

Faith In Action

A new series profiling members and friends of SMCC

Carol Reynolds

Carol has been attending San Marino Community Church since she was 10 years old. Her dad was a trustee and her mother was the first female deacon. She has a legacy of family involvement in Church. During high school, she was confirmed as well as being in the youth program and high school choir. Her faith was formed under the leadership of Dr. Cropp and, of course, the Christian values her parents demonstrated. Carol feels this foundation for her faith started while in high school and matured with the guidance of key members of the congregation. As Carol, through her years of involvement in the church, has had the opportunity to know and serve under many pastors, she has found the transition from one pastor to another easier by keeping her focus on God rather than the person in the pulpit. Carol is extremely grateful for the leadership in our church who have helped her grow. She loves God and her community of faith.



Carol's involvement in the church has been seemingly ubiquitous. Over the years, her talents have led her to many roles and to make many contributions. Her background in education was a perfect segue after retirement into the position of Staff Director of Children and Family Ministries in which she served for 8 years. As director she developed and implemented a very strong children's program. An outgrowth of the program is the "Time for Children" and having children in worship. Another significant contribution from Carol is the rose at the lectern to celebrate new births. Carol doesn't talk much about her faith, but it is evident that she gives all the glory to God who has guided her to many opportunities including serving as an Elder and on Foundation board. She led the Youth Auction and was a member of the Malawi Trip HOME Team. She planned the Fundraising dinner in 2008 for the Go Team. Carol is known as a great party planner and most recently chaired the 70th Anniversary Celebration Dinner. Being involved in many ways, Carol says, is the beauty of this church – she gets to connect with people with whom she hasn't worked before and the relationships continue to build.

Outside of the church, Carol's faith together with her passion for kids has led her to a lifetime of work and advocacy for kids. Carol has been the Executive Director of Glendale Healthy Kids, and she has held numerous roles with the Glendale School District including liaison for homeless students and coordinator of the Healthy Start program. She continues to work part-time for the district.

Carol is committed to her community of faith. When she was going through difficult times, each time, this congregation reached out to her and her daughters, Cheryl and Cathleen, and never let them go. For that she is especially grateful.