

## Re-introductions

*Continuing an offering of short introductions of our members, young and old, new and not-so-new, this month featuring our church treasurer, Virgil Miller.*



**Virgil Miller**, our church treasurer, grew up on a farm in rural North Dakota, and is of Norwegian ancestry. He entered the army during the Korean War and spent most of his enlistment in Japan where he worked as a microwave relay technician. After his discharge, Virgil attended and graduated from North Dakota State University where he earned a degree in Electrical Engineering. For two years after graduation he stayed on as an instructor at NDSU.

During the height of the Cold War and the beginning of the United States Space Program, Virgil was recruited by the Hughes Aircraft Company to work in California. After one year with Hughes Aircraft, he began a 35 year employment with North

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American Aviation (later Rockwell). He worked with missile guidance systems including the Minute Man Intercontinental Ballistics Missile. (Virgil was very modest in the importance of his responsibilities, but Lynn shared that Virgil had significant leadership in maintaining 900 missiles in silos on the northern borders of the United States).

Virgil had assignments in North Dakota, Ohio, California, and Utah. It was while he was serving at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California that he met and married his wife Lynn. They have two children who now live in California. Virgil and Lynn moved to Cottage Grove in 1998 because their daughter, Melissa, and her family were living here then.

Virgil has been an airplane owner and pilot and a boat owner with a significant amount of time guiding it on water. He now golfs, hikes, and rides his bike on local paths and trails. Not being one to rest on his laurels, he has trained to be a tax preparer and is now working in the pro shop at Middlefield Golf Course. He has served on the board of the Cottage Grove



Community Foundation and also on the board of The South Lane Mental Health Association.

The Session of our church is grateful for the very understandable monthly reports it receives from Virgil on the status of the finances.

— **Bob Dill**