

Clifton Presbyterian Church

MEMBERS' MEMORIES OF THE DECADES

1990's

Lynne's Story

I joined CPC in 1993 when Bob von Oeyen was the Pastor. My first memory of the church was our family walking into the old Fellowship Hall and the first person to greet us was Diane Reimers. What a warm welcome she gave us! She immediately made Megan and Jenna feel at home!

I also have fond memories of Bible studies at Frances Cranston's home. In 1995, I was honored to be asked to be a part of the planning committee for CPC's 125th celebration. Rich was due to be transferred with the USMC in the summer of 1995 to Tampa, FL, and the picture of Jenna and me is from a farewell party Frances threw for us before we left. It is my favorite picture of us.

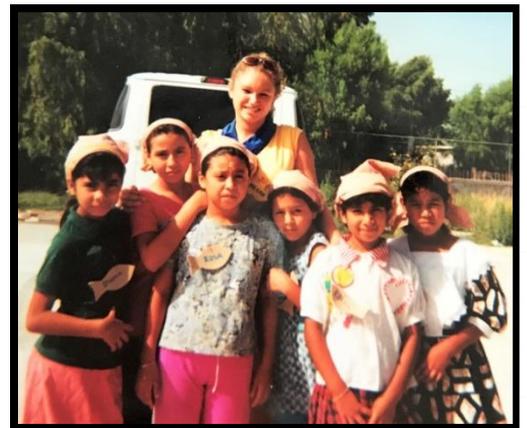
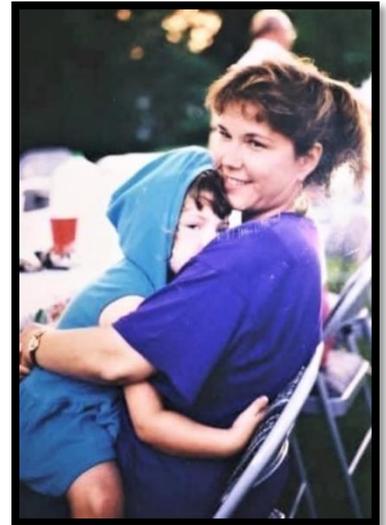


We returned in 1998 and were excited to be back at the church! Pastor Lynn Stanton-Hoyle was the new pastor. By now the girls were older and became involved with Sunday school and the youth group. I have included a picture of Megan on a mission trip to Mexico.

Both of our girls were confirmed in the church. Bette Petersen was Megan's sponsor and Charlene Baldwin was Jenna's sponsor. Both Bette and Charlene hold a special place to this day in our girls' hearts.

I have enjoyed serving as the Elder for Personnel as well as the Elder for the Planning Committee. Serving on Session has truly been an honor and privilege. I have learned so much!

One of the greatest joys for me was when Rich decided to join the church in 2020 (about time!) I think I can speak for him when I say that both of us feel that CPC is our family and has helped us grow in our faith journeys.



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Kimberly's Story

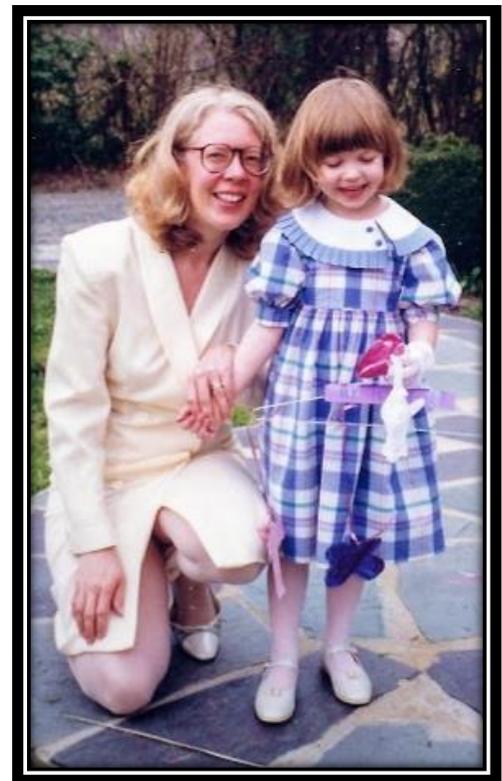


Kimberly and Bill Davis joined CPC in 1990. Kimberly remarks, "It was Bill's first membership in a Presbyterian Church for that Irish Catholic boy! The new member classes sparked some interesting household conversations!"

Rev. von Oeyen had been the minister since 1985. It was announced at Session in November 1993 that the von Oeyens had been called to Korea as missionaries beginning 1 January 1994 to serve through 31 December 1996. Bob asked to preach the sermon on the first Sunday in January 1994. Bob and Sherry, at their request, remained in the Manse until early spring, to facilitate their preparation for their assignment, as language school, Sherry's ordination as Elder in February, and other obligations loomed. And daughter, Hannah, could remain in CPC Preschool for a little longer!

The picture of the Davis family was taken in front of the church in December 1994 a few months after the new Interim, Rev. Dr. Henry Baumann preached his first sermon. Kimberly and Bill were about to be a family of three!

In this picture, Kimberly and Katherine (the precious little girl Kimberly was carrying in 1994 and whom Rev. Baumann christened in 1995) are all dressed up for Easter Sunday, 1999! The Sunrise service was still being held; the men's breakfast was being served; and it looks like it was a glorious day to celebrate the Risen Christ.



Sadly, the family lost Bill to illness in 2016, and his service, officiated by Pastor Lynn, was held at the church.

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