



Judy is mom to: Matthew-22, Rachel-20, Kyle-17, and Abby-13. Judy has been married to Doug for 24 years.

Judy was born in Grand Rapids, MI and lived there until she was 8, then moved to West Lafayette IN (Purdue) until 12, then Lombard IL until she was 18 years old. Because Doug was in the navy, they moved a lot. They have lived in Columbia, MD, then onto Harrisonburg, VA, then onto Carmel-By-The-Sea and Monterey CA, then to Annapolis MD, then Sicily, then Jacksonville FL, then Springfield VA and then finally 8 years ago, they moved back to Lombard.

They joined ECRC in 2003.

1) Why do you feel God called you to be a mentor mom? Having moved a lot, I was always far from family while having my kids. The friends I made along the way were women in the same stages of life – and that literally kept me sane. I also love to meet new people and connect people. I know what it's like to be a stranger in a strange or new place and I really have a heart for that newest person.

2) What is your best advice to moms with preschoolers? Find a good friend and hire good babysitters!

3) What do you most enjoy doing with your kids? With your husband? watching chick flicks with my girls (and hubby will join us occasionally!) LOVED hiking as a family this summer in CA- good talk time. The boys love it when i feed them!!!! Doug too!!! Doug and I like to ride bikes and sit on the back deck and read and talk. HOWEVER, even without little ones under our feet any more, that doesn't happen that often!

4) What is your favorite part of MOPS? Talking and connecting hearts at the table discussion time. I've learned that when I ask good questions it's amazing what I learn about other people and what's going on in their lives.

5) What do you do in your spare time? Love cycling by myself and with Doug. Love to travel to visit with friends around the country that we've made over the years in the navy.