

“ Member Profile “

This week’s feature : Dan and Deb Root Shell



Deb was born in Lakewood, Ohio and grew up in Cleveland and Brook Park with 1 younger brother and 1 younger sister. She attended Berea High School class of 1972. Continuing her education, Deb received a BA History degree at Cleveland State University, a Master of Library Science at Kent State University and a MA History degree at Cleveland State University. Dan was born in Cleveland and grew up in Mayfield Heights with 1 older brother and 1 younger sister. He graduated with the class of 1970 at Mayfield High School. Dan received a BA Music Education degree at Cleveland State University, a Master of Music at Cleveland State University, and a Master of Library Science at Case Western Reserve University.

They met at an orchestra concert where Dan was the principal bass of the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra. They have raised their son, Brian who is now 32.

Dan's career includes Music Librarian at Cleveland State University, Computer Support BP, IT Support GE Lighting, CISCO Systems Engineer, Consulting, and Director Of Technology at the Lorain Public Library System. Deb's career includes Reference Librarian at Mansfield-Richland County Public Library, Head of Reference at Westlake Porter Public Library, Reference Librarian at Lakewood Public Library, Western Reserve Historical Society Librarian as Head of Manuscripts Processing and Cataloging, Principal Clarinet at Lorain County Community College Civic Orchestra, Clarinet Teacher, and Genealogical and historical researcher, author and presenter.

Dan and Deb joined Prince of Peace in 2013. They had played at church services before, and knew several members; including Fran Wilhelm (who was Deb's high school orchestra director and is a fellow member of LCCC Civic Orchestra). Dan had played in the Philharmonic with Pastor Bishop's wife, Deb Yandala. They were seeking a smaller church than the one they were at.

They contribute many of their talents to POP. Deb enjoys playing clarinet primarily for the traditional service, but also did recordings with Cindy Strieter during Covid for the contemporary service. Dan plays the double bass and arranges music for services. Our congregation can worship God as these musical gifts are given!

Deb's interests in her free time include the Clarinet, genealogical and historical research, and gardening. She has been a genealogist for over 45 years that includes teaching classes, writing articles and presenting programs. She just finished a term as the president of the Greater Cleveland Genealogical Society. Dan has served as a member of the Church Council.

Being engaged at POP and the community is a priority for Dan and Deb. I'm glad they settled here to be part of our missions. Lift your voices high when they are performing!

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