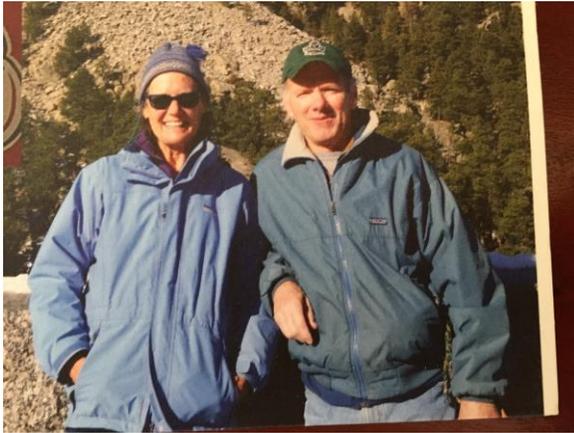


GETTING TO KNOW PRINCIE & BOB FALKENHAGEN



Parishioner Judy Tingley is interviewing parishioners and helping them to share a bit of their stories with us. This is the fifth in her series of stories - look forward to more of them in the future. Thanks, Judy, for helping us get to know each other a bit better!

Princie and Bob moved to Bainbridge Island three years ago after living 45 years in the same house in Connecticut; a colonial house on six acres. Bob had a John Deere tractor and thoroughly enjoyed mowing those six acres! The magnet for their

move from their ideal life in the East to the West was three children and eight grandchildren, ages from four to sixteen. They also were ready to retire; a good time to be closer to their family, all of whom live on the West Coast.

Bob worked all his life in the financial world as a bond trader and money manager. He was on the Conservation Committee for the Town of Easton and Treasurer for their church. Princie was president of the local Land Trust, which served 4 towns in the area. She also was a board member for the leading environmental advocacy organizations in Connecticut, known as The Connecticut Fund for the Environment and Save Long Island Sound.

As they thought about retirement, Bob and Princie chose the Pacific Northwest and were charmed by Seattle. They liked the cultural environment, the University of Washington, the Symphony, lectures, the interesting assets and dynamics of an urban environment.

They had been on Bainbridge Island traveling to visit their son, who lives in Port Townsend. Driving across the island, they both responded to the beautiful trees, all of the varied shades of green along the roadways, the small town feeling and calm aura.

Bob and Princie are unquestionable "house people" who have strong feeling about their home, particularly after living so long in their wonderful Connecticut house. It took a year or so, but finally two years ago they found a perfect house at Battle Park that overlooks Manzanita Bay. They enjoy their life and are comfortable here. Bob is delighted to have another, smaller John Deere tractor for their large, green acreage.

Bob and Princie attend the 8 o'clock service at St Barnabas - and as they lived in a traditional house, they attend the Rite I service which feels traditional for them. They are pleased and comfortable at St. Barnabas.

I wondered, and you probably do too, where the unique name of Prinnie emerged? At the time, Queen Elizabeth was popular, revered and pregnant. Her first child was Prince Charles, and he became "Prinnie" by the populous. Coincidentally, Prinnie was born about the same time as Charles. Thus her family named her Prinnie!