

“Member Profile”

This week’s feature : Laurie Green



Laurie was born in Cleveland, and lived in Lakewood until settling into her current home in Westlake. She grew up in a small family with one brother. Her family attended Methodist services. Her parents enrolled Laurie in a Lutheran school through 1st grade. Later, she would attend Lakewood Public Schools. She headed off to Denison University near Columbus to major in Speech. Next came studies at Kent State University to get a Masters Degree in Deaf Education. She became proficient in communicating in sign language. This skill helped her connect with students in a native/visual way.

She met her future husband, Chris, at a concert she attended with a friend on her birthday. He was sitting in front of her with his friends. He mustered up the courage to ask her about her “gold shoes” she was wearing. They began to date and married. Sadly, Chris passed away after an illness.

Laurie has worked in many areas of education, but all of her positions focused on special needs students. Several school systems and assignments she had included: the Mayfield Special Education Department, Positive Education Program, The Berea Children’s Home where she served students with severe behavioral issues. Presently, she works at Washington Park Community School. She received much joy and love from her students and considers them her children.

She was invited by her neighbor, Mary Meadows, to attend Christmas and Easter services at POP as she did not have a home church at the time. Some others that encouraged her to become a member were Amy Bauer, Hazel Zehner, and Barb Raynoah. Laurie, Hazel and her son were served an Easter dinner at Barb’s.

Since joining POP, she has been involved in many missions and activities including: Social Committee, Caring Connections, Blossom Hill Services, Head of the 11 am Greeters, Altar Guild, Cookie Baker. She always enjoys the Candlelight services for Christmas. She looks forward to helping to prepare our church with the Altar Guild this season for another wonderful celebration! Laurie enjoys reading, classic movies, and crafting. You will find her attending the traditional service on Sundays. Please take the opportunity to introduce yourself if you are not familiar with her. You will discover a sincere and caring person that has an enthusiasm to help people.

By Tom Robinholt, Profile Reporter

