



Cassandra "Cassie" is mom to: Sara- 31; son-in-law, Nate-32(husband of Sara); Dan-29; daughter-in-law, Malari- 27 (wife of Dan); Kelly-27; Anna-22; and grandmother to Grace- 2.5 years old....and expecting a new grandbaby, Sam, to be born in Oct. 2011.

She is wife to Jack and they have been married 32 years. Cassie was born in Japan, and raised in Pella, Iowa. She has also lived in Grand Rapids MI, Villa Park, IL, Lombard IL

She joined Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church in **1979**.

1) Why do you feel God called you to be a mentor mom?

I wanted to be part of a ministry that would support moms, knowing firsthand how wonderful the encouragement from other moms could be for a young moms experiencing so many firsts, day to day.

2) What is your best advice to moms with preschoolers?

Philippians always comes to mind "Do not be anxious about anything but in everything with prayer and petition with thanksgiving, presents your request to God, and the peace of God that transforms all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." If we can encourage each other to not worry so much about insignificant things, it is a real blessing to just really enjoy those precious gifts.

3) What do you most enjoy doing with your kids?

Since our children are all grown and mostly out of our home, I really enjoy having them over for dinner frequently or getting ice cream, and also sharing some time at the lake with them. We love going to arboretums and parks and bike rides together too.

With your husband?

My husband and I like walking, biking and our favorite is boating. When we travel we really enjoy meeting new people and learning about new places.

4) What is your favorite part of MOPS?

**The moms!! What a privilege it is to walk along side these moms as they raise their children:
what a great profession to be a part of!**