

Honoring our “Super Seniors” at Covenant

The Nurture & Outreach Commission, Elders, and Deacons have been pleased to present a project where we have honored 73 of our “over 80-year-old” members as our “Super Seniors”. The idea for this project came from the family of **Bernie Hatten** in celebration of his 100th birthday. They submitted some interesting facts that not many people know about him:

***Bernie Hatten** was a mechanical engineer and developed components for the first nuclear submarine (the Nautilus). He was there when the submarine was launched in 1954.*

He was also involved with the production of the Sherman Tanks used during WWII.

Bernie was an honor student at Ohio State and was one of the few that got to live in the honor dorms which were located inside the Ohio State Stadium.

He loved Ballroom Dancing and his secret to a long life is to keep walking, laugh often, rest or nap when you can, and treat yourself to ice cream!

We have highlighted at least four “Super Seniors” in each of our weekly emails where interesting facts about themselves have been shared and members may not have known about them. The file of all our participating “Super Seniors” (listed alphabetically) will be maintained on this website. We hope you have enjoyed reading the articles from this project as much as we have enjoyed talking with our “Super Seniors”!

Please contact them and let them know how much you appreciated learning more about them!!

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Nan Davidson at 614-893-8824.

Here are our honored Super Seniors:



Jerry Annis was born and raised on a farm in southern Ohio. He has a twin sister and had brothers who were also twins, as well as an older brother. Living on a farm required much hard work, and this is where he learned the value of working hard.

He attended schools in Waverly, Ohio. He enjoyed school because being somewhat isolated on the farm, school was a big part of his social life. After graduation he entered OSU.

Jerry worked his way through college and after six years he graduated in 1964 with a degree in Secondary Education. The day after graduation he and Dianne were married, and they have been married for 57 years. Jerry received his Master of Science degree in 1966 and continued graduate courses working toward certification in Curriculum Development and School Administration. He spent his entire educational career at Brookhaven High School in Columbus.

He and Dianne have three sons and seven grandchildren, and they have attended many different sports activities over the years!

After Jerry retired from Columbus Public Schools and Dianne retired from Upper Arlington Public Library, they did more traveling and particularly enjoyed the western part of the United States. Typically, they would fly out and rent a car for sightseeing. They have also enjoyed travels to Hawaii, Alaska, cruising through the Panama Canal, and visiting the Mayan ruins in Belize, all of which they would do again, if they were able.



Marty Armstrong's father was very witty. If there were a brunt of any joke it was on him, or maybe my mother, or my sister Mary Hemmer, or me. Everyone loved him and wanted to be anywhere he was.

Normally, after the eleven o'clock service of our Iowa Presbyterian church, many members would meet for lunch at Bishop's Cafeteria. Even there, with a large crowd, we were all laughing more than eating. Unfortunately, Dad died at age 43.

My daughter Anne and one of Mary's children Jeff inherited some of their grandfather's sense of humor.

I love our family get togethers because we laugh and laugh, enjoying our lives together. Even the next day, we feel a sense of well-being. Picture, if you will, joy!



Lois Becker was born and grew up near Grove City, Ohio. She went through the 8 years of grade school at Briggsdale, walking the mile from home, and then attended a year at Starling Junior High in Columbus, followed by 3 years at Columbus' Central High School (now COSI) where she was bussed from home at 7 a.m. Next, she spent 4 years at OSU, which she reached by bus and streetcar after at least an hour of travel.

She met Bob Becker in 1946 in a statistics Class at OSU, where he enrolled for college after serving 4 years in the United States Air Force. They quickly learned that they had many

common interests: reading, music, theater, sports, and gardening. They married in 1947. Bob graduated in Industrial Management and became a Purchasing Agent and Insurance Salesman. Lois graduated in Secretarial Science, earned her Teaching Certificate, and taught grades 1 - 4 for eighteen years.

They raised three wonderful boys: Bob, an MD PhD, retired Air Force Colonel, pathologist retired from the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, and from the FDA; Jim, an Attorney-at-Law; and Michael, retired consultant and owner of an accounting firm. Then there are 5 wonderful grandchildren: Eric, Kyle, Kristen, Andrea, and Jeff; plus two wonderful step grandchildren, Aaron and Alyssa, great-grandchildren, adorable 2-year-old Evie and delightful step great-grandchildren Abby, Lucy, and Garrett.

Bob and Lois bought 5-1/2 acres of land on Henderson Road, where they lived and which they gardened for 60 years. From their yard garden stand, the children sold vegetables and fruits to passersby and to local food markets.

Hosting an American Field Service Student from Manila, Philippines for a year of high school and a student from Auckland, New Zealand for Rotary Club's 3-month high school program greatly expanded their interest in world affairs. They traveled to many parts of the globe, concentrating especially on Europe and the Far East.

Lois' hobby is freelance writing. She has had many human-interest stories published in *The Columbus Dispatch*; recent ones have appeared in *The Ohio State Alumnae Magazine*. Lois published a children's picture book, *It's The Work of the Wind*, for which Bob Davidson did the photography.

Lois' church activities were ringing in the Bell Choir, serving as a Deacon, teaching Sunday School, and helping in the Tutoring Program.



Anna Jo Beeson says, “Music is my passion.” She taught piano for over 65 years and stopped last year when COVID came. She studied music in college and in New York, majoring in production and theater. Through the years she has put on many music recitals along with Christmas Eve children services, Variety Shows, and conducted the children's choir at Covenant.

She has always enjoyed sewing, made her own clothes, sewed costumes for the Covenant Variety Shows throughout the years, including Halloween costumes for her daughters and grandchildren.

Her family moved so often she was always the new girl in the class. They moved at least 15 times during her school years.

If she could have dinner with people living or dead, she would like to have her grandfather who was one of the last two veterans of the Civil War to live (a drummer boy), her parents because she misses them and they gave her a good life, and lastly her husband John who a very intelligent engineer, funny, and caring.

Anna Jo is one of the last two charter members who are still living at this church. Her husband and she started the church along with other members. One of their meeting places was a theater on Lane Ave where Carsonie’s is now. She has three daughters, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, who are all a blessing in her life.



Rhoma Berlin says her life is quite uninteresting—or is it??? She has been a “Journalist” in a way—loving to write and not too good at it. She was the Editor of her 1945 school yearbook while getting \$2.00 an hour fee working every day after school downtown at the town’s daily newspaper. This job entailed interviewing service men about their jobs overseas around the globe during 1943-1945.

She experienced the most embarrassing moment in her long life getting a story from the first World War II “war ace” and falling down the front steps of his parents’ home as she left saying her goodbye to him. He was gracious. She was red-faced! She worked on many stories and the aftermath is that she is still “interviewing” each new person she meets!

Nothing exciting in her life—except by sheer coincidence Senator Ted Gray, in our church, and she dated once in Piqua High School, and they are both still here to “brag” about it!



Peggy and Jim Best are both from small towns in Ohio. Peggy’s home is Batavia in southern Ohio and Jim is from Montpelier in Northwest Ohio. They met in Cincinnati in 1952 while Peggy was enrolled in nursing school at Christ Hospital and Jim was a medical student at the University of Cincinnati.

Ten days after Peggy graduated in 1954, they were married in the Presbyterian Church in Batavia. Jim finished medical school, interned in Cincinnati, spent two years in the Air Force and then two years in general practice in Findlay, Ohio. In 1960, Jim decided to specialize in anesthesia, so they moved to Los Angeles where he trained in the LA County Hospital, and then back to OSU hospital Medical Center where he completed his residency, and he joined the staff. He spent the next 10 years teaching and practicing and then he moved to Riverside Hospital.

They were blessed with three children: Rebecca, Mary Anne, and Jim. They also have seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Jim retired in 1994 due to his health problems, and this past April, we moved into the retirement community of Stone Oak in Hilliard.

Peggy and Jim have been members of Covenant for over 50 years and have enjoyed and appreciated the love fellowship and guidance they have received. Traveling was always enjoyable. Two of their favorite trips were on the Orient express from London to Venice, Italy, and three weeks driving on their around Ireland.

Their favorite quote is:

“May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rain fall safe upon your field and until we meet again...
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.”



Janet Bock's favorite job was teaching English as a second language.

She will always remember her grandfather because of his Scottish brogue and his great sense of humor.

The most memorable place she visited was Viet Nam.



Bernie Campbell was born on November 1, 1938, at Wooster, Ohio. Two years later his sister was born. When he was in 6th grade, he built his first radio. Two year later he built an AM/ Short Wave radio. When he was in 10th grade, he became chief engineer of his high school radio station WHSV.

He graduated from Wooster High School in 1957. During the summer, he visited Otterbein College, and while on a tour of the campus, his guide suggested he visit the former AM college radio station. The college was planning to obtain a new license to operate an FM station. By the end of the tour, he decided to pursue a B.S. degree in Physics at Otterbein. During his freshman year, two classmates and he put WOBN FM on the air. He served as the station's chief engineer for two and a half years before graduating in 1961.

Bernie worked for several months at North American Aviation in Columbus before receiving a notice from the draft board that he was being drafted. After basic training, he was assigned to the US Army Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal and NASA Spaceflight Center at Huntsville, Alabama, where he served as a researcher working with Civilian and NASA scientists for the remainder of his two-year assignment. He was honorably discharged in November of 1963.

He returned to Columbus and accepted a position as a research scientist at Battelle Memorial Institute. In 1965, he met Susan Sprunger. She had graduated with her BS in Nursing from OSU and was working at OSU Hospital. We began dating and were married in 1966. In 1967 we purchased our home on Colchester Road, and fifty-five years later, we are still at the same address.

In the 1970's, Battelle acquired a very large high energy laser system for contract research projects. He was asked to join this effort and eventually was responsible for managing the facility and conducting the experiments. Areas of research included defense contracts for the US Government, Laser Fusion research, a new process to shock harden metals to prevent premature metal fatigue and to increase the lifetime of Titanium turbine blades in jet engines. This process was adopted by the manufacturers of the airplane engines. Also, he was involved in research to remove harmful emissions from coal fired power plants. This process was successful and was adopted by industry to meet EPA emission standards.

Bernie collaborated with several professors from OSU on research of cancer tissue samples and studies of dust mites and bees using high resolution soft x-rays generated by a laser. He retired from Battelle in 1997 after 31 years as a research scientist. He was a co-inventor on five US Patents related to Laser applications and technology. One of the Ph.D.'s (who he worked with for many years at Battelle) and he each formed their own companies to continue working on a classified contract for The US Airforce at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. After five years, the project ended, and Bernie retired from research.

A short time later, Al Kennedy asked Bernie to help him with two organizations where Al was assisting. One was Worldwide Humanitarian Aid and the other was Pastors for Peace. Two pastors who were instrumental in the success of the program were Rev. Bill Barndt and Rev. Bill Lewis, both exceptional individuals. They assisted Al and Bernie in finding donated items that included clothing, wheelchairs, medical supplies, sewing machines, dental chairs and

equipment, and hundreds of other requested items. The donated items were picked up and moved to a warehouse whose owner gave us free space to store the items. Each item was inventoried, packaged, and loaded into a 50 ft. shipping container or a semi-trailer for shipment. For over 13 years, Al and Bernie, with many other regular helpers, were involved in shipping many containers or trucks filled with boxes of material aid to Central America to groups who were definitely in need of these items. Fundraisers and donations paid for the shipping costs.

Susan and Bernie have two sons Bryan and Mark, and a daughter Debbie who is married to Scott Van Aman. They have two grandsons Charlie and Jack Van Aman and two granddaughters Maggie and Sydney Campbell.

During the years their kids were in school, they always spent at least a week or more during the summer, family RV camping somewhere in the USA. Trips included historic sites such as Williamsburg, Washington, DC, Disney World, Philadelphia, the Blue Ridge Parkway, Skyline Drive, the Smokey Mountain Parkway, and many more. The year Debbie was born was the only year we stayed home. The longest trip was for four weeks traveling west to visit and camp at numerous National Parks, visiting historic sites, and viewing the beautiful sights and attractions that make the west special. After our children finished College, Susan and he began traveling to Europe. We have taken eight trips to most of the European countries. The experience has been overwhelming.

Susan and Bernie became members of Covenant Church in about 1972. He has served as a Deacon, a member of the Properties Commission, and has been involved with the Men's Group and their various events. He enjoys relaxing by listening to classical music, opera, music from Broadway and movies, and easy listening music. With hundreds of selections to choose from on my iPhone, I take my music with me.

