

## **New Member Bios – February 26, 2023**

### **Randy Metzger**

Randy is returning to Plymouth by letter of transfer. He recently retired from a career in IT. Some of his interests are gardening, hiking, reading, and playing the violin in a community orchestra. He is looking forward to getting involved with the church again.

### **Beth Paschal**

Beth is a native of the Northeast Indiana area, and currently resides in Fort Wayne. She and her husband, Marvin, met while attending college at Tri-State University (now Trine). She graduated with a teaching degree in Elementary Education. She has both taught and tutored in public and private schools, and also homeschooled their son (now graduated). She is also a long-time educational advocate, particularly for students with special needs. She loves spending time with her family and pets: Felix (dog) and Beccat (cat). She also enjoys baking, reading, camping, and volunteering at a local greenhouse (plants are her passion).

### **Marvin Pascal**

Marvin grew up in Hometown, and currently resides in Fort Wayne. He and his wife, Beth, met while attending college at Tri-State University (now Trine). He graduated with an Electrical Engineering degree and currently leads a software development team for Stryker Medical. He loves spending time with his family and also enjoys camping, kayaking, photography, computers and motorsports.

### **Jordan Peterson-Stephan**

I was raised by two parents who actively avoided church; however, I was connected with a non-denominational church where I decided to be baptized. As a closeted queer dude, I was not certain of my place. I relocated from Wisconsin to Indiana to attend Huntington University. Post college and coming out, I explored Christianity through the lens of a queer human. I graduated from Indiana University, and I am now a therapist working in community mental health and private practice. I have a wonderful husband, Wayne, and our two children. Londyn, age 10, and our son, Matthew, age 15. When there is spare time, we enjoy adventuring out into the community, reading, playing video games, and I watch all the streaming services.

### **The Van Amerongen Family**

Dan and Genny have three children—Laurel, Cole and Lily. Dan enjoys singing and playing guitar/bass, recording music, and has served in music/tech ministry for several decades. He also enjoys playing board games and online gaming. Genny enjoys going to movies, good food, and being involved in her kids' lives. She has home schooled all three children and has experience providing live streaming of services. Laurel enjoys knitting/crocheting, performing in theater/musicals, and playing piano and Cole enjoys playing the piano, chess, solving Rubix Cubes, and online gaming.

### **Nathan Vanover**

I have always had faith in my heart, yet I struggled to find a church home to anchor myself to. Walking into Plymouth church I knew my soul and my faith would be nurtured here. I was "home." My first Bible verse I was taught as a child was Colossians 3:12. I try to live a life in those few lines accordingly and find joy in nearly all things. I am a florist, a husband, a father, and a grandfather. Life is pretty good.

### **Jason Vanover**

I have walked through many doors in my life and each one has led me down many paths. However, I had not yet found a doorway that was into a house of faith until Plymouth. Faith renewed. I am a business owner, husband to Nate Vanover, a father and grandfather, and a friend. My greatest joy is in hymns that you can clap to. We both look forward to being members of such a wonderful congregation.