"Member Profile"

This week's feature: *Pr. Robin*

Pastor Robin will be our pastor until we have installed a new permanent Pastor. Pastor Robin is our Spiritual Leader in every sense of the term.

Robin's background in the church is very eclectic. She was educated and ordained in the Presbyterian Church. She has served as Pastor in both Presbyterian and Lutheran congregations. She has both studied and taught in the Theology and Religious Studies Department at John Carroll, a Catholic University. And, while growing up she attended both Catholic and Protestant boarding schools. Pastor Robin has also been active in suicide prevention and mental health advocacy work.

But, back to the beginning, Pastor Robin was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and grew up in rural southwest Ohio. Her family was in the agricultural business. Her father owned and managed commercial grain silos. Her father was widowed three times. And, as a result, she has four step brothers, three step sisters and a half-brother. The family is large, but she does stay close to a remaining biological brother, who still lives in southern Ohio. After spending her high school years at a boarding school in Massachusetts, she stayed in the northeast to attend Brown University, majoring in English Literature. Her husband, David, grew up in Jamestown, New York and also attended Brown University. He was a math and economics major. They came to Cleveland to attend Case Western University. While David was attending graduate school at Case, Robin was attending law school at Case.

After graduating from law school, Pastor Robin passed the Bar Exam and stayed in the Cleveland area. She worked in corporate law for seven years, was home with her children for seven years, and then practiced family law for seven years. Part of that time she had her own law firm. David worked in the IT field after college. He is now retired, most recently having worked for Key Bank. Pastor Robin says that David stays very active in retirement, and is good at it. He teaches English to refugees, coaches soccer, runs in senior track meets, and is very good at making pottery.

Having always been active in the Presbyterian Church, Robin's heart led her back to school at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Her first call was at a rural church in Nankin, Ohio (near Ashland). She spent two years there, and then moved to Boulevard Presbyterian Church in Euclid, Ohio. She spent two years there serving as Pastor and Spiritual Leader as they went through a church closure. She then when to Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church as an interim pastor. She says her one year there was a wonderful experience. That was followed by a temporary call with a Presbyterian Church in Independence, Ohio. And now, Pastor Robin is with us at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Robin and David have three children. In her spare time she loves to travel and concentrates on nature and landscape photography. She loves walking and spending time outdoors. She is a writer, an educator and a concerned activist. She is a voracious reader, usually having 4-5 books going at a time. Besides topics dealing with faith and the church, you might be surprised to know that some of her favorites include the "Maisie Dobbs" and the "Inspector Gamache" mystery series books.

When you see Pastor Craig, please give her a very warm welcome. I am sure you will find her knowledgeable, very warm and easy to talk to, and filled with the love of the Lord.

By Dick Hardy, Profile Reporter