He is a 32degree Scottish Rite Mason, served as advancement chairman for Boy Scout Troop 295, and served on The Boy Scout Advancement Committee for the Northwest District.

Bernie can recall a story that occurred when he was younger. Their family received a bill for taxes, but family funds were insufficient to cover the total amount owed. His mother told him she did not know how she could possibly pay the bill that was due the next day. His mother prayed that she might find help. The very next day a letter arrived in the mail. It contained a check for a construction project on a house that his father completed many years in the past, but the debt had never been paid. The check in the envelope was more than sufficient to cover the taxes. What a wonderful example of how God hears and answers our prayers.



Dick Campbell was born in Logan, Ohio, and had two older brothers. He gained an interest in electrical engineering at the age of 9 or 10 from his father, who was adept at fixing things and had wired some homes. When he was 13, his family moved to Lancaster, where he attended high school. He said he was “a pretty good student,” and had no difficulty making friends because he was in the band.

When the time came, he went off to Ohio State to study electrical engineering. Despite going from Lancaster, where his class had around 200 kids, he said he had no real problem with the transition to Ohio State because he made lots of friends while playing the snare drum in the marching band. (Dick remained active in the alumni band until just 5 or so years ago.) He received his degree in electrical engineering in 1954; at that time, it was a five-year program. Eventually, he would go on to get his Ph.D. and teach and do research at Ohio State for 35 years.

Dick got married to Alice, whom he met at Ohio State, and they started a family. He lost his wife to breast cancer when their two daughters and son were adults. She lived six years after she was first diagnosed. During that period, Dick had said he wanted to pursue his doctorate, with Alice responding, “OK, but you’re not going to quit!” Over the years, he had already met Betsy, who was his wife’s boss. Asked how they first started seeing each other, he said, “I asked Betsy if she’d like to go out to dinner one night and, to make a long story short, it was a long dinner.” They have been married for 25 years. Between them, they have a mixed family of six daughters and a son, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

One aspect of his job that enriched his life was that, because he was on a teaching schedule at Ohio State, his summers were basically open. He could work, as he did for General Electric, the (Howard) Hughes aircraft company – or he could visit U.S. national parks and see the country. He once drove up through Alaska and then took a ferry back. His favorite national park? Glacier.

During his working days, he met many famous and accomplished people (but Howard Hughes never came out to the plant in California by the time Dick was working there). He has fond memories of two men, in particular, for whom he worked. At Hughes, the engineers had

weekly staff meetings. Dick's boss started each meeting with a question: "This is where we are. Now what are we going to do about it?" He also had a boss during his days teaching at Ohio State that, if you went to him with a complaint about a co-worker or colleague, he would immediately pick up the phone and summon the person to iron out the problem on the spot. "He'd say, 'Come down here right away!'" and would confront the issue before it festered.

What is something that few people at Covenant might know about Dick? He spent two summers in Swaziland in Southern Africa training engineers to repair medical equipment at hospitals. While he was working for Project Hope, he enjoyed traveling to the animal parks in Africa, seeing "elephants, lions and tigers."

Asked if there were any place he would like to have visited but hasn't, Dick quickly said, "Antarctica." If he could have dinner with anyone, living or dead, he said, "My two wives and my parents."



Bob Crook says that the event that had the most influence on him was when he married Betty!

His hobbies are golf and poker, and he thinks the invention that changed society most is television.

If money and time were no object, he would like to visit Wurzburg, Germany, where he served in WWII.



Esther Curtis always liked to swim. When at the University of Nebraska, she was a part of a club that did routines in the water and performed at programs. They didn't have great costumes—just black suits.

Just out of college with a dietetics degree, she was hired by The Southern Counties Gas Company as their Home Service Director. This was her favorite job as she would call on new appliance owners. Being a gourmet cook, she would do cooking demonstrations for clubs using the company's equipment. Everyone loved her pies!

Esther grew up in Grand Island, Nebraska. After marrying her husband (this was the time when it was considered wise to change leadership positions), they moved many times, which meant she had many different jobs. She lived in Pamona, California, St. Louis, Kansas City, New Orleans, Salem, Ohio, and then Columbus. She was a teacher in the Farmer in the Dell pre-school and played the piano for their lessons. She taught Perception Classes under the Title 1 program and worked in a loan department.

She became interested in stocks at a time when stock clubs were very popular. She liked doing the research and advising members of several stock clubs whether to buy a stock.



Alan Davidson's forebears settled in Ohio before statehood but, during the Civil War, moved to Pennsylvania where, somewhat later, he was born in Pittsburgh. Soon after, his father joined a Cleveland-based company and Alan, an only child, moved to Shaker Heights with his parents.

When his father later started his own business, they moved to McKeesport, Pennsylvania where Alan went to high school. After graduating from Penn State, he enrolled in Harvard Law School, aiming to use his J.D. in a business career. While there, serendipitously, he met Louise, also a graduate student; they'll soon celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

Following graduation and Alan's short detour into active military service, they moved to Pittsburgh where he joined Mellon Bank's management development program. It paid him to attend business school while getting a hands-on education in banking. Alan progressed through Mellon's management ranks until January 1981 when BancOhio National Bank recruited him to Columbus to manage its state-wide trust activities.

Alan and Louise had been active at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Upper St. Clair, Pennsylvania and joined Covenant within weeks of moving to Upper Arlington (prompting their friends to ask, "what's with all the Uppers?"). Alan had been an elder at Westminster and was subsequently elected one at Covenant. He's also served on the boards of numerous non-profit organizations including his favorite, Pilot Dogs.

Louise soon became very active at Covenant, where their two daughters and one son were confirmed. Alan's mother, Marie Davidson, moved to Friendship Village of Dublin and was also a Covenant member for nearly 20 years before her death in 2006.

When National City acquired BancOhio, Alan became the company's Chief Fiduciary Officer, responsible for trust accounts and personnel in 13 states. He enjoyed this role until deciding, as he neared 70, that he'd been a road warrior long enough and tried to retire. Failing in that effort, he became the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System's ("OPERS") Investment Compliance Manager, which didn't require traveling. He's now retired, successfully, from this second career.

With children living in Miami, San Francisco, and St. Paul, enjoying loving families and fulfilling careers, Alan and Louise hope to continue aging in place at the Dublin home they built for that purpose.

Louise Davidson was born a few days after the 1938 hurricane, worst ever to hit the east coast. Her father was teaching chemistry and physics on Martha's Vineyard at the time and had quite a trip getting her mother off island to the hospital in Massachusetts. After a couple of years on the island, they moved to Connecticut, then Vermont, then Massachusetts, and

then different towns there. She graduated from West Springfield High School, Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, and a graduate program, the Harvard-Radcliffe Program in Business Administration. The program was the first year of the Harvard Business School for women since women were not admitted to the HBS in the first year. She did not continue with that; it was time to get a job.

Louise met and married Alan who was attending the Harvard Law School. She worked in HR at a bank until Alan graduated and was hired by Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh. She worked at what was later Equibank until they were expecting their first child. She was told she had to leave when she was four months pregnant. Ah, the good old days! Two more children and 17 years later they moved to Columbus.

They had been members of Westminster Presbyterian Church, the same church as Tracy Keenan and her family. Almost before the moving van left, they joined Covenant (1981) and she joined Lydia Circle. Once their children had finished high school and gone off to college, she began her "career" with Presbyterian Women, serving in leadership roles at Presbytery, Synod, and Churchwide. It was an amazing time as she traveled for PW in the US, Europe, Nigeria, South Korea, and Mexico meeting wonderful women everywhere. In the Presbytery, she served on the Peacemaking Committee and at General Assembly, on Compassion, Peace and Justice (then the Peacemaking Committee), and the Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns.

PW Churchwide began its concern over human trafficking in 1990 with a trip to The Philippines, Thailand, and Cambodia. This has been a major concern for her since 1997 and has led her to involvement in CATCH Court. These days, her attention is focused there and on our prayer shawl ministry. Gardening is a hobby she enjoys more than any exercise regimen! Their three children have turned out to be responsible adults with wonderful spouses and children. Life is good!



Growing up in Gallia County, Ohio, **June Davis** had a strong grounding with family and friends. She had one sister, a number of cousins, and is still in touch with one friend there who is just a few years younger. She remembers giggling for frogs with her uncle and cousins and box viewing of newspaper comics outside of the store belonging to a congenial owner in her hometown of Vinton.

Dabbling with mud in a local spring and playing on her father's own self-made clay tennis court were two early connections to clay that would much later in life be her medium in sculpting beautiful pieces of art at the Columbus Cultural Arts Center. Throughout her house today one will find numerous original sculptures June has lovingly created. One memorable one reflects June herself sitting on a bench with the train engineer on the day of her ten-cent ride to the frog hunt with cousins. Sculpting turned out to be a major hobby and talent of artistic skill that she had never imagined growing up.



June graduated from The Ohio State University in School of Music with a voice performance major. One of her vivid memories of those school days is the day she was taken to a radio studio to perform a solo, suffered a vocal lapse just minutes ahead of airtime, but recovered to do a commendable job just at the perfect time. Not surprisingly, June brought her beautiful voice skills to Covenant, and enjoyed many years as a member of our church choir under the leadership of Weldon Adams.

June lost her husband, Tom, about ten years ago. He worked in a financial division of General Motors. June worked outside the home for a time as a telephone service representative. She is very proud of her son (also TMD!) who is now at retirement age! She has fond memories of his years growing up in Upper Arlington and graduating from medical school at OSU.

Anyone who knows June, knows, also, that her favorite pastime was tennis, which she continued to play recreationally and competitively until she reached age 85! Nowadays, she does as much walking as she can, which had a setback a little over a year ago when her neighbor's dog jumped on her and knocked her to the ground, breaking a hip in the fall. We are all glad to see June is nearly recovered and is still driving herself to church and leaving her walkers at home.



School was enjoyable and easy for **Sidney Dill** even though the early years included six different schools. Seventh grade through high school graduation was just one school. She graduated from college and then taught junior high art for two years. She and **Garret Dill** were married in 1957. They are now retired and back in Columbus from their rural home in Madison County where they raised Angora goats and sold mohair. Consequently, Sidney got a spinning wheel and learned to spin the hair into yarn. Most of the family enjoyed Mohair sweaters and she still has yarn! (and the spinning wheel).



Dale Dougal's most memorable places he visited were the Twin Towers in New York City and Hiroshima, Japan, and the most interesting people he met were Russian Cosmonauts at a luncheon.

Dale lived through WWII as a pre-teenager and remembers the rationing of gasoline, food, and shoes. He worked in an ice cream factory at age 9 because there were no men around to do this. In the summers he and his brother raked bales of hay and stacked them in a wagon. He drove a delivery truck at age 15. In Korea, Dale served in the Army and was schooled at the Japanese Naval Academy. He was asked to accept a teaching position at West Point but decided to pass on this one.

Dale says computers, space travel, and medical improvements are what changed society the most in his lifetime.

The 3 people he would like to have dinner with are Neil Armstrong (they were in the same period of high school and competed in sports, band, and hobbies—airplanes), General McArthur (Dale served under him in Korea, and he was very well versed on what to do to recover from a war), and Thomas Edison (wants to talk to him about inventions).

Eleanore Dougal met John Galbraith at dinner at Darby Dan and toured the farm with him. He was such a gentleman!

The inventions that have changed society the most have been remote controls, clothes dryers, jet planes, air conditioners, automatic transmissions, and the advances in medicine.

The most memorable places she has visited were the Valley of the Kings, Egypt, and Ayers Rock, Australia.

As a teenager, she remembers WWII when she was allowed to have one pair of shoes a year. There were blackout curtains, food rationing, gas rationing, and turning in a used toothpaste tube in order to get a new one.

If she were to have dinner with any three people, living or dead, they would be Walt Disney, Jonas Salk, and Thomas Jefferson. Why? She likes variety!



John Emrick has been a bicycle enthusiast for many years. He usually bicycled daily a good five miles from his home to various locations around Upper Arlington. He often used the trail along the Scioto River, exiting at Nottingham Road for the shorter ride, or making it a 9-mile trip to bicycle as far as the Lane Road exit, then up “the” hill on his return home.

Even though John and Marianne had travelled to China earlier and had seen many interesting cities and sights, the trip to Egypt, however, left a lasting serious and funny memory. John was very impressed by the sheer size of the pyramids and the wonder of how the people of that time were able to build these marvels. His group was able to climb to the top of the pyramid on its inside to reach a room holding a stone sarcophagus which was guarded by two soldiers.

