking for a church and Judy invited her in. Paul and Maureen were confirmed at POP! Mark is a member at St Ladislav in Westlake.

Christie has been the coordinator for the monthly Blood Pressure screenings for many years. She also succeeded in having an AED installed at our church. This medical device can save the lives of people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. In her free time she has hobbies and interests to enjoy. Hiking, bike riding, and working in her yard are a partial list. In the past Christie did agility training with her current dog Cody, a German Shepherd.

Something people may not know about her is that she likes to sleep in! Also, last year Mark & Christie traveled to Stoupa, Greece. It was their first trip abroad. They are looking forward to trips to National Parks, Ireland and a River Cruise.

Christie has a long history with Prince of Peace. She is living a life filled with purpose. Her focus on healing has been an example of the compassion that we learn each week in our community of Faith.

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