

## **Meet Accelerando**

### **Lori Anderson**

Lori, a member of Accelerando, is looking forward to her first season of ringing. As a pianist/organist, she has been involved in musical theater, community choirs and church music for almost 55 yrs. The Anderson's moved to Finksburg, MD 3 yrs ago to be closer to their five grandchildren. Lori is currently the accompanist for two choirs at McDaniel College and is excited to formally learn a new skill in ringing bells.

### **Wendy Baldwin**

Wendy, member of Accelerando, began ringing with St. Paul's UCC fifteen years ago and has rung with Belle Grove Legato and Rainbow Ringers. Wendy considers ringing handbells a family experience. She rang with three of her children, Karleigh, Brady and Riece, her sister Tessa Starr, and three nephews and her niece. Her daughter, Karleigh, rings with her in Accelerando. When she's not playing music, she teaches kindergarten at Piney Ridge Elementary School in Carroll County.

### **Jason Cebulski**

Jason, a member of Accelerando, has been ringing handbells since 2<sup>nd</sup> grade when he started with his family ringing at his home church, Greenmount United Methodist Church. Jason is currently serving as the Middle School/High School Band Director at Fairfield Area School District and as Music Director at Emory United Methodist Church in New Oxford, Pennsylvania where he directs the Emory Ringers, Emory Singers and Emory Ensemble. When not making music, he enjoys climbing and kayaking with his friends, and relaxing with a book or some video games.

### **Debbie Campbell**

Debbie, member of Accelerando & 4-tissimo, has been ringing handbells for over 20 years. She has rung in several church choirs prior to a community choir. Debbie enjoys bowling, reading, and traveling. Since her retirement, she has lots of time to spend with her four grandchildren.

### **Karleigh Conaway**

Karleigh Conaway, member of Accelerando, has been playing handbells for over 10 years. She loves getting to play with her mom, Wendy, in Accelerando. Karleigh got her biology degree from Stevenson University in 2019 and is now working in a physical therapy office while she works on her master's degree! In her free time, she enjoys doing outdoor activities and spending time with family, her husband, and their two adorable kittens.

### **Michelle Dohm**

Michelle, a member of Accelerando, began ringing with the Frederick Presbyterian Church Bell Choir in 2012. When she is not attending one of her son's musical theater performances, Michelle can often be found camping or watching sports with her husband. She loves to read and work out - especially in the nearby mountains and national parks.

### **Amy Gardner**

Amy, member of Accelerando, began ringing in church bell choirs when she was in third grade. She currently rings at Frederick Presbyterian Church. Amy has a K-12 Music Education degree with a vocal concentration and collegiate experiences with bassoon and piccolo. She currently teaches elementary general music at Spring Ridge Elementary School and Sugarloaf Elementary School in Frederick County. Outside of music Amy enjoys reading, baking, and spending time with family and friends.

### **Seth Gardner**

Seth, a member of Accelerando, began ringing with his church bell choir when he was about 8 year old. He currently rings Frederick Presbyterian Church. Seth has Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Speech-Language Pathology and currently holds his Certificate of Clinical Competency from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). He also obtained a minor in music with a focus in voice. He currently works as a medical speech-language pathologist at Home Health with Frederick Health (part-time) and also part-time at Braddock Heights and Ballenger Creek Nursing Facilities. Outside of work, he enjoys bike riding, hiking, fishing, camping, playing video games, cooking, and spending time with friends and family.

### **Debbie Henning**

Debbie, Music Director of Accelerando and member of Westminster Ringers, has been involved with handbells for over 50 years as both a ringer and a director. Besides ringing & directing with Westminster Ringer, Inc., she is the chime director at Homewood at Frederick in Frederick, MD, the Music Director at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Taneytown, MD, the Music Director at Tom's Creek UMC in Emmitsburg, MD, and teaches music classes at a family daycare. In addition to her musical activities, Debbie loves to quilt, sew and cross stitch. Debbie serves as Managing Director/Treasurer for the Westminster Ringers, Inc. and has served Handbell Musicians of America Area 3 in many capacities – currently as the Chair. Debbie and her husband Larry are the founding members of the Westminster Ringers, Inc. and have three grown children & three grandchildren.

### **Sarah Hurd**

Sarah, a member of Accelerando, began ringing handbells at St. Andrew by the Bay as a teenager. Today, she directs the handbell choir at that church as well as playing in the handbell choir at St. John the Evangelist and directing the