

STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY

Tom McClintic

Today, Tom McClintic and his wife Sandra may be best known at PCCH for their brood of four adorable young boys, but the family has been a part of the church community for almost a decade, before their first son had even been born.

It was 2003, not long after the McClintics had married and moved from their home state of Indiana to Glenside, Pa. Tom had grown up attending youth group at a Lutheran church in Indiana. Sandra's mother, a Buddhist who is from Thailand, had taken her to the local Methodist church. So as a young, married couple with their first child on the way, the McClintics were eager to find a church home in their new town. "After a bit of church shopping, we settled on being regular visitors to PCCH," says Tom.

After five or six years as regular visitors, Cindy Jarvis asked the family to consider becoming members of the church. By this time, Sandra was expecting their fourth son, and the McClintics were planning a move. Fearing their new home would be too far from PCCH, membership was put on hold.

Once the McClintics settled into their new home, they began "church shopping" yet again. "But nothing else 'fit'," Tom explains, "So we headed back to PCCH. After finding some back roads, we realized the distance between our new home and PCCH was not too bad!" Shortly thereafter, the family was officially welcomed as members of the Church.

"It's hard to pinpoint what, specifically, kept drawing us back to PCCH," says Tom. "It was a collection of things: the sermons, the music, the church's history, its location, and friendly members were all certainly factors. We also felt that this was a church community that would really help to foster our boys' relationships with God."

Tom also points to the beauty of the church as something that drew him and his wife to PCCH. "The greatness of the sanctuary is certainly very appealing. After visiting many other churches, we were definitely impressed by the splendor of PCCH. That is one of the main reasons why I think the Capital Campaign is so critically important to the future of PCCH. We have a very special place of worship, and it is so important to maintain it, so that others can enjoy it for years to come," Tom explains.

"When my wife and I prayerfully consider stewardship, we don't think of it as giving, but as sharing," says Tom. "After all, the projects being undertaken as a part of the Capital Campaign – from installing energy efficient windows and renovating the kitchen to reimaging the Chapel and building a new bathroom on the main floor – will benefit our church community today, and will ensure that we can continue to share this church with everyone who passes through the doors in the future."

"It is our hope that someday, our boys will be able to look back and see the impact that this Campaign had on the Church, and what an important role PCCH played in their lives. That is why we chose to share in this Capital Campaign."



