

Helen E. Currier

Helen was a professional educator for many years and taught in public and private schools at several grade levels. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree, and a Master of Arts degree with special training and certification as a professional librarian. Glenn and Helen participated in a marriage enrichment program for years. They were team leaders for a marriage seminar aimed at couples with troubled marriages. They were also leaders in a program for engaged couples.

Helen is one of ten children in her family of origin and is very close to her sisters and brothers. As a result of these relationships, she has “experiential education” in family dynamics and family conflicts. Her parents were devout Catholics. She has explored other religious denominations and she has a lifelong relationship with God through prayer, Bible reading, and numerous other experiences. She continues to work on her relationship with God and her own spiritual and personal growth.

Helen is an avid quilter and has created many quilts of all sizes, sharing them with friends and church members. Quilting, for her, is a creative and spiritual experience when she has time in silence to ponder issues important to her.

Helen is a writer and expert in children's literature and storytelling where her enthusiasm and wit made her a favorite among the numerous children in her care. She is a Christian and has strong connections to a local church community. She is spiritually-oriented and has been involved in several diverse religious groups throughout her life.

An excellent editor and writing critic, she is an invaluable partner in the creation of the website, ChristAliveHere.com. To say that she is a consultant on this project is faint praise because her relationship with the editor and husband, Glenn, has given him a decades-long education in the art of maintaining a healthy and dynamic marriage. They agree that without Jesus Christ and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they would not be married. Believing that intimacy is nurtured on several different playgrounds like leisure, work, aesthetics, play, community, she, and Glenn cringe when they hear the word “intimate” used solely as a reference to genital sex. She and her husband regularly have dialogs based on the Bible and devotional books, realizing that one of the playgrounds of intimacy is spirituality.

Obviously, she and her husband believe that marriage is a life-long challenge and should never be taken for granted. They work hard at their relationship. She and Glenn have been married for decades. She and her husband have been involved in several weekend workshop experiences focused on healing, personal and spiritual growth, and leadership. They were co-parish council presidents in a previous church community and Helen served on the school board.

Helen's sense of humor has given her and others immense joy and contributes to the sparkle in her eyes, the smile on her face, and a vital element in the survival and thriving of her marriage, a relationship that has had many rocky moments over the years.

Finally, she has cats all of her life and believe that these feline creatures and other animals are a gift from God to be enjoyed, nurtured, and loved. She and her husband know that their cats have contributed to their spirituality by their patience, affection, loyalty and acceptance of pain and suffering. Like humans, each of their cats had their own characteristics and gifts.