"Member Profile"

This week's feature: Judy and Jim Heimbuch



Judy and Jim Heimbuch have been members of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church since 1998, so just over 20 years. They were looking for a new church, and were impressed with the friendliness of the congregation and the many POP activities. Judy comes from a family of four kids; two brothers and a sister. Jim comes from a much larger family of nine kids. He has five brothers and three sisters. Jim was born and raised in Mason City, Iowa. Judy was born in Chicago and grew up in several cities including Chicago, Arlington Heights, IL, St. Louis, MO, Fairview Park, OH and Mason City, IA. They met in High School in Mason City. Obviously that friendship grew into marriage and a lifelong love.

Judy attended Lorain Community College and was a Medical Assistant major. She worked in several Doctor's offices in the Cleveland area. Jim attended Iowa State University and majored in Chemical Engineering. After graduating from college, Jim went into the US Army. When he got out of the Army, he worked for Proctor & Gamble, Paper Division in Green Bay, WI. He followed that job with a job for Sterling Drug, Environmental Division in Wausau, WI. Then, onto Ross Environmental Services in Grafton, OH. Jim worked for Ross in several positions over the course of his career, including Plant Engineer, Process Engineer, Project Engineer, Project Manager, Sales Engineer, Product manager, and in Executive Management.

They have four children: Amy, age 49; Jill, age 46; Craig, age 40: and Kosta, age 29, who was adopted from Russia.

Jim has been on the Church Council in various roles and is currently on the Endowment Committee.

Currently, both Judy and Jim are retired and enjoying It. They have a second home in Northern Michigan, in Bellaire. They split their time between there and Cleveland about 50/50. They have ten grandchildren, located in three different states, and do a lot of traveling. I know Jim better than Judy, and I have always enjoyed talking to and working with him in many ways on Church projects. He is very smart, logical and a wonderful leader. Those times I have spoken with Judy, I have always found her just as smart, totally engaging and very gracious. It's no wonder they have a great family, and love being with the grand kids. Try to catch up with them when they are in town to say hello.

By Dick Hardy, Profile Reporter