

The Rev. Steve Cramer: An introduction

I am looking forward to my ministry at Grace Church in Columbiana. Having lived in Columbiana from 1980-2010, I know many of the people in the church. I have great respect for this church and am looking forward to guiding the church during this time of transition.

I am an honorably retired pastor in good standing in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). I hold a Master of Divinity degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Seminary in Chicago. With my wife, Meta Cramer, I served as a co-pastor of the Good News Presbyterian Parish from 1980--2006. The Parish consisted of several small churches in Columbiana County. I then served as pastor of the Trinity Presbyterian Church in East Liverpool and the Long's Run Church in Calcutta from 2006-2018. In 2018 the two churches merged to form the Longs Run Trinity Presbyterian Church. In retirement, I served a year as bridge pastor for the Petersburg Presbyterian Church for one year..

We have two children, Rachel and David, who grew up in Columbiana. Rachel is a Nurse Practitioner in Mental Health and Psychiatry in Columbus. She is married to Rex McCarley, who is a physical therapist. David is an attorney in Hoboken, NJ. He is married to Mariel Brady Cramer, who works for CBS Sports in New York City. David and Mariel have a year-old daughter, Tess.

I love sports, and served as the founding coach of the Columbiana High School soccer team. My teams won three league championships. We have two dogs and five cats.

Meta and I love to lead religious pilgrimages. We have been on eight trips to Israel and two to Great Britain. This October we will lead a trip to see the great Celtic Christian sights in Ireland.