

“ Profile Story “

This week’s feature : Joanne Burns



Joanne was born in Needham, Mass., and grew up in Buffalo, NY and Lakewood, OH. She attended Lakewood Public Schools through high school. College was not until she was in her mid thirties, then she began taking courses at Cuyahoga Community College in Early Childhood Education.

Her career has focused on the needs of children. Positions she held included Head Start, the federally funded program for children from prenatal to age 5. Lakewood Hospital Child Care and Church on the Rise as a Preschool Teacher were excellent experiences to prepare her for what would come next. In June, Joanne was chosen as the Prince of Peace Nursery Attendant! What an important job she does for us as our congregation is growing with many new families. Her motto of Faith, Family, Football guides her to apply her faith to everyday tasks of life, and keep

God as the top priority. Discipline, commitment and perseverance are the result.

Joanne has three children, ages 44, 34, and 31. Her two grandchildren are ages 20 and 29. Her Loving heart is well received as she is also part of the POP teaching team. We can remember the Bible verse : “Train up a child in the way they should go, even when they are old, they will not depart from it” and understand her devotion. The recent Happy Birthday Jesus Party/Children’s Christmas Program was part of her role here working with the parents and the Christian Education team.

Her interests and hobbies offer her opportunities to enjoy free time. Weaving, Knitting and Pottery are her favorites. In fact, Joanne had a children’s art studio on Madison Ave. in Lakewood the last four years before coming to POP. She taught weaving, knitting and pottery here and also had a group of summer campers that walked to her store from their summer camp on Belle Ave.

She is very grateful for the kindness the congregation has shown her! We are so fortunate to have her to nurture the future each week. Her flock will grow to be strong over the years. I believe most of us have fond memories of the earliest caregivers we know in life, our parents, teachers and others. Please offer a big Thank You to Joanne, her gift of Love will always be remembered!

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