

Elaine & Steve Portalupi

Where were you born?

Elaine was born and raised in Delaware, Steve in Vermont. We met as undergrads at UNH.

Where do you live now?

Newmarket.

How long have you been at Christ Church?

Ten months.



What service do you regularly attend?

10:30.

Kid-pit side or organ side?

Gospel (kid-pit) side of the middle section, usually in the third pew.

What is your most memorable moment at Christ Church?

For Elaine it was being greeted by Leslie Pendleton at one of our first services. For Steve, it was helping with the fall cleanup where he was able to meet and get to know many fellow parishioners (but being greeted by Leslie was a close second).

How do you serve at Christ Church?

We recently signed up to be greeters (first time will be July 6). Elaine has joined the newcomers' ministry and Steve is helping with the Harris House use discernment and code compliance issues. We both try to attend church events and activities, contributing our time, talent, and treasure.

Favorite liturgical season?

Advent is our favorite liturgical season.

Is there a special passage or prayer that carries special or particular meaning for you?

For Elaine there are several – the Prayer of Humble Access because of the powerful words which she remembers from growing up in the Episcopal Church and the peaceful, soothing tone of the Compline service. Steve likes

the entirety of Eucharistic Prayer C as it frames God's power to the whole of the universe.

What do you do?

We are both retired. Elaine is a librarian. She worked 16 years in the Hudson, Ohio public library system, retiring as head of Children's and Young Adult services. Steve is a mechanical engineer. He worked 33 years for Goodyear Tire in Akron, Ohio, retiring as director of capital projects and plant engineering.

When not at home, work/school, or church where can you be found?

Elaine can be found in the woods/mountains hiking/climbing (dragging Steve along). Steve can be found in a dark field, with a big sky, observing the heavens with his telescope (dragging Elaine along).

What are your passions?

For Elaine, it's reading, traveling, hiking and skiing. For Steve, it's astronomy, physics, skiing, and skating.

What was the last book you read?

Elaine just finished *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. Steve's last read was *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell. Driving home from Denver last week we listened to *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman.

What was the last movie you watched?

A film from India called *The Lunchbox*.