

“Member Profile”

This weeks feature : Doug and Carol Leavens



Carol was born in Cleveland, and later moved to Westlake in the 7th grade where her father had built a home for the family. She grew up with one sister, Elaine, who passed away 8 years ago. Carol graduated from Westlake High School and attended Kent State University focusing her studies on Homes Economics. Continuing her education at Cleveland State University included a major in Bookkeeping and Accounting. Doug was born in Cleveland, and had one brother, Robert, as he grew up. His family moved to Lakewood, North Olmsted and finally settled in Westlake. He attended Westlake High School and entered Cleveland State University majoring in Business and Marketing. He joined the Army afterwards. I know our congregation wants to offer a big “Thank You” for his service to our country.

Doug and Carol attended the same high school but never dated at that time. When he returned from the military, they ran into each other at a Lawsons store and began to date. After a courtship, they “tied the knot” and exchanged the marriage vows! They have raised a daughter Rebecca, age 50, who is married and lives in Columbus. She has chosen a career as a Business and Marketing teacher. Their family has grown to include 2

grandchildren to share their Love. Nate, 21 years old, who is a graduate of Nascar Technical Institute now works at UR Motorsports in North Carolina. Also Madison, age 16, is a student at a high school in Columbus.

Doug has retired from his career selling industrial hydraulics for 30 years. Carol started her career as a bookkeeper at a bank for 11 years before they got married and had a daughter. When their daughter went off to college, she began working at a Gift Shop and then American Greetings.

Prince of Peace welcomed them as members on March 2, 2014. They had followed other friends here and were pleased to be part of a Loving and welcoming church! They are involved in a group here known as the “3 Musketeers” that has been helping keep our facilities in good repair. Many of you may know them, they don’t like to brag about their service but are very dedicated families! Ask the Leavens to introduce this group to you. They are oftentimes carrying a bag of tools and supplies to fix walls, paint, build shelves and cabinets among other tasks. Carol likes to do the staining and varnishing finish work. Lora and I have seen them several times at hardware stores, they have lots of experience with home projects and are ready to offer good referrals.

Both have a variety of interests and hobbies to enjoy. Carol loves to bake and cook and is considered a gourmet cook by friends, she has even published a Cookbook! You will also find her doing Cross Stitch and Embroidery in her free time. They own a sailboat and enjoy taking excursions together when the weather permits. Doug has done much woodworking for pleasure, and volunteers at the Sandusky Maritime Museum. On a sunny day, you might find them touring with the top down in their Miata sports car. Some longer rides include The Tail of the Dragon Run through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. What an awesome view of God’s creation that must be!

It was great to write this story about 2 members that contribute much to POP. They always are willing to offer a helping hand to many groups. You

will find them with a sincere smile at the contemporary service. They both know that Christ is our Cornerstone!

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