Jennifer Byrne

As a very young girl living in Oxford, OH, Jen would spend a lot of time with her maternal grandmother while her divorced mom worked. (They were “soulmates” her grandma said.) Sometimes she attended a catholic church with her dad and grandparents, but learned little about the church although she was baptized at12 with her new baby sister. After high school graduation, she majored in English and Journalism at Miami University. There she joined “Young Life” (a Christian organization that introduces Jesus to youth) with a friend and was involved in Bible Study.

After college graduation, she moved to Cleveland for 3 years to work and then returned to Cincinnati where she met her future husband Brian who coached her cousin’s softball team. Since Brian was a member at Hope, she came to church with him and his family. The Hope members welcomed her right away. When she was pregnant with their first child, she felt God called her to church and lucky to have Brian and that she was to become a mother.

Jen has been a busy traveling insurance executive with 2 involved young sons - one with musical talents and the other with physical abilities (who are now in college). While attending many of their activities in high school, she found enough energy to work with the Boosters which kept her even busier.

Her adult life has been more of a spiritual journey. She has had many opportunities to enhrich her faith and to serve at Hope. To list some: president twice (and advising with insurance), the Synod’s Collaborative, Congregational Vitality, and Strategic Planning Committees as well as assisting in worship. She has found her church home here at Hope.