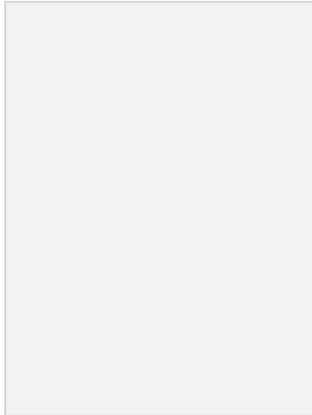


“ New Member Profile Story”

This week's feature : Nick and Janelle Marple



Nick was born in Abbyville, Louisiana. He grew up in Mississippi & Brentwood, TN with one older sister, Jenni, who now lives in Nashville, TN. After high school, Nick continued his education at Auburn University, AL. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with an emphasis in International Business and a minor in Finance.

Janelle was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania. She grew up in Emmaus, PA with an older sister, Katie, who now lives in Nazareth, PA. After high school, Janelle continued her studies at Susquehanna University, PA. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Marketing and a minor in Information Systems.

Janelle and Nick met in Baltimore, both working for Stanley Black & Decker at the time and had a shared friend group. They are both runners and developed a friendship running together as they were both training for distance races at the time. Nick had started with the company in Atlanta

then moved to Baltimore for a customer insights role. He held multiple positions in sales, training and marketing through his career there as well as winning 2 marketing excellence Eagle Awards. Janelle had begun working for the company in Chicago, IL moved to Huntington Beach, CA then to Baltimore, MD for marketing roles. After a few years in channel and brand marketing, she transitioned to the training development department managing Stanley B&D University.

In 2017, the Marple Family decided to look for new opportunities and Nick took on a role at Moen in North Olmsted. While working on multiple projects in sales and marketing, he has focused on the digital space and is currently the Vice President & General Manager of Fortune Brands eCommerce. At this time, Janelle took a career pause following the move to Ohio and through the pandemic, to transition the family and assist their children with virtual school. In 2023, she started her current career as Sr. Implementation Director for the SmartForce Group developing and delivering leadership and communication training.

They have 2 children, Owen and Elle (Ellie) born in Baltimore, MD. They grew up in Baltimore City and Baldwin, MD. Owen Harris Marple, 11 is going into 6th Grade at Dover Intermediate School. He plays baseball, basketball, flag football, and plays trombone. Elle Kate Marple is 8 and going into 3rd Grade at Westlake Elementary School. Elle is in gymnastics, plays basketball, loves art and looks forward to taking piano lessons this fall. Janelle and Nick travel frequently for their jobs, so they do a lot of managing schedules and “passing the baton” of kids schedules and activities.

The Marples live about ½ mile from Prince of Peace, and had been to the church for voting in the past. The volunteers were always very welcoming and it seemed like a natural place for them to consider when looking for a new spiritual home. They had attended an Episcopal church in Baltimore, and liked the traditional aspects with the welcoming atmosphere of Lutheran and Episcopal congregations.

The first people they met at church were Anita and Russ Bauknecht. They have been warm and welcoming every week. The family was welcomed as new members at our first outdoor service this year! Also, Dennis and Terry MacKenzie have been supportive and reached out as they were becoming members if they needed anything. They met the MacKenzies over the holidays when they realized Janelle and their daughter-in-law Kate went to high school and college together.

Nick is a member of Buds and Suds and participated in this year's golf fundraiser. They look forward to participating in church services and other activities as the summer winds down. They are looking forward to having Elle baptized and for both kids to have their first communion at POP. The family loves traveling, attending concerts, supporting the kids at sports and music events and enjoys physical challenges like distance races.

Something that people may not know about them is between Janelle and Nick, they have lived in 10 different states and both studied abroad while in college. Nick lived and studied in Granada, Spain and Janelle in London, England. The Marples are in the process of planning a Disney trip in December. Owen and Nick have been reading the Harry Potter books and are excited to experience the parks at Universal. They are also planning to travel abroad with their kids to enjoy some bucket list trips to Europe and The Grand Canyon!

Please plan to meet them at the contemporary service. They carry a commitment to serve our Lord with them every time I have seen them!

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