While still in Egypt and now at the Cairo Museum, John and his group crossed paths with former President Jimmy Carter, his wife, and entourage. For the evening performance, John and his group sat just a few rows behind President Carter, and John was able to get close enough to take a photo of him.



Grace Feller first joined Covenant in 1971 but was away in Mississippi for twenty-three years until three years ago. She grew up in Green County, Wisconsin, youngest of eight children, with a strong Swiss heritage and attended a one room country school for eight years. After high school she went on to get a BA in elementary education at UW-Platteville.

Grace and Dennis were confirmed at the same time (at Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed Church) and went to high school together. There was always the story of how they had been born a day apart in the same hospital! They were married just after college, when Dennis began his career and Grace went into teaching, and later secretarial work. They raised their two adopted children, Renee and Jay, in Upper Arlington and in the Covenant family, and now have six grandchildren.

Here at Covenant, Grace was involved for several years in the education of young people, took part in family activities such as Koinonia and family camping at Geneva Hills, and proudly served as Elder. She is currently active in Eunice-Lydia Circle and Covenant Presbyterian Women.

Along with her broad experiences of living in three different states has been the opportunity to meet and make lasting friends with so many. She has been able to travel and have acquaintances from several countries as a result of Dennis's work. As to the wars, Grace experienced having family members in the Korean War: corresponding with a brother-in-law, and regrettably a cousin missing in action. Grace is thankful for good health after surviving two cancer scares several years ago, and that she has three older sisters still living in Wisconsin.

Grace's hobbies are reading, Dispatch crossword puzzles, playing cards and computer games, golf, quilting, and collecting coins and four-leaf clovers!

Dennis Feller grew up as an only child on a dairy farm in Monticello, Wisconsin. An inescapable truth is that Grace (his wife) and he were born less than one day apart at the same hospital. Their mothers shared a room together and Dennis always says, "It must have been love at first sight". Grace and Dennis didn't see each other very much until High School, first dated in their sophomore year and were married after both of them completed their college degrees in 1963.

At the University of Wisconsin, Dennis received a BS degree in pharmacy, and MS and PhD degrees in pharmacology. After two postdoctoral years at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda Maryland, he joined the faculty in the College of Pharmacy at The Ohio State University for 26 years before transferring to the School of Pharmacy at the University of Mississippi in Oxford for another 8 years. They stayed in Oxford for 23 years and returned back to Columbus in 2018 to be closer to the families of their son, Jay, who lives in Upper Arlington and daughter, Renee, who lives in Stow, OH.

His main accomplishments were becoming a professor and chairperson of the Pharmacology departments at both universities. He taught undergraduate students and graduate students and was a mentor of over 20 doctoral candidates. He values his experiences as an invited visiting professor to universities in Italy, Thailand, Egypt, and Venezuela. Receiving a distinguished alumni award from the School of Pharmacy at the University of Wisconsin was one of his proudest moments.

While a graduate student, his mentor placed the following quote on exam papers: "Chance favors only the prepared mind" by Louis Pasteur. It has been a motto that Dennis followed during his education and academic career and passed along to students that he helped train in Ohio and Mississippi.

Dennis is currently serving as a Deacon. His hobbies are playing golf, bridge, euchre, and computer games, reading books, and being an avid follower of sports. Watching or attending football, basketball and baseball games became part of his life. If the Packers, Badgers, Buckeyes, and Rebels win, he is a very happy guy!



Ruth Ann Geiger was the Customer Service Manager at Chemical Abstracts Service and retired after 27 years of service. Her proudest moment was graduating from Ohio University and her hobbies are bridge, reading, quilting, crocheting, and crossword and jigsaw puzzles.

School in the then small Pickerington was wonderful, and she participated in band, orchestra, and choir. She also sang at numerous churches in Columbus and as after dinner music at banquets, parties, etc.

Beginning in 1952, her parents took her and her sister to U.S. President's birthplaces, last homes, and libraries. What wonderful trips they were, and she has missed very, very few. She has traveled a lot, but her most memorable place was Switzerland.

World War II was especially memorable because her uncle was injured and missing for a while. When he returned to the States, he came to their house, and to this day, she can see him coming up their front steps in uniform and on crutches (full of shrapnel, she might add).

If she could have dinner with three people, it would be Eleanor Roosevelt, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Einstein. After reading "The Other Einstein", she would probably give him a piece of her mind!



Hazel Ginther's hometown and schools were the most important things in her life growing up. Small classes, dedicated teachers, and wonderful friends.

She was nine when Pearl Harbor was attacked. Her father enlisted in the Navy, and she was a sophomore in high school when he returned. Activities in high school included band (Majorette), choir (Ensemble), basketball, and all youth fellowship and church activities. Her talent included tap dancing and she performed in most any show happening in Meigs County.

Upon graduation from high school, she married her high school sweetheart Bob Ginther four years her senior. She worked with Ohio Fuel Gas and her husband completed his music degree at Ohio State. He was the Band Director at UAHS from 1955 to 1980. She was his majorette trainer and taught dance at Marjorie Jones Dance Studio.

When at Covenant the Gintners and the Beesons started the Covenant Variety Shows each year. They even had a dance band of church members who were really very good.

In 1970, she began her banking career with City National/Bank One. She was selected for Bank One's first Hall of Fame. She retired in 2001. Her husband was selected for UAHS first Hall of Fame.

The most memorable place she has visited is "The Mountain" in Colorado Springs. Four-star General James Hartinger was in charge of NORAD and the U.S. Air Force Space Command. Jim had been in school at Middleport with her husband and had planned for them and her father to go through "The Mountain." She has never been so impressed. The vault door there made the one at Bank One look very puny.

If she could have dinner today with three people either living or deceased, she would select her husband and John and Anna Jo Beeson. As Andy Rooney and Julie Garland said, "We could put on another show."

The quote she has always remembered and used is from her mother. She would say, "Now Hazel, when a thing is once begun, never leave it till it's done. Be the labor great or small, do it well or not at all."

Hazel has been a member of Covenant since 1957 and sang in the church choir until she lost her voice.



Barbara Golan was born and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska. She remembers going to the dances at the Lincoln Air Force Base during WWII - often the last stop before soldiers shipped overseas. She and her husband moved to Columbus when he was hired by Scotts. She always wanted to fly, and so became a pilot when she was 50. She taught flying at OSU for several years. She and her husband had a home in Florida in a fly-in community, with a car parked in the front of the house and the plane in the hangar in the back. One of her favorite trips was her flight to Alaska. She sold her plane when she was 70. (She's now 93.)



For the past half-century or so, **Ted Gray** has been a loyal member of Covenant Presbyterian Church. But beyond being a part of Covenant, Senator Ted Gray's professional career focused on serving the citizens of Ohio's Senate District 3 and all of Ohio.

Ted grew up in Piqua, Ohio. After high school and after World War II, he served briefly in the U.S. Navy in 1945-46 before heading to college. Four years later, he was graduated from The Ohio State University one week and sworn-in to the Ohio Senate the next—in 1951 at the ripe old age of 23.

The geographic boundary of Ted's Senate district began in Western Ohio—Miami County is one county inside the Indiana line. Over his 40 years of service, his Third Senate District

included all or part of eleven different counties. After each decennial Census, the re-drawn district lines were shifted East, and Ted would move to stay in the newly drawn district lines. In 1973, that meant moving to Franklin County and Upper Arlington, where he joined Covenant.

During his four-plus decades of public service, Senator Gray chaired different Senate committees, and served ten years as the Senate Republican Leader—the top Senate office in his party. While in Senate Leadership, Ted worked with Governor Rhodes and fellow Senators from both political parties to pass laws that benefit Ohio.

One piece of legislation was to allow school busing to parochial schools. The lobbyist for the Catholic church called the local Priest, mistakenly thinking that Ted was against this school busing bill, so the Priest cancelled an end-of-season sports award that Ted had for years underwritten. At an event at the Governor's Mansion, Senator Gray mentioned this situation to the Catholic Bishop. The Bishop's response was, "Time for a cup of coffee!" Recalling this makes Ted chuckle still today.

Another time, as Senate Minority Leader Charles Carney was emphasizing his dislike for a bill supported by the Republicans, his speech focused on Senator Gray, the Majority Leader. At one point in the speech to stress his disagreement with the other side, he began to spell out the words Majority Leader as follows: "M A G" The Senate chamber filled with laughter. About a week later the same Senate Minority Leader Carney presented a trophy to Senate Majority Leader Gray, with the spelling "Magority Leader"! This led to another good laugh and showed the ability of both sides of the aisle to disagree with each other on issues but still get along well.

Besides serving as a Senate Leader from the mid-1960s until the mid-1970s, Senator Gray's time in office included serving as Chair of Highways Committee and of the Finance Committee, which he chaired at the time he retired from the Senate in 1995.

Our neighbor Senator Ted Gray has had an impressive and meaningful career serving his community of Upper Arlington, Franklin County, and the State of Ohio! Thank you, Senator Gray!



Dorothy Grossman was born in Scranton, PA and family moved to Washington, DC, when she was 4, where she lived until her marriage. Later she lived in St. Louis, Kansas City, Indianapolis, and finally Columbus.

She danced and sang in a group that performed around the D.C./MD/VA area. She sang on a radio program called “Bud Ward’s Kiddies” when she was a child. She attended the White House Easter Egg Roll until it was temporarily suspended during WWII. She earned her athletic letter in high school.

Graduated from the Washington School for Secretaries and worked as a legal secretary until her marriage. She worked as an Executive Secretary for American Electric Power Company and retired in 1985.

Met her husband Don on a blind date when a friend invited him to her church, and they were married for 45 years. Dorothy & Don always bowled on their church leagues, and she later bowled on a women’s league at Sawmill Lanes with Betty Crook, Judy Oeder, and Betty Hubbard Irwin of Covenant.

Dorothy has met some interesting people: while living in DC she rode the NBC elevator with Eleanor Roosevelt one day; was in the same room at the Washington Cathedral when FDR visited; and spoke on the phone with Alice Roosevelt Longworth.

She has 3 children, Keith in California, Robin in Michigan, and Nancy Hughes in Columbus who is a member of Covenant. She sang in the Chancel Choir at Covenant, was an active member of Primetimers, and served as a Deacon.



Marilyn Hall was born and raised in a loving family. She lived there until going to Purdue earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Institutional Management and Dietetics and meeting her husband Phil.

After their marriage, they were separated most of the next three years. His Navy commitment sent him away; however, she was able to live in Coronado, California, during one of his last assignments, and stayed there when he left the states again. They eventually returned to Ohio where Phil was hired by Burgess and Niple designing highways, etc. Upon his retirement from Burgess and Niple they traveled to all the states and abroad.

Raised by a family who volunteered services, they agreed to live on his salary. Marilyn would be a stay-at-home mother to their three children. She oversaw Covenant's kitchen, taught Sunday school, spent 30 years delivering Meals on Wheels, and was a Girl Scout leader, etc. Phil was a very giving, unselfish person, and never complained when so many health issues arose.

Until Marilyn can see him again, she will enjoy her three children and six grandchildren. Advice she would like to give is "Take a day at a time", and "Help others".



Jim Hamilton grew up in the small village of Glenford in Perry County near his grandparent's farm that is still in the family. Many of you have visited the Heritage farm and all of you are

always invited. He would not trade growing up in Glenford for anything and it was here that he learned the first of life's lessons; "life is not always fair". Because there were so few children to play with, you were always around older and younger kids where you learned to either tough it out or take your ball and go home.

Basketball quickly became Jim's passion and by his senior year that passion had earned him an athletic scholarship at Miami University. Those years at Miami were special times and resulted in 3 life changing experiences: 1st, the chance to play Division I basketball, 2nd, the opportunity to get an undergraduate and master's degree; and 3rd (and most important) meeting Lynn on campus where she became his best friend and his lifelong partner.

After college, Jim and Lynn accepted teaching positions in Battle Creek MI. Jim as the boys' varsity basketball coach and Lynn as a high school counselor. During our 7 years there, both children were born, many lifetime friendships were made, and we fell in love with Michigan and return there often. After leaving Battle Creek in 1969, every summer Jim and his family came back to Battle Creek where he directed a very successful boys' sports camp while Lynn and the kids each summer enjoyed a wonderful 12-week vacation.

