

“Profile Report”

This week's feature : Steve and Cindy Zinram



Steve, Cindy and their family have been members for over 10 years here at Prince of Peace. Steve was born in Erie, Pennsylvania and grew up in the nearby suburb of Millcreek Township. After high school, he attended Clarion University and received a Bachelors of Science in Communication and a Masters of Science in Public Relations. His two younger brothers are Scott serving as a PA State Trooper, and Randy who is a retired Paramedic. Cindy was born in Titusville, Pa and grew up on a farm outside of Titusville. She continued her education and attended Clarion University graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Communication. Her older sister May is Director of Nursing at a facility in Girard, Ohio. (It truly is a small world as my family moved to Titusville, PA when I was 12, and Cindy's sister was in my High School class)

They met in college as Cindy was on a tour for new members of the campus radio station, while Steve was producing a sports talk show. He took a break, so he could get introduced to her. For four months he kept telling her that her boyfriend wasn't good enough for her. She finally relented and they began to see each other! And the rest is history.

Steve has worked primarily in higher education in alumni relations and development for 36 years. He has been at Robert Morris University, Gannon University, and Mercyhurst College, Clarion University and currently serves as the executive director of the Case Alumni Association and Case Alumni Foundation which supports engineering, science and Mathematics at Case Western Reserve University. Cindy began her career as the Features Editor of the Titusville Herald Newspaper then became Membership Coordinator of the Sewickley YMCA in Pittsburgh. When they moved to Erie she became the Public Relations and Marketing assistant at Villa Maria Conference Center before moving on to the Loyal Christian Benefit Association as a Layout and Design Specialist/Editor.

They have two children in their family including David, age 28. He is General Manager at Savvy Silver in Westlake. He specializes in silver/gold exchange and collectible coins. Rachel, age 22, recently graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Strategic Communications. She is the Philanthropy and Engagement Coordinator at Denison University.

Shortly after moving to Westlake, they began to seek out a new church home. The first visit they made was to POP and they quickly realized that it was so much like their home church, St. Paul's in Erie, that they were certain this was their place to join! Steve has been a member of the church council for years before becoming Council president during Covid. He jokes that he holds the record for the most Council meetings in a term ...without stepping a foot on the campus! Cindy is a member of the Choir and Altar Guild. While in high school, Rachel was the youth representative of Bishop Allende's Northeast Ohio Synod Council and President of the Northeast Ohio's Lutheran Youth Organization.

Cindy loves the wildlife in her backyard, all things Christmas, baking and going to the Guardian games. I have seen beautiful pictures of their sanctuary in the woods and the activity is spectacular. Steve plays golf, a frustrating sport perhaps as I can attest, but the fresh air and comradery

makes it worth the effort. He also enjoys attending Guardians and Ohio State games with a group of friends. Somedays, the streams and lakes are calling his name to renew his interest in fishing.

Some things that people may not know about them is that Cindy grew up on a farm with lots of cows, chickens, horses, pigs...and turkeys. With that experience at a young age, she now refuses to eat turkey because she knows why they are called the "dirty bird"! In Erie, Steve was a Sunday School teacher for 4 year olds. Every Palm Sunday he was the donkey and gave each kid a ride into Jerusalem.

I'm so glad I was able to share their story. It is a blessing to have such a giving couple among us sharing the Love of Family, Community and most of all their Love of God with us. They are always a part of looking forward here at POP, they usually attend the traditional service. Make an effort to meet them if you haven't already, you'll be glad you did.

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