

Faith In Action

A series profiling members and friends of SMCC

Greg and Lorrie Forgatch

Greg and Lorrie both grew up in families whose faith was vitally important to them, and who modeled deep devotion to their church.

Lorrie began attending San Marino Community Church as a child, sang in the Crusader, Chapel, and Chatic Choirs, and was confirmed in 1973.

After attending USC and UCLA, Greg and Lorrie married, moved back to the Pasadena area, and in 1989 rejoined SMCC family. Together, they became Church school teachers.



When Lorrie was hospitalized for 7 weeks before the birth of their twins in 1994, she and Greg experienced San Marino Community Church in a most amazing way. The prayer chain was activated; people not only visited bringing lunches and dinners, but took the two older kids on outings. Harriet Isbell, who at the time was Associate Pastor, came often to Lorrie's hospital bedside to pray with her. And the prayers were answered. Greg and Lorrie are forever grateful to God for the blessing of healthy twin boys, and to the congregation for their support, encouragement, and prayer during that difficult yet miraculous time

Their four sons were baptized, attended Nursery School, and were confirmed in the church. When one of their twins was hospitalized and needed blood, a call went out to the congregation. One pint was needed, but twenty-nine pints were donated.

In the years that followed, the Forgatch Family has attended every All-Church Family Camp. They couldn't agree more with Lew & Elinor Miller's characterization of Family Camp as a "big vitamin pill" that serves to connect social and spiritual lives. Lorrie and Greg have served on many of Boards and Committees at SMCC. Greg is a two-term Elder, Lorrie a past president of the Nursery School Board, and both served on the 70th Anniversary Capital Campaign. Currently, Lorrie is serving her third year as an Elder on the Community Development Team, and Greg is a member of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. They are also part of a Covenant Group formed fifteen years ago, and made up of church members who have become beloved friends.

In short, Greg and Lorrie feel so deeply grateful for SMCC – grateful for the Church's leadership, for the community of faith, for the abiding friendships, and for the church's outstanding programs and facilities. They are especially thankful for the legacy of those believers who founded the church, and for those longtime members who serve faithfully as models of devotion and stewardship.

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