In 1969, Jim accepted the boys' varsity basketball coaching position at Upper Arlington where he taught biology and physiology and coached the Golden Bears for 18 years. In 1986, Jim became the Director of Athletics at Upper Arlington, a position he held for 7 years before retiring with 33 years in education.

Jim's early basketball passion has had a huge lifelong impact. Lasting memories of wins, losses, championships, awards; teammates who are still lifetime friends; players and coaches who, to this day, are a major part of his life. It has been a great ride!!

In 1994 Jim became a Registered Investment Advisor and spent 22 years working in the personal investment and financial planning world for PDS Planning.

Since moving to UA, Jim has been an active member of Covenant and has been involved with our Presbytery, serving as it's Moderator in 2013-2014. Jim still serves on several Boards and is very active with the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame.

In the early 2000s Lynn, who loves adventure and traveling, convinced Jim that there is a "big world" out there and he should join her. Since then, they have traveled all over the world and hope to continue visiting new and exciting places as long as their health will allow.

Jim and Lynn have 3 grandchildren. Daughter Ann, who lives here in UA, has a 26-year-old son and son Guy, who lives in Coral Gables, FL, has a 12 year old daughter and a 9 year old son.

If it were possible, Jim's 3 dinner partners would be his dad, John Wooden, and Winston Churchill!

Lynn Hamilton's world began when she was born on her parent's birthday in September, just as the world was recovering from the depression, yet the threat of war was looming on the horizon. As a child she loved living in their small town on the banks of the Mississippi where all her family was within walking distance and their Sunday dinners included all of them around the table. Her older sister and she enjoyed the swing in the apple orchard and the fresh watermelon on the porch. Life seemed so simple until the war, my sister's sudden death, rations, and "this can go to war" was a daily theme. Thus, she was the "baby" of the family, then the only child until along came her twin brother and sister, and she became the oldest. She did not know until starting 1st grade that you were not born on someone's birthday!

Dad was evidently exempted from the draft during WWII as he worked and traveled for LIFE magazine. At the war's end they moved to Webster Groves, Mo., a community like Upper Arlington. She still embraces those days. Her mom was an elementary teacher, and education was always promoted within the family. Her dad was an avid, successful golfer and they would head out to the club where she learned to play, caddie for the women's group to earn money, and played on the club's youth league. It never occurred to her that she was one of the very few girls on the team. When not playing golf, she was swimming. Polio came along, and her family sent her back to the small town, only this time to her aunt's farm. The thought at the time seemed to be "get them out of the city and into fresh air". She was not sure the farm air would qualify under that category, but her summers there were great lessons in life. Her aunt's quilting and love of fabrics came into play much later in her life. Life also laughed as she would end up owning a farm with Jim, Heritage Farm, as many of you know of it.

Once the vaccine for polio was available, life in Webster returned to normal. As a junior in high school her family again moved, and she landed in Medina, Ohio. She felt like Dorothy in "Oz". The adjustment taught her well and the ability to adapt. Small school, great friends, and Friday night band concerts in the park! She saw an announcement on the activities board in school for try-outs for the golf team, so she did! She played on the boy's golf team both years and was the only girl in the league. She was denied participation in the regional tournament as they discovered she was not a "male". Although there was nothing in the rule book at the time relating to that issue--there is now... She put her clubs away and went off to college.

Miami was and is my life-long loyalty. She spent the year's active in her sorority, on the colligate synchronized swim team, and cheering on her best friend who was playing on a very successful basketball team. Yes, she did attend classes and graduate, then she and Jim decided they could be "best friends" as well as husband and wife. They were married that summer. She was given a grant by the government to take summer courses in a new field

called “school counselors”. She was certified and took a counseling job in a high school in Oxford until Jim finished his master’s at Miami. They moved to Battle Creek, Michigan where he coached, she counseled, and their daughter and son were born.

They also became involved with Tall Timbers Boys Camp, where during the summers they lived in an A-frame in the woods and among 90 young campers. Horses, the lake, games, cookouts, became their summer life, until they moved to Upper Arlington. Jim became the coach of the Golden Bears. Lynn once again adapted, but this was a community just like her Webster Groves--so she was “home” full circle. They have been members of Covenant since moving here and consider the church their faith leading life.

She became involved with the Greek system at Ohio State and other colleges. She was involved with Junior League and the famous “Bargain Box”. I used her sewing skills and worked at Fabric Farms as it grew into a recognized successful business. Two of her co-workers are members of Covenant and special friends to this day.

Again, she went back to school and became a licensed professional in the chemical dependency field. This disease was exploding throughout the country, and she values the lessons learned while working at Maryhaven. There she felt the issue was best addressed with the younger generation. She was hired to develop a program at DeSales High School, as well as helping to develop a Saturday Family Workshop for students in need for Franklin County. She became a Presenter for a national program called Parent to Parent developed by Bill Oliver. They could use another program as viable as this was for parents at this time. While at DeSales, she became involved in developing the girl’s golf team and still cheers them on each season.

She has retired from private practice recently and hopes to return to her many travels now that Jim is available. Their church and church family are the core of their life. She plays golf, travels, walks the dog, swims, and enjoys friends, family, as well as the beach. She trusts the next chapter because she knows the author.



Richard (Pete) Hemmer grew up in the small town of Dansville, NY, and recalls growing up there as being a pleasant experience. From grades Kindergarten through 8th grade, Pete attended a catholic school where he was taught by nuns who were strict and caring. Through their teaching the nuns helped him to learn to love God, respect authority and others, and discipline. When he reached high school age, Pete transferred to the public high school. During high school, he participated in many activities, lettered in 4 sports, and graduated with honors. Electing to take a bookkeeping course, Pete discovered a liking for accounting which became his career.

Pete attended The College at Niagara University, a Catholic University in Niagara Falls, NY, which was quite a lesson in growing up. Because he had never travelled very much, it took him a while to acclimate to his new life. As Pete had done in high school, he participated in student government, ROTC, was on the yearbook staff, and lettered in baseball. He graduated Cum Laude with a BBA degree with a major in accounting and a minor in philosophy. He also received a ROTC commission as a Lieutenant in the Army Reserve.

After college, Pete was hired by Ernst and Young, a national public accounting firm in their Rochester, NY, location. However, his service with the firm was interrupted due to his ROTC obligation. Pete served 6 months in active-duty training as a NIKE (surface to air missile) officer in Texas, and thereafter was obligated to serve 7 ½ years in the active reserve.

Following his service in active reserve, Pete returned to his business career as a Certified Public Accountant, working in Senior Auditing positions with Ernst and Young in their offices in Rochester, NY, Syracuse, NY, and New York City. After his career in public accounting, Pete served as Chief Financial Officer of three regional retail corporations in two eastern states. He moved to Columbus in 1996 and joined the Corporate Tax Department of JP Morgan Chase as a Vice President until his retirement in 2006. Pete's career taught him to "start the day by doing the difficult tasks first and then the rest of the day is easy".

The most memorable place Pete visited was Israel. Seeing the sites that he had read about was overwhelming. He will never forget how emotional it was, walking in Christ's footsteps on the trail he took to his crucifixion. Pete and Mary enjoyed a wonderful trip to Italy and would like to travel more.

Growing up with a nickname of "Pete" has caused a lot of confusion. Pete was tagged with this name by a friend of his grandfather whose name was Pete. Somehow this nickname stuck and the only people who called him Richard or Dick were immediate family members. Pete states: "I guess I liked the name better than my legal name because I used it throughout my life".

A happy event in Pete's life was his marriage to Mary in 2011. He had been married to his first wife Natalie for 37 happy years, until she passed away in 2005 after contracting cancer. Because he was Catholic and Mary was Presbyterian, they honored each other's religion by going to the different services every other Sunday. After a couple years, Pete decided to join Covenant feeling very comfortable and pleased that he made that decision.

Mary Hemmer attended high school in Waterloo, Iowa, where she worked hard and participated in many school activities. She was an honor student, sang in the chorus, was in a high school play, and was a cheerleader all 4 years. It was in high school that Mary experienced a turning point in her life. Her principal called her into his office to tell her that he was pretty sure that she would be eligible for a scholarship to go to Ohio State University even though she had been accepted at University of Iowa.

The rest is history! Mary attended OSU, graduating in 3 years, which saved the University money. She then started her teaching career at UAHS. Mary did change careers, so to speak, when she became a stay-at home mom for her four children. Mary recalls that this was the best career ever! She did go back to work for the UA schools for 15 years as a sub for the district which she loved.

Mary shared a vivid memory of when she was very young. Her mother had wakened Mary and her sister in the middle of the night and had them dress in their finest church clothes. Her mother then put them into the car and drove them to the train station. Mary ran up to her dad, coming home after 3 years in WW2, and said: "Hi Daddy! I'm four!"

January of 1955 had emotional high points and low points for Mary. On January 1, 1955, her family went on a trip to the Rose Bowl! Mary's uncle, who was the head coach at OSU, wanted his brother, her dad, to bring them to Pasadena as it was his first time to take the Buckeye's to the Rose Bowl! Her father, who was a veterinarian, had another veterinarian take over his practice, drove her family to St. Louis, and off they went on the Santa Fe train! "We did it all! Rose Parade, trip to the zoo, and a Big Buckeye win!" Then on January 25, 1955, in the middle of the night, Mary remembers hearing lots of sounds-voices and car doors slamming. The next morning her mother walked up the stairs to Mary and her sister's bedroom and told them that their dad had passed away of a sudden heart attack. He was only 43 years old.

Mary shared a wonderful footnote about her dad. This was back in 2017, when her dad's alma mater, Iowa State University, inducted him into their Athletic Hall of Fame. Her whole family was there. Mary and her sister, Marty, got to walk out on the field for the presentation. Her dad loved football as much as her uncle and was even an All American!!

Mary and Pete have had ten wonderful years of marriage. Each of them has four grown children from prior marriages and each of them has a youngest child named John!

Both Mary and Pete enjoy traveling. They have loved their February trips to their favorite seascape place on Bonita Beach. And then there was COVID! They would love to take a cruise down the Rhine River. Mary anticipates the challenge to see if she can remember any of the 2 years of high school German that she took.



Tom Hoover was born and raised in North Columbus and spent his education traveling down High Street from Clinton Elementary all the way to Ohio State University. **Emaleen Hoover** was born in Shadyside, Ohio. While both were students, they met on the student train going to the Rose Bowl football game in 1955. After graduation they met again in Cleveland, Ohio, where they both had taken their first “real jobs” ... Tom as an industrial engineer with Alcoa and Emaleen with the Lakewood school system teaching Middle School English. They married in 1958, and a year later they moved back to Columbus so Tom could finish his master’s and Ph.D. and teach Industrial Engineering.

Their first house in Columbus was on Sciotangy Drive. Covenant Church had just been built across the street, and they joined as new members. After the birth of their three children, they built a home on Marlyn Drive and have been living there since.

After several years, Tom started his own engineering consulting business which took him all over the US and many foreign countries. His travels generated many frequent flier miles which they used for seeing most of Europe in a rental car.

Retirement has brought them joy seeing their three children mature and marry and watching their four grandchildren grow.



C. DeVere Johnson will never forget his “mamaw” who pretty much brought him up from the time his family moved from Keokuk, Iowa, to Columbus, Ohio. Then later, his two in-laws Dorothy and Charles Cottingham were his family ... all are now gone but never forgotten. He was a Sigma Phi Epsilon at Ohio State with his son Jim and his father-in-law Charles.

De had an incident while flying with the Navy and surviving the crash in a P2 Neptune. The Skipper of the squadron was asleep in a night landing operation, but he was responsible for putting the propellers in reverse upon landing and accelerating the engine to full throttle to stop the airplane. He ran through the entire landing area. The executive officer stopped the plane but lost the right wing, right landing gear, and the right tire exploded into fire. The crew bailed out carrying fire extinguishers and getting away from the crash. Only minor scrapes and bruises were on the lucky men.

De has had several incidents with fires. His wife Nancy and he witnessed the family paper company fire, a possible boat fire on Lake Erie when a mechanic messed with their boat motor, and the largest of a GMC Motor Home that blew up on Rt. 90 New York going to son’s graduation in Kents Hill, Maine.

It’s all about family for De and there were so many fun positive times: all trips with our German “son” Axel in Germany, England, Austria, and Switzerland. Axel made us very happy as he became a brother to our American son Jim. My daughter Jodi (and her family) run a dog and cat sanctuary in Plain City. Our daughter Kathy Lauren and her five, living in Chapel Hill, N.C., are very close to us as are Jim’s sons Connor and Corey Miles.

