One would never guess but there was a time Bob and Jane Parker did not know each other! With Jane growing up in Burbank and Bob hailing from Fullerton, their paths would join during a Spanish class their sophomore year at USC. Marrying the summer before their senior year of college on July 11th, 1969, Bob and Jane returned to USC to finish school. Bob studied history and Jane completing her major in sociology. After USC Bob went to graduate school at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Bob built his career within the automotive industry working for Mazda and Hyundai in sales, marketing, and then senior management. His last position held was with Hyundai as COO. Bob’s work brought many opportunities for the Parkers to live in and experience new parts of the country such as Northern California, Seattle, and Florida. Fortunately for St. Mark their travels would lead them back to their native Southern California where they would eventually stay.

Bob, raised as Methodist, and Jane, an Episcopalian, found St. Mark in 1977 through a friend of Jane’s aunt, Nanette Kincannon. At that time pastor Bill McQuoid was leading the congregation. Bob and Jane credit the members they met, Pastor McQuoid, and St. Mark’s commitment to social justice and inclusivity as the deciding factors for joining the church in 1977. In 1978, Bob’s work brought them to Bellevue, WA, so they transferred their membership to Newport Presbyterian Church. The couple rejoined St. Mark in 1982 after returning to Newport Beach.
Bob and Jane have served in many functions within St. Mark helping our congregation grow in so many different ways. Bob as a deacon, elder and currently serving as the Clerk of Session. Bob also served on the Pastor Nominating Committee that called Gary Collins St. Mark’s previous pastor, Mission and Stewardship Commission, and the Building Committee for our current facility. Jane also served as an elder, as member on the Interim Pastor Nomination Committee and currently serves on the Presbytery Nominating Committee. Additionally, Jane is a member of St. Mark’s Families With Children and Teens Committee (FCAT) through which she continues to lead Sunday School for St. Mark’s Young Children and Worship Program. This past summer, Jane served as a co-director for St. Mark’s Vacation Bible School where she helped project manage programming, crafts, volunteers and most importantly, fun!

Jane and Bob’s three daughters, Jennifer, Katy, and Sarah, grew up attending St. Mark. They are grandparents to 4 grandsons and a granddaughter, Zachary, Jacob, Nathan, Mason, and Jordan. The St. Mark tradition continues within their family as both Katy and Sarah held their weddings at St. Mark and all 5 of their grandchildren were baptized at St. Mark. Bob and Jane currently live in Corona Del Mar with their 2 English Cocker Spaniels, Spencer and Abby. They enjoy skiing, hiking, traveling, and spending time with their grandchildren. Bob also enjoys photography and Jane, when not spotted at St. Mark, enjoys knitting.