

Meet Pastor Kelly's Family

Dear Westminster Pres –

I am excited for you to meet my family. Here is a picture of my energetic kids posing in our front yard.

Zack (blue t-shirt) is nearly 16 and is in the second half of his sophomore year. He found his niche at an art and film high school which connects students to the local art and business community through internships and volunteerism. He is an aspiring film maker and enjoys the magic of editing and creating special effects. In his free time, Zack enjoys rock climbing, parkour, running, reading and video games.

Nick (white t-shirt) will be 14 soon and is in the 8th grade. He attends Louisa Boren STEM K-8, a project-based math and science school. He enjoys the woodshop, the science lab and the after-school athletic program. He plays year-round soccer and has settled in as the team's center defense although he is happy to play all of the positions, even goalie. Nick has an open and warm heart, always ready to meet a new friend.

Zoe (white dress) is almost 11 and is in the 5th grade at the same school as Nick. When she is not engulfed in a young adult novel, she can be found building things ranging from science experiments to homemade jewelry. Her favorite subject is math although recess and PE still rank pretty high on her list. She plays year-round soccer (like Nick) and enjoys rock climbing (like Zack.) Her dream job is to be an American Ninja Warrior.

A decade ago, we experienced divorce and death in our family which reshaped many of our ideas about what constitutes a traditional experience. (The concept of a nuclear family, after all, is relatively new in human history.) With tremendous love and support from grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends we expanded our notion of family to be

much wider and deeper than before. This has been a blessing. I take much inspiration from my grandmother Ginny who opened her home to her 3 nieces and nephews when their own mother encountered severe and debilitating mental illness and was unable to care for them. With love and humor, Ginny stretched her heart and her paycheck to raise those children as her own. I know my experience is not necessarily unique and many of you have traveled unexpected paths in your close relationships. I pray the grace of God and the strength of the Holy Spirit sustained you through it all. The gift of an expanded hearth is one I cherish deeply and we can't wait to get to know our new Westminster family.



Peace,
Pastor Kelly