Nancy C. Johnson grew up in her grandparent’s home with a wonderful mother and doting dad. She attended Columbus School for Girls and Ohio State, and is an Alpha Phi, where she was awarded a teaching certificate. This was and still is her second love as Family comes first.

She has been very lucky in having a devoted family of 3 children (we do not differentiate between half and wholes when it comes to children). Of Jim, Jayne, and Jodi, they have 7

grandchildren who have produced 12 ½ great grandchildren for us to spoil. Currently four are in town. One is a 1st Lt in the Army, who is based in and a resident of Alaska. Kathy and her five are living in N.C.; “She is my soul who does all the research for De and me. My son Jim and his wife Lorraine are looking after us in this age of virus and turmoil.”

Nancy does remember both of her grandmothers for they were very strong ladies as was her mother. Each had a special “thing” they gave her--to grow up to be the person she now is. Her husband De has been her rock, her caretaker. She feels that perhaps with the 2 of them, they have one whole person.

De and Nancy have loved children their whole life. They did an ice hockey team with CAHA, as well as a referee school, parties, advised more children than they can remember (but they remind them now and then), taken in children as foreign students away from any home, Columbus kids, their own children have lived with them and had their families with them and all teaching as they lived. She says one item has stuck that Katie Kinnison taught our 3-year-old 10 years ago: “It is what it is, but you can’t throw a fit.” It works on so many levels...



Allenetta Kaufman career included being a social worker and a probation officer, but her favorite job was working in the office of U. S. Congressman Alan Mollohan from West Virginia.

When she was afraid and did it anyway was when she climbed Mount Sinai on a camel, but coming down, she was glad she did. Another thing she was afraid to do was taking seminary classes after she retired, but she did it and is now a licensed American Baptist minister.

If she could have dinner with anyone it would be her husband and her parents.



Eileen Lazear was born in Wadsworth, Ohio. She had a brother and her family lived about three blocks from the school, so she would walk to and from the school. Eileen has enjoyed her brother and was very blessed to have him in her life. When she was growing up some of her friends did not have siblings and they had shared feeling that they were left out for not having these close relationships in their lives.

Eileen was very involved in girl scouts as a young girl. Scouting had such a positive impact on her life that she became a scout leader when her two daughters were scouts. Eileen was very involved with recruiting and training new scout leaders.

She remembers visiting a floodplain once where it had been inhabited and then it was totally wiped out. Using this scenario as an example, Eileen advises that we not take things for granted, that we cherish our family and friends, and our experiences as life is unpredictable and nothing is permanent.

Dr. Lloyd Ferguson was her husband Ed's preceptor at OSU Graduate School and he and his wife Gladys were also neighbors. The Fergusons ended up being very influential in Ed and Eileen's life. Gladys helped Eileen get involved in many new activities. She would love for all of them to have dinner again.

Eileen and Ed traveled extensively through the years. She recalls fondly their trips to India and Japan. Both countries were so rich in history and culture, there was so much to learn during their travels.

Eileen and Ed were blessed with four children - two daughters and two sons. Their daughters live in the Columbus area. She enjoys her visits with them and is grateful to have two of her four children nearby.

Below is a picture of a game her father made for them as children. We lifted and lowered the string to race the horses from one end of the room to the other. Such fun!!



Dick Lewis grew up in a small urban community of Neville Island. Yes, an island in the middle of the Ohio River, about 10 miles downriver from Pittsburgh. He went to a small school which had K-12 in one building. The school had less than 500 students. Neville School received no state aid, as the tax base on the industries provided all the funding necessary. Because of the size of student base, Dick participated in three (all) HS sports, newspaper, yearbook, Key Club and was class president twice (he thinks). In high school, boys and girls participated in Commercial or Academic classes, however all had to take a couple years of Industrial Arts and Home Economics. He learned to rig electrical circuits; spot weld, cast a screwdriver handle, machine a small tool on a lathe, and fabricate a lamp. In Home Ec., he could cook and sew. This was all, of course, in addition to the academic curriculum.

The most influential time in his life was his service career in the Air Force, 1963 to 1967. He entered the service after graduation from Grove City College, PA, and ROTC in 1963. During his USAF tenure, he achieved the rank of Captain at age 25. During the last two years of the tour, his primary position was base Casualty Officer. He was responsible for setting up government benefits and other service-related entitlements primarily to the spouses of deceased or missing airmen. He provided these services for probably more than 30 deceased or missing fighter pilots serving in Viet Nam. Most of the spouses had families and were the

most courageous individuals he had ever met in his lifetime. They were the true backbone of the Air Force family. Dick received the Air Force Commendation Medal for his service.

Dick had a great career in Human Resources, working for two companies. Following his HR time for Brockway Glass, Inc. (1967 to 1979), he became the corporate Benefits Manager for that same company. While working in their new corporate office in Jacksonville, Fl. in 1988, the company was acquired by Owens Illinois, Inc. of Toledo. He was fortunate to be asked to move to the corporate offices of OI that same year and worked as the corporate pension manager until his retirement in 2001.

He has known his wife Patty Spare for over 40 years. Patty worked with him in pensions for more than 10 years. After their spouses passed, Patty and he renewed their friendship as he commuted back and forth from Toledo to Columbus for a few years. Friendship became relationship and they were married in Toledo in January 2014, in the midst of a Level 2 snowstorm. He lost the coin flip and moved to Columbus. Between them, they have 13 grandchildren, ages 6 to 22.

In his faith journey, he was a member of 6 Presbyterian churches around this great country, a Deacon or Elder in 4 and his current marriage was in a Catholic Church.



When **Gerlinde Lott** arrived in New York Harbor on March 4, 1959, on the USS United States, having stopped at Le Havre and Plymouth before crossing the big pond, her plan was to stay two to three years to improve her English and possibly see a bit of this huge country. However, the plan changed drastically when John Lott entered the picture; they were married 52 years when he died.

Today, Gerlinde is a volunteer driver with Syntero and the Clintonville Resource Center, taking clients to their doctors' appointments.



Ellen Lowery is a true Californian, born at the Naval Hospital at San Diego. Her father was a career Naval Officer, and the family did a lot of moving. She loved all the moving but hated all the new schools. At one time during WW2, her mother drove across the country with just the kids at 35 miles an hour!

Ellen attended a number of different schools graduating from Coronado High School and started college across the bay at San Diego State College for one term, then moved on to Omaha University in Omaha, Nebraska.

From there to Pearl Harbor and the University of Hawaii where she graduated from the University of Hawaii. From there to San Francisco for a brief stay. On to Seattle, then Coronado, then to Corvallis, Oregon, where she met Howard. They married and drove across the country to New York City where Howard did his three years at New York Hospital. They moved to Columbus in 1960.

That's a lot of moving! Their first child was born in NYC, and their other two were born in Columbus. They've lived in three different homes here, joined Covenant Presbyterian Church, and have been good members ever since! It's been a great place to live!

Howard Lowery was born in 1929 by C-section with a fraternal twin brother, Harold, and reared in the small college town of New Concord where their dad was Dean of Education at Muskingum College. They had two older half-brothers Arthur (b.1910) and John (b.1914) whose mother had died of gall bladder surgery complications in 1921. When the twins were three sister Jean arrived and the twins were said to ask, "where is the other one?" Schools were an easy walk away with the shortest walk across the street to college.

Wars had a profound effect on all families. Howard was deferred from the Korean war to go to medical school at Ohio State, and after internship at Philadelphia General Hospital, Howard

became a Navy medical officer and was assigned to Tongue Point Naval Station in Astoria, Oregon, from 1956 to 1958. On a brief assignment to Oregon State Univ. doing physicals, Howard met Ellen on a blind date arranged by the son of Howard's medical officer commander. After their marriage in 1958, they drove back across the country, first to New Concord and then on to New York City for Howard's three-year residency in ear, nose, and throat. They returned to Columbus in 1961 to join Howard's brother John in ENT practice.

Their first child, James (Jamie), was born in New York Hospital. He grew up to become an ENT doctor completing his residency training in Madison, Wisconsin and in 1990 returned to Columbus with his wife Dawn, a Speech Pathologist, where they both joined the ENT practice in Columbus. Their son Robert (Bob), born in 1962, became an insurance actuary (and was delighted to show Howard an article describing it as the best job in the world). Bob's wife Carol trained as a grade schoolteacher and is now working in an insurance company helping managing benefits. Their daughter Mary Ellen, born in 1965, trained as a grade schoolteacher, and married Tony who is a pathologist in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

In 2001, Howard flunked a retirement attempt and returned to part time medical ENT practice with his group until his retirement in 2018. At that time, they sold their home on Langport Road and moved to their condo on Mansion Way. He misses the indoor pool, but it is time to move to a condo is not too far from Bob and Carol's, or church, where they have many friends.

The Lowery name is complicated as his mother Mary Martha Lowry b. 1894 was not related to his father John Glenn Lowery b. 1877. Howard's grandfather John Loughery b. 1844 came to America from Ireland in 1846 and gained his citizenship by fighting for Ohio in the Civil War where they shortened his name to Lowery. When his grandfather went to vote, they said he had to use his service name so Loughery, the immigrant, became Lowery, the citizen.



Barbara Marshall feels as if she has lived three lives! She was born and raised in Alabama, being the oldest of four children. She was an active Southern Baptist member and paid her way through college working in a bank. When her grandchildren (8 of them) ask her about the "olden days", Barbara tells them about working a switchboard, just like Lily Tomlin's skits. After college, she left home to see the wider world via Procter & Gamble market research, dealing with secret test products that are now household items.

Marriage to Bill Marshall brought them to Dayton where Bill practiced cardiology for 31 years. As they raised three daughters, Barbara was active in school and church (Westminster Presbyterian). Bill and she were active in organized medicine at the local, state, and national level, primarily working on health care issues. As the only non-physical member of the AMA Council on Legislation, Hillary Clinton's health care plan was faxed to her at her local grocery store, dozens & dozens of pages!

Bill's retirement and subsequent illness brought them to Columbus where she sought the congregation where someone's friend was a "pillar of the church", our dear Vi Messick. After a decade of caregiving came widowhood. In the past 12 years, doors have opened, and she is as busy as ever with church (deacon, elder, Mission & Social Concerns, Justice & Peace) with particular focus on CATCH Court. She has been fortunate to travel extensively, spend summers at Torch Lake with family, and walk miles daily. Thanks to Covenant and many friends, she now thinks of Columbus as home!



GEORGE & CAROLYN McCONNAUGHEY

Five Generations of Covenant Members

(George's parents, George & Carolyn, Daughters, Grandchildren, and Great-grandchildren)

"Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so". This is their favorite hymn as it brings them close to young people.

Because of their ages (Carolyn will be 93 on October 31 and George was 96 on August 9), they want to share their volunteer activities involving the care and nurture of children from birth to age eighteen.

Carolyn was the volunteer head of Covenant's Sunday morning nursery for over 25 years. For example, when Erin Wise was a young mother, her three babies were among the babies in the nursery. As a member of the Childhood League, Carolyn supported the League's program of providing care and nurture for preschool children with special needs. Carolyn also was instrumental in having special needs children included in the curriculum of the Upper Arlington schools. Carolyn was a Girl Scout leader for six years.

George's volunteer services involving children included his membership on the Upper Arlington Board of Education for eight years. George served on the Board of Trustees of Buckeye Boys Ranch for 10 years. In addition, George served as chairman of the Center for Economic Education which involved working with representatives of OSU's College of Education.

George is a World War II veteran where he served 22 months in the European Theater of Operations beginning in February 1944, when George was 18. After Germany surrendered in May 1945, George was transferred to the United States Government Headquarters in Berlin, Germany. Shortly before he returned home, George purchased 3 Swiss watches for \$35. He then sold them to Russian soldiers for \$1000. He used the \$1000 to buy his first automobile as a 20-year-old freshman at Denison University in 1946.

A few other interesting tidbits about Carolyn and George:

- In 1956 George was a member of The Electoral College as a United States Presidential Elector for President Eisenhower's Re-election.
 - Carolyn has a cousin who is an officer in the Uniformed Secret Service who has served as a sharpshooter stationed on the roof of the White House when the President is in residence.
 - Carolyn and George have met 3 Presidents in the White House on 3 different occasions: President Eisenhower in the East Room, President Johnson in the Cabinet Room, and President Nixon in the Oval Office.
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Jane McLean is a native Chicagoan. She married Roger in 1949, and they lived in Milwaukee until 1969, when Roger accepted a position with Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel. They lived happily in West Virginia but decided to move to Friendship Village of Dublin in December of 2008, and then joined Covenant Presbyterian Church. Unfortunately, Roger passed away in 2015.

