

## SERVANT OF THE WEEK— KRISTA REICH



Today we feature Krista Reich, a 2004 graduate of Tallmadge High School, who recently graduated with a BA Degree in Middle Childhood Education from Mount Union College. Krista has been a member for 14 years, and describes her family as “amazing”. She lives with parents, Jim and Robin, and younger brother Mike. Krista credits her parents and grandparents for their support, and as being “shining examples of living out the gospel.” Krista said she got involved at OLV during college years because friends invited her. “It was Chris Billow and Steve Mosholder who approached me and asked if I wanted to be a part of the Living on a Prayer Retreat. I have always been passionate about reaching students (hence the degree in education)

so I decided to give it a try. I loved being with other college students, working on a team, excited about investing our time and love into the high school students, and just growing as a body. Not only was it a BLAST, but the friendships and impact it had on my life will last forever! While at Mount Union, I knew it was important for me to continue to grow on my walk with Christ. College can be a difficult time to stay on track and focused on your faith. I was blessed to have a wonderful core group of Christian friends who were active in Campus Crusade for Christ. Though this ministry I grew in my faith. I was challenged to not remain complacent, and I was able to meet the spiritual needs of those on campus as well as people all over.” Krista was instrumental in leading this year’s retreat team, and says, “I have been blessed by their presence and wisdom, and I love our time together.” Krista gives powerful witness to the joy of being a disciple of Christ. “I choose to serve because as a follower of Jesus Christ I am obligated to reach out to others. I look at the high school students and I see kids who are longing for a deeper connection with Jesus. Our young people are faced with so much today—temptations at every corner—but there is an amazing love story about a God who sent His son to die for us on the cross. I can’t get over how radical and loving Jesus Christ was and still is! It prompts me to share His love with the high school students. Serving is about loving people and sharing the love of Jesus. Through this ministry I have been blessed to see Christ at work—changing the lives of student and me! I can not even think of a better gift than that!”