

“Member Profile”

This week’s feature : Elise Covell



Elise was born in Cleveland and grew up with her brother Jonathan in North Olmsted. Her parents Dave and Laurel have been longtime members of POP. She attended North Olmsted High School and then was off to Bowling Green University to study in the undergraduate program. Her major was Biology and had a minor in Chemistry. She is currently in her second year as an osteopathic medical student at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine. While pursuing Family Medicine, Elise will start her clinical rotations next year at The Cleveland Clinic - South Point Hospital in Warrensville Heights.

She was confirmed at Prince of Peace and grew up participating in many groups and missions. Sunday School was her starting point as many of us remember. While enjoying the Youth Group, she was able to attend two National Youth Gatherings. Heading off to New Orleans in 2012 and Detroit in 2016 provided many opportunities to gather with many for uplifting worship and community service. Elise is well known for her musical talent and we are fortunate to enjoy her performances. Early on, she was part of

the Children's Choir, then the Convergence Cafe, the Youth Band, and the Synod Band for the New Orleans NYG. The Crossfire Praise Band and the Agape Feast service has welcomed her passion for music most recently. Her foundation of Faith has grown from her days here at POP!

Elise has many interests along with spending time with family and friends. She is most proficient in playing piano and guitar and will join in casual "jam" groups with friends. Sports and exercise also keep her busy. She is currently training for the Cleveland Half Marathon that will happen in May! Intramural soccer, volleyball and reading are other activities that she enjoys. Sounds like 24 hours in a day is not enough for her busy schedule, but her energy level is very high.

Last summer Elise went on a service trip with her parents to Puerto Rico. They were involved with volunteer groups in San Juan and learned about Puerto Rico. There certainly is much need for help throughout the world and Puerto Rico is near the top of the list. Seeing the vulnerable and serving them is the parable Jesus has taught us, to serve Him through our Love for our neighbors.

It is always great to learn the story of young adults heading out into the world to make a difference. We can see that Elise has chosen a path that will make the world a better place! While making a commitment to offer much needed medical care, she will take a "whole person" approach to medicine, treating the entire person rather than just the symptoms. Preventative care will be her emphasis. We look forward to opportunities to connect with her.

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