Jane and Roger traveled extensively to all seven continents and more than 80 countries. Their favorite place was Antarctica.

Jane is a lifelong Presbyterian; an elder, active in Christian education at all levels—local, church, presbytery, and synod.

She was active in civic affairs in Wheeling and League of Women Voters—locally and at state level, and, until her eyesight began to fail, a passionate needleworker.

She has two daughters and two sons (one deceased), 8 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. They are all scattered from Maine to Arizona, and Michigan to Georgia.



Jane Morton has been a member of Covenant since 1979. She has been active in the Miriam Circle and Covenant Presbyterian Women's Association, having served as Moderator for two years. She has helped make sandwiches and delivered them to the homeless group in Central Ohio and, with a partner, delivered food from our SOS Food Pantry.

She served as a Deacon and an Elder, chairing the All Church Nominating Team, and was on the Pastor Search Committee chaired by Roland DeMott. Being active in church activities has always been important to her as she comes from a long line of United Presbyterian family members.

Jane grew up on a farm in Guernsey County, Ohio, where she was a member of the Antrim Modern Priscillas 4-H Club for 10 years.

Paul Morton grew up in the Methodist Church, but, historically, many of his ancestors were Quakers. It was a smaller change when he joined the Presbyterian Church about three years after marrying Jane. He always thought the polity of the Methodist Church was a mystery and liked the clarity of the Presbyterian polity.

He grew up (as far as one is grown up at age 16) in Freeport, Ohio. After his sophomore year in high school, he accepted the offer of a scholarship paid by the Ford Foundation to go to Oberlin College. This was a trial with 200 students a year for four years to see if 16-year-olds could do college work and whether they would be more likely to return to college after the proposed universal military training that was being discussed in Congress around 1950. That was never adopted, but the Ford Foundation supported them for the full four years. Then he came to Ohio State for medical school.

Jane and he were married the day after he graduated from Ohio State. They went to Los Angeles where he completed his internship and the first year of his residency. The last two years of his internal medicine residency were completed at Riverside Methodist Hospital.

The most memorable place that Jane and he visited came in 50 parts--they visited all 50 State Capitals. They found great variety in them, although there were many with common themes, and they all serve the same basic functions.



Charlie Mueller's father ran the grocery his dad started after immigrating, alone, in the steerage, to his uncle's grocery in Dayton, Oh. Dad's desire was to become an engineer, but Papaw told him the business would suit him. His dad graduated from OSU in Business and provided well for Charlie and his sis and brother growing up, emphasizing education highly. When Charlie decided he wanted Medicine, he was fearful his dad would repeat his father's efforts, but fortunately for Charlie he did not. He had wanted to be a physician from an early age, and it proved a great opportunity he seized when offered. He met his lovely and favorite wife, Kathe, in Cincinnati when she too was a student in Medicine – and he dares say the smartest, kindest girl he had ever met. He thinks he knew immediately they should be a couple and after a lot of convincing she agreed. This is their 54th year of marriage.

Charlie's path in Medicine was Radiology because at Cincy the very best teacher was Ben Felson, MD, Professor of Radiology and well known for his humor and seemingly endless knowledge; even today he remains Charlie's favorite teacher. He led Charlie to teaching Radiology his whole career of >40 years, first in New Mexico, then at OSU. For a couple of stints Charlie was the acting Chair and had many sleepless nights, but for 20+ years he was the training Program Director, and helped many young docs get their certificates in this always expanding field. It was like a rollercoaster ride as new tools became widely used in Diagnosis, Ultrasound, Nuclear Medicine, CT, MRI, and Radiation Oncology.

Family was always important to Kathe and Charlie, and they tried their best to instill their values into the lives of their children – Chuck, who is the oldest, sailed thru UA HS with highest honors and with scholarships graduated Miami U with highest honors and triple majors. He went to aerospace graduate school at Univ. of Michigan, choosing combustion research as subject for MS and PhD there, also with honors. He now runs the Combustion Research Lab at Sandia National Labs in Livermore, Calif. He found his love in Calif. where his wife Susan and he raise 2 delightful children, ages 13 and 11.

Chuck's younger brother, Ted, also graduated UA HS and went on to college, graduating Miami Univ. in Business and English. Ted has worked in the hotel world for Starwood, rising to head for eastern US and Caribbean, before eventually moving into Northwood Corp where he is now the CIO for the Charlotte office. He married his love in Charlotte, Julie; they are raising 2 wonderfully smart and happy boys ages 9 and 11.

Kathryn has followed her parents as a physician and lives only a quarter mile away as the crow flies. She married a physician, Wes Milks, and they have 2 beautiful children ages 2 and 5yrs whom they see daily. They are members of Covenant also. (Kathryn is radiologist at NCH and Wes is cardiologist at OSU). Yes, we are proud of them all!

Kathe Mueller's favorite job was being a nurse for a medical doctor's family practice. It always felt good to help people.

School was always fun for her, and she will always remember her parents and brother. The event that had the most influence on her life was when they almost lost their twenty-year-old son.

Kathe's favorite quote is "This too shall pass". She says that computers and smart phones have changed society the most in her lifetime.

If time and pandemics were no objects, she would be happy to visit all over the USA.

If she were to have dinner with any three people, she would like to eat with Will Rogers, her mother, and her father.

She said she was very afraid to have her surgery but did it anyway.



Joanne Murchake, a member of Covenant for 50 plus years, gives these words of advice: "We have to believe. We have to be kind, good, and loving to each other."

She married her husband and was transferred to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where their four daughters were born. Joanne was raised Lutheran, and her husband was raised Catholic. She recalls the church in San Juan as being multi-denominational as all religions were represented. When they moved to Columbus and went to their first service at Covenant, Joanne's husband remarked that "they were home". She loves the church, which she admits has evolved with the times.

She enjoys doing needlework, piece quilts, and painting. Joanne is one the four church members who made the banners that currently grace our sanctuary.

Joanne and one of her daughters travelled extensively over the years, but, of course, her favorite place was San Juan due to her wonderful memories. She would love to travel to Ireland as her grandfather is from there, but she is only able to travel vicariously with her brother.

Life has changed a lot since Joanne was a child. Her parents were her strongest influences in her life, which was simpler as there were no televisions, cell phones, nor computers. “Why we’ve gone to the moon!”



When **Sue Park** was a student, she answered a call for blood donors for the first time. It made her feel good to know that she had something in her own body that could benefit a person who needed it. As she recalls she gave again from time to time over the years.

After they moved to Arizona in 1984, she remembered answering that call again, but it wasn't long after donating that she received a call from the Red Cross informing her that they didn't really have much need for her rare blood type, but they had a huge need for her platelets and/or plasma. They explained that any AB positive blood donor could give to anyone, and that there was a huge need because of the many types of cancer patients not needing whole blood, but platelets or plasma. She was thrilled to think she could be useful in such a way! Sometimes the Red Cross would use her donations for a particular patient over a period of time, and that made her feel more of a connection to that person.

Since plasma and platelet donations return the red blood cells back into the donor, she could give more frequently, even several times a month. Over the years, until she had to retire from donating because of her age, she donated well over 100 times.

Sue's hope is that this information will make some young people more aware of how their lifesaving blood or platelets or plasma can make a difference. Some of you may be needle shy,

but it is easy to overcome that if you picture one of your loved ones needing something you can give them at no cost to you but just a little time!



Carol Petro was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio. During the WWII years her father was in the Navy serving shipboard in the South Seas and her mother worked at Wright Field (now Wright Patterson AFB) and remained a career federal employee. When she graduated from Wilbur Wright High School, she enrolled in the College of Nursing at The Ohio State University. In the fall of 1955, she moved to Columbus and into a freshman dormitory. She graduated from OSU in June 1959 and passed the state exam for registered nurses. She first met in December 1955, and they were married in July 1959, and shortly thereafter Carol began her career as a registered nurse and John entered the College of Law at OSU.

They began their family in November 1963 and had two daughters when they bought their first home on Ridgecliff Road. They started to attend Covenant shortly thereafter. Their busy family grew to four children, three daughters and a son, and they moved into a larger home on Grace Lane. School activities and youth sports soon consumed their days. In the summer they traveled to Canada for several weeks in a cabin on a small lake called Muskosung. Friends and family often joined them, and it was a favorite vacation for more than 40 years. All their children graduated from Upper Arlington High School and attended The Ohio State University either for undergraduate or graduate degrees.

In the early 1970's Carol was introduced to the Near Northwest Tutor Program, a one adult to one child program sponsored, in part, by Covenant and conducted at the W. Second Ave. Presbyterian Church. After 10 years of tutoring a number of children, she was asked to take over the administration of the program and continued in that role for about 35 years. Sadly, interest in the program waned and the program ended in 2015.

John and Carol have continued to attend Covenant where she has been privileged to serve as a deacon for 12 years. Several years ago, she traveled to Honduras with Katie Kinnison, then our

assistant pastor, and a group of teenagers from the youth group. They were assigned to a Presbyterian sponsored orphanage for children whose families were unable to care for them. Some children were there for short terms and others lived there until adulthood. They worked on projects to improve the facilities and they joined the children in their activities and played and prayed with them and their teachers. It was an unforgettable and rewarding experience.

John Petro was born in 1937 in Elyria (Lorain County) Ohio and was the youngest of three children. His father had a management position with the Railway Express Agency which required them to move frequently. As a result, He lived in six Ohio cities before he was 12 years old.

His parents and he made their last move as a family, coming to Columbus in June 1952. John attended Columbus North High School where he was the catcher on the baseball team and graduated in June 1955. As students at The Ohio State University, Carol and John met in December 1955, became a couple, and have remained so to the present. They graduated from OSU in June 1959 and were married in July of that year. They have four children, all living close by, two of whom are attorneys, one a library specialist at a local high school and the other a nursing administrator at Riverside Methodist Hospital.

Following undergraduate graduation, he enrolled in The Ohio State University College of Law (now the Moritz College of Law) from which he graduated in 1962 and began his career in a small law firm in Columbus where he remained until he retired at the end of 2003. Following retirement, he became Counsel to a Columbus firm in which two of their children were practicing and in which he is still actively involved.

While John enjoyed most areas of the practice of law, his specialty was construction law and in particular the representation of contract bond surety companies. Over the years he handled construction claims across the United States, tried cases in numerous counties in Ohio and in several other states and lectured on the subject for Practicing Law Institute, Engineering News Record and numerous bar associations and other professional institutions. In the later years of his practice, he became involved in alternative dispute resolution as a construction claims arbitrator and mediator and served as a dispute resolution advisor on numerous Ohio Department of Transportation projects.

John began coaching girls' softball when their oldest daughter was in the third grade and continued coaching at Northam Park, and with some tournament teams, for 35 years. For about 32 of those years, until 2010, he was president of the Upper Arlington Athletic Association, the sponsoring entity for youth athletics at Northam Park. Beside coaching softball, our son and he collected baseball cards which they still retain, and John collected vinyl jazz records from the late 1940's through the mid 1970's.



Sandy and Howard Pritz spent most of their growing-up years in Larchmont, New York, where they went to the same schools and started dating on Sandy's 15th birthday. They went off to college in the same state, MA, she to Mount Holyoke and he to Worcester Polytechnic Institute. In 1959 they were married, having had to obtain special permission from the Dean of Students for Sandy to stay in school. Sandy graduated in economics and mathematics a year later; Howard was meanwhile completing a MS in Mechanical Engineering at UMass-Amherst.

Shortly after, Howard was called to Augusta, Georgia to complete his ROTC military obligation as an Army officer; this took longer than expected when the Berlin Wall went up and his tour was extended a year. Meanwhile, Sandy started teaching at Augusta College, where her northern accent made her unintelligible to many of her students.

After a couple of moves, they landed in Columbus in 1964 with baby Linda and have been here ever since, buying a house in UA and joining Covenant a year later. Their sons Bill and Braden came along in due time. Sandy and Howard find it hard to imagine that all three are in their fifties and that their five grandchildren have grown up and finished college! Both Howard and Sandy have served as Elders and on various church commissions, and Sandy has been singing in the Chancel Choir for 55 years.

Sandy's career at The Ohio State University was split for many years between teaching economics, after earning her MA there, and working at the Center for Education and Training for Employment. As a researcher and project director, she was involved in extremely varied work centering most often in integration of academics in career-technical education. Her project work in the 90's took her all over the globe, to mostly developing countries including Mauritius, China, Russia (Siberia!), Kyrgyzstan, Hungary, and many more. After she retired from OSU after 30 years in 2000, Sandy earned her PhD in Workforce Education and began consulting work in CTE, which she is finally thinking she will wind down!

Howard started working on a PhD at OSU in Engineering Mechanics with several meager fellowships, but when he met a number of fellow students who worked at Battelle on a real salary, he decided to do likewise. Over the next 18 years he worked on many interesting design projects, one of which was on pedestrian safety. This led to a position at the Vehicle Research Testing Center in East Liberty, a division of NHTSA, U.S. Dept. of Transportation. His work involved developing an entire family of instrumented crash test dummies, which are still used in automotive safety research.

With the children grown up, 32 years ago Sandy and Howard moved to their dream house in UA, one with the contemporary architecture of a Frank Lloyd Wright disciple. They have enjoyed restoring and expanding their home, where they hope to stay, given that it is suitably designed for those in their age bracket!



Bette Purdy will always remember Rev. Perry, the minister who baptized her when she was 12 years old. She remembers that he always came out to their farm for dinner and was so very kind to her family. When she was 12 years old, she was asked to speak in front of her mom's church group. She never liked public speaking as that was hard for her and she was very nervous. She did get through it and remembers telling the ladies about Jesus.

She lived through World War II and the Korean War. World War II had a tremendous effect on her life as her father served in the war and was gone from the family for four years. We were in the Great Lakes region when my husband served in the Korean War.

The most memorable place we visited was Australia as the people were so kind, and if money, time, and pandemics were no object, I would love to go to Australia and Ireland again.

If she were able to have dinner with any three people living or dead, they would be her mom, her dad, and her grandmother. They had such wonderful laughs when they were eating. They were such fun!

Her marriage to Clark has had the most influence on her life, and her happiest moments are the birth of her 3 children. They have nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Her favorite job was running the payroll department for Clark's company.

Clark Purdy was born and raised in Michigan and shares how he left a secure company and took a chance to starting a business on his own. His wife Bette was the backbone of his success, and she supported his decision every step of the way. His favorite job was being President and CEO of C.C.C. Rent A Car and Airport Parking.

The most interesting person he met was his father-in-law as he farmed, mined, served in the military, and flew his own plane. He also raised a beautiful daughter!

Clark says his heart surgeries at the Cleveland Clinic were the most influential event in his life, and he is forever grateful. His proudest moments are raising three children and marrying his wonderful wife. His words of advice are "Whatever I've accomplished in my life, I owe to other people." He says that "Technology" is what has changed the most in his lifetime. "It is sooo hard on the elderly!!"

He would like to have dinner again with his mom, his dad, his best friend John Roy, and his sister. They were all so influential to the person that he is, and he misses them so much.



Anne Rorapugh and her husband Dick made Covenant their church home in 1959. Keith Moser was the current pastor, followed by Fran Park (who was there a long time) and they were very special to us. In more recent years, Katie Kinnison was very important and helpful to Anne.

Dick was a WWII veteran, a Korean War Veteran, and a Lieutenant in the US Naval Reserve. In the early 70's, after he had some heart problems, Dick and Anne were approved for licenses in Investment Insurance and Individual Life Planning. They opened our own business in tax preparation, and they ran it together from our dining room table where they met with their clients and talked about investment and tax planning. Dick was President and Anne was Vice President.

They had four children: Don, Doug, Brooks, and Anne. Unfortunately, Don passed away one year ago, and he will be missed forever. Doug does pastoral counseling; Brooks has a law practice in Medina; and Anne is a critical care nurse at Mt. Carmel. They are/were amazing children and gave us some amazing grandchildren.

Dick passed away in 2012, and their granddaughter Abby really wanted him to see her in the first class that allowed women to graduate as part of the Navy ROTC. She went on to become a lieutenant commander in the Navy. Another grandson Michael is working in Aeronautical Engineering. Anne is extremely excited about her grandson Nathan who was recently accepted as a trumpeter into the U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps. This is one of only four premier musical organizations in the entire US Army. One fun note is that they wear U.S. Continental Army Uniforms.

Covenant has always been a very special place for Anne. She treasures the long-term friends she has made and enjoys being in touch with them.



Jack (John) Sanders was born and grew up in Cincinnati. He attended Woodward High School, but it has since been demolished. He received a Degree in Electrical Engineering from Indiana Institute of Technology and was an engineer for Columbus Southern Power, AEP, and Westerville Electric.

A word of advice he would like to give is to “do it now”, don’t wait ‘til you retire. Live life to the fullest today.

Jack and his wife Diana have been married for 60 years and have had several different hobbies over the years. They raced a Comet sailboat, camped in 49 of the 50 states, and bicycled in 49 of the 50. Their current hobbies include kayaking and camping.



Jan Schmidt met Robin 65 years ago after an OSU-Northwestern football game in Chicago. They were married later at Boulevard Presbyterian Church by Rev. John Glenn. They lived in Grandview for a year before building a house in Hilliard. Jan and Robin had their first daughter Shely and being a family, they decided to join Hilliard Presbyterian Church where they were charter members.

A lot has happened since those days. They had another daughter Robin and a son Jay (J.J.). They have seven grandsons, three great grandsons, and in August the first girl in 60 years, our great granddaughter Cassidy, was born.

Both Robin and Jan were very involved in the arts, both in Upper Arlington and Columbus, in many capacities. Robin was the Chairman of the Columbus Arts Festival in 1975. He was very active in many art committees in Columbus. He was active in the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and owned his own company, Robin Schmidt Design, Inc. He excelled in designing interiors of banks, medical facilities, and commercial offices throughout Ohio.

Jan was a hematology technician at Ohio State University. Her department was called Kinsman Hall. She worked for the greatest hematology team known worldwide: Dr. Charles Doan, Dr. Bruce Wiseman, Dr. Robert Wall, Dr. Henry Wilson, and Dr. Bertha Bournle. When Dr. Doan retired, Jan went with him in his private practice. It was a wonderful experience.

A good life for the Schmidt's, very proud of our children, grandchildren, and the greats!

Robin had the most amazing day in his life when he played golf with Jesse Owens. Jesse was a very kind, interesting, and soft spoken man. We have the score card and the picture of Jesse in our den, but I won't tell you the scores! When asked who he would like to have dinner with, he responded with Lt. Gen. Chesty Puller, the most decorated Marine in American history. Robin was a Marine, one of "The Chosin Few" in the Korean War.

Jan hasn't met many famous people, but she really liked meeting Archie Griffin who Robin had played golf and tennis with. Robin passed away on July 11, 2021. He felt very passionate about Covenant and our many members.

Jan would love to have lunch with Jesus, who gave her a loving hug one day as she sat praying.



Dave Seifert was born in Cincinnati OH in College Hill. He went to Hughes High School and then crossed Clifton Ave and continued his education at the University of Cincinnati, graduating with a bachelor's in chemical engineering. He met Sheila at the University of Cincinnati on a blind date, and they married shortly after he graduated. After graduation he employed by General Electric working on a nuclear airplane for the federal government. When that contract was stopped, they moved to Columbus for work with Battelle Memorial Institute where he worked for 35 years. He was at the 5th Ave location for a number of years working on hot I so static processing and decontamination of uranium and other radioactive elements from labs in three buildings. He also worked on developing solar cells which included a trip to Pakistan to inspect a UN solar so factory. Later he worked at the West Jefferson facility decontaminating and decommissioning their nuclear reactor from the Manhattan Project World War Two day--a well-kept secret in Columbus for many years.

Dave and Sheila have traveled to many places their favorite being Alaska and Cuba they enjoyed sailing a comet for many years at leather lips Yacht Club.

Dave was an Elder at Covenant and chaired the Properties Commission. He volunteered for many years with Habitat for Humanity and helped build a number of houses. Also, he went on several Scioto Valley Presbytery mission trips with members from Covenant. His favorite

hobby is woodworking, and he has made many projects for covenant--the pulpit, lectern, choir risers, flower stand, welcome table in the front hall, whiteboards in the hallways, mirror and blackboard in the Bride's Room 120, Audio Control Center for Fellowship Hall, and many smaller items at various times.

Most recently he worked as the volunteer Facilities Manager for a number of years until COVID hit and he had to retire.

Sheila Seifert was born in Cincinnati OH, in her grandmother's home where she lived with her parents and two of her father's younger brothers. When she was about 4, they moved 3 doors down the street to her own home. Another brother of her dad's then moved his family into her grandmother's home (she had died). For that reason, she has always been close to her Conard family through the years. She was able to walk to school through the 8th grade. She graduated from Woodward High School. This is the same school that several members of our church attended (Jack Sanders and Judy Oeder).

Sheila and Dave moved to Columbus at the end of 1969 for Dave to work at Battelle Memorial Institute and then joined Covenant in 1970. These were very important decisions in their lives. Their daughter Robin grew up at covenant graduated from Miami University Ann is an actuary. Their son Andy graduated from the University of Cincinnati and is a civil engineer. They have 6 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

She has been a Deacon and an Elder at Covenant and volunteered a lot over the years. Back when Bruce Langford was pastor at Covenant, he led the congregation to get involved with Habitat for Humanity, and she spent 7 years as their volunteer bookkeeper. In 1994 she received the Dispatch Community Service Award. Now that they are retired, she works with the Interfaith Association of Central Ohio (IACO) Social Justice Committee and with the Columbus One ID Coalition, which includes working with Building Responsibility Equality and Dignity (BREAD).



Richard Boyd Sharpe was born on June 25, 1934, in his grandmother's living room in a small house in a small town in Indiana. He grew up in another small town, Rushville, Indiana. His father was a barber who owned his own barbershop, his mother was a homemaker, and his three-year younger sister became a nurse. In 1952, he graduated from Rushville High School where he lettered in football, basketball, track, and tennis, and was senior class president.

He attended Franklin College in Franklin, Indiana, where he was president of his fraternity, and graduated in 1956 with a degree in chemistry. That also was the year he met and fell in love with a freshman woman Charlotte Shepard. They met when they both were selected to be in a college one-act play.

After graduation, Dick was hired as a materials chemist by Westinghouse Electric to work in their plant in Columbus, Ohio. He moved here and he and Charlotte courted by mail, phone, and frequent trips to Franklin while Charlotte finished two more years of college.

They were married in 1958 and Charlotte moved to Columbus and finished her degree at Ohio State. They also had 3 sons who got various degrees from OSU while Dick was moving from Westinghouse to Kaiser Aluminum and to Chemical Abstracts Service where he retired as a senior manager after 20 years of service.

Dick, for his work, and the family, for vacations, travelled to many places. This included all 50 states and Canada, New York, London, Paris, Berlin, and Beijing. Dick thinks the best trip of all was a 22-day guided bus trip with Charlotte that followed the route taken by Lewis and Clark on their exploration of the US northwest. The 24 years of retirement also have given him many great educational experiences.

Charlotte Sharpe really liked school, beginning in first grade, and continuing through high school. The College Corner school building was built half in Indiana and half in Ohio, so each basketball game was played half in Indiana and half in Ohio, because the court center line was also the state line. When she was in the Third Grade, she played the violin for a while and then switched to the saxophone. Most people did not know that her parents, her older sister Marilyn, and she loved having a parakeet, a turtle, goldfish, a chameleon, a dog, a cat, and always at Easter time they had baby chickens.

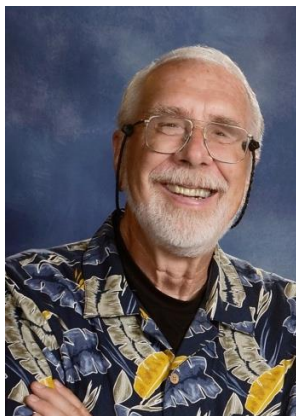
She graduated as valedictorian of her class of 18 and went on to Franklin College, where her sister was a senior. She had always been in stage plays in high school, so that interest didn't change in college. She tried out and got a part in a one-act play and one of the other two people who were selected was Dick Sharpe. After the first rehearsal, she asked her sister if Dick Sharpe had a girlfriend and she said she didn't think so. They continued with the play and

after the end of the run near Valentine's Day she asked Dick if he would do her a favor and he said he would. The favor she asked was would he be her Valentine. He said he would, and that favor has lasted forever.

She has so many lasting memories:

- Her sister dying from breast cancer in her late 20's and leaving two small children that they have always loved.
- During World War II, her friends and she gathered milkweed that would be used to make life-saving jackets for a friend Patty Coe's brother who was serving in the Navy.
- A two-week trip to China to visit their oldest son, Peter, who was an engineer working for Ford and teaching Chinese engineers how to build Fords.
- Visiting the Great Wall of China, which is only slightly like its photos.
- Teaching middle-school English for two years at Jones and then at Hastings during its first year.
- Having three sons and no memory is ever as great as that.
- Her work experiences at her own small business and then being office manager at Covenant.

Her life has been so very good!



Bob Tannehill was born in Vicksburg MS and lived in Hattiesburg MS, Memphis TN, Cincinnati OH, Cleveland OH, Demarest NJ, Chattanooga TN, and Detroit MI. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry from the University of Southern Mississippi and his Master of Arts degree in Information Science from Drexel University. In the U S Army, he was a Captain in Special Weapons and completed training in the Airborne Jump School at Ft. Benning, GA. He worked at the Vanderbilt University Medical Library from 1976 to 1969 and was the Manager of Library Services from 1969 to 2004 at Chemical Abstracts Service, Columbus, OH.

Bob served as Chair of the Geneva Hills Camp Committee, south of Lancaster. He enjoyed the Boy Scouts as he was growing up. He liked to hike and camp, read (especially history), US stamp collecting, US coin collecting, and singing in the church choir and with Vaud-Villities. He will always remember his loving and funny grandmothers. He and Betsy were married in 1965 and they have 4 children and 9 grandchildren.

When asked if he were afraid to do something, but did it anyway, he mentioned his training in the Army of jumping out of an airplane and parachuting to the ground.

Other interesting facts:

- He chaired a National Meeting of the National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services.
- He has visited Europe, and especially enjoyed Scotland, where he found a statue of “Robert Tannahill”, a Scottish poet and friend of Bobby Burns in Kilmarnock, Scotland.
- He would like to have dinner with Abraham Lincoln.



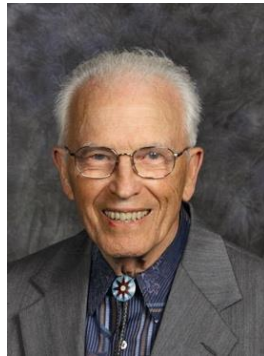
David Timmons traveled with his beloved life partner Rachel to all the states and 50 countries of which Britain was always a favorite.

His hobbies include travel, fishing, and vintage auto restoration (showing and touring). Also, he devotes a lot of time listening to and attending performances of classical and sacred music and opera.

A significant influence was his father and business partner for his example of integrity, ambition, compassion and service to community and church.

David's position as a young army officer in headquarters in the Korean War entailed responsibilities far beyond his rank which provided a variety of extraordinary experiences and challenges. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

He would like to have dinner with and a certain perspective from: Abraham Lincoln on his vision for America, Giuseppe Verdi on the creative process, and St. Paul on the emergence of Christianity.



Harold Trumbull shares a moment he was afraid to do something but did it anyway. During the summer of 1942, Harold finished the required studies of the first quarter of his senior year. Because he was a student member of the Reserve Officers Training Corp, he would be expected to accept a commission in the Army Corp of Engineers. His preference was to perform his military service in the air. He had to make a choice of an assured commission or a chance to earn his wings in the Army Air corp. He enlisted as an aviation cadet on October 19, 1942, at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio.

The answer to the most memorable place you have visited is: A family vacation to the southwestern states was planned to include camping at national parks and monuments. When they arrived at Lake Powell the water of the Colorado River was slowly filling the reservoir behind Glen Canyon Dam. The scenery was impressive, and he resolved to come back with a boat and explore the many canyons (90) of Lake Powell. Seventeen years later: A year before he retired, Harold purchased a kit of materials to build a 26-foot fiberglass sailboat. During the next year and a half, the boat was assembled using fiberglass cloth, stainless steel fasteners, 20 gallons of resin, mahogany and teak woods, and 400 pounds of lead. Six months after his retirement from Battelle, the boat was launched at the Alum Creek Reservoir for an operation check. In mid-August, the boat was provisioned and made ready for travel. The trailer was hitched to a heavy-duty van (with sleeping beds for two). Away they went towards Lake Powell for an adventure of their lifetime. Notes: The crew consisted of Harold as captain, his wife as the revered cook, and his daughter the roustabout (on vacation from college). The

boat and trailer were 3500 pounds, the propulsion was the main sail, the jib sail, and the 10-horsepower outboard motor.

Harold's experiences in World War Two taught him that humans can function under stress, providing there are adequate periods of relief. The goal is do not sweat the lesser irritations of life (Don't sweat the small stuff). Some side effects of his military service are:

- no apprehension of foreign travel,
 - around the world trip (one half by air, one half by sea),
 - met interesting people from many nations,
 - does not experience motion sickness,
 - does sweat and gets dry mouth during hazardous conditions, and
 - has a firm appreciation of being a U. S. citizen.
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Jan Ulry was born at home on a farm in Coshocton County in 1925. She met her husband-to-be Dave at a New Year's Open House at his mother's house in Gambier.

Jan and her husband joined Covenant in 1955. She remembers holding her son, Tom, dressed in a slippery nylon snowsuit, as he squirmed and slid in her arms, at an early orientation meeting of Covenant members at the Lane Ave. Theater.

Dave, an aerospace engineer from OSU, worked with Boeing, and his job allowed Jan to travel with him in England, France, and Germany. They also lived for a short time in Palos Verdes Estates, where they could see the ocean on one side and Long Beach on the other.

Jan worked as a secretary for 30 years, before the children were born and after they were grown. She feels blessed, having "had the best" husband, happy adult children, and wonderful grandchildren.



Betty Winchester, the youngest child of six, was born and raised in Athens, Tennessee. She began her education at Forest Hills Elementary School and McMinn County High School (now McMinn County Living Heritage Museum) where she was a cheerleader, then a snare drummer in the band and percussion player in the orchestra, and a thespian in many plays. Betty attended Tennessee Wesleyan College, graduating in 1954. She then graduated from MacMurry College for Women in 1956 with BA and BS degrees as a Business/Medical Secretary. She has been a member of Order of Eastern Star for 50 years, as well as AAUW, the OSU Mothers Club Group, & Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Bob Winchester was born and raised on Long Island where he attended Public School 99 and John Adams High School. During his high school years, he delivered newspapers for the Long Island Daily Press and was a stocker for A&P supermarket in the vegetable department. Bob attended Missouri School of Mining and Metallurgy in Rolla, Missouri, and in 1955 he graduated with a degree in Engineering. During his college years, he worked as a roustabout, was in ROTC, and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Betty and Bob paths merged on a blind date at MacMurray. Bob and his fraternity brothers traveled from Missouri to Illinois to attend a dance at MacMurray college. How they met: Betty remembers Bob with “snow in his hair wearing a suede jacket,” and Bob remembers as Betty descended a spiral staircase “wearing a white cashmere sweater.” Bob thought, “That is the girl I am going to marry,” and they were married in December of 1956 in Athens, Tennessee.

Life took them to Washington D.C., where Bob took a position as an engineer for Columbia Gas and joined the Army Reserves, and Betty accepted a position with the Department of Agriculture. Work led them on to Norwalk, Ohio, and then to Columbus, Ohio, where they made their home. They raised three children: Ja’Nel, Chris, and Annette, and now they have five grandchildren: Samantha, Rob, Austin, Stacy, and Sarah.

Bob retired from Columbia Gas in 1986, but shortly thereafter he began his hobby job at Sears Hardware on Henderson Road. For 23 years they were snowbirds at the King’s Gate Club in

Nokomis, Florida.

Together Bob and Betty have enjoyed tennis, bridge, jigsaw puzzles, square dancing, and traveling with friends and family. When presented with the choice of celebrating their 50th Anniversary with a trip to Hawaii or a party with friends and family, there was no hesitation-- friends and family! Travels and celebrations have gone hand in hand. Bob's anniversary gift to Betty was a trip to Yellowstone, a place he had been and wanted to share with her (Ja'Nel was chaperone)! They celebrated their good friend Don Boone's birthday in Alaska and their granddaughter Samantha's college graduation in Hawaii.

Bob and Betty celebrated their 65th Anniversary on December 21, 2021. They continue to live "Happily Ever After" in the UA community at 2345 Bristol Rd.



Nan Winslow's childhood growing up in a small town in southeastern Ohio was unremarkable. Her mother, a wonderful cook, a creative homemaker and a loving wife and mother was her role model. Always dressed and welcoming with a nice dinner on the table when her father came in from work made their home a warm and loving environment. She was happy and successful in school and in Logan, but she always felt there was something more out there in the world. She set off for Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, to find out what it was. There, her life took flight. She met Chuck, the love of her life, and they set off on their life's adventures.

First, there was graduate school at the U. of Michigan, then, the birth of their first son and a move to Cleveland for Chuck's job with Arthur Andersen. She really felt like she had won the lottery. Chuck always loved her and made her feel worthwhile and valued. She never considered a career other than being his wife and a mother to their four sons. A promotion brought them to Columbus where they joined Covenant. She did all the things most moms did. She was the cook, the maid, the gardener, the chauffeur, the tutor, the lover!!! She also taught bible school, Sunday school, participated in church activities, was a deacon and enjoyed life. She must say she also put in quite a few hours on the tennis courts. Chuck was a gifted

athlete and loved sports and in his usual unselfish way introduced her to all the activities he loved, tennis, hiking, biking, skiing, and later golf. Their 4th son was born, and they built a house in 1971, where she lives today.

In 1981 they had an amazing opportunity to go to Tokyo, Japan, for 5 years, and the six of them took off into the unknown for what became a life changing experience. The Sunday they joined the Tokyo Union Church, a turbaned Nigerian family with 11 children joined them at the altar. Her most interesting activity at the church was organizing 50+ culture classes for their international members, things like Chinese, Thai, Japanese, French cooking classes, doll making, Shiatsu, printmaking, silk screen painting, etc. Shopping was always an adventure; a small Persian melon could cost \$100. And of course, they travelled the world when they were there.

They returned to Columbus for 5 years and Chuck finished his business career with 5 years in Chicago. They lived on the Magnificent Mile and walked to a wonderful Presbyterian Church on Michigan Avenue where a well-known minister from Broad Street Presbyterian Church in Columbus preached. They retired in 1994 and started spending winters in Vero Beach, Florida, where they are associate members of the First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach.

As she looks back over her 85 years and Chuck's and their 60 years together, their faith and their connection to their church has been the rock on which they have built their lives. The preacher who married them in 1959 inscribed a Bible for them that she treasures today.



Gerry Wirth's teaching career began at Barrington Elementary where she taught fourth grade for 10 years and then finished by teaching elementary school music in all the Arlington elementary schools.

She was an active singer with the Columbus Maennerchor and Damenchor for 47 years and sang with them on concert tours in the USA, Germany, Austria, and Hungary. It was her

pleasure to also serve as Director of their Kenderchor for three years and she remembers performances at the State House, Columbus City Hall, and the Ohio Theater.

The most memorable places she has visited were the Memorial Chapel in Oberndorf, Austria, where "Silent Night" was first written and performed, and in 1990, she was privileged to see "The Passion Play" in Oberammergau, Bavaria. The play was first performed in 1633 and has been repeated every 10 years since they excluded times of wars and unforeseen illness. Gerry says performances run 5 days a week and you can book a tour this year between May 16 and October 4.

Gerry took her mini-dachshund puppy in a plane carrier to Minneapolis. On their return trip the plane stopped in Milwaukee. A group of men boarded and sat across from them. The group leader was curious and asked her about her dog. She showed him a picture of her puppy. Later the plane stopped in Dayton. The group leader asked the stewardess if he could see the dog in the cage. She gave him permission and he picked little Gretel up, turned around to a man coming down the aisle to return to his seat. The leader said, "Wouldn't Delores just love this!" The man then handed her Gretel to Bob Hope! Delores was Bob's wife's name. What a day that turned out to be!

A Greek island cruise is something she would love to do if time, health, and wealth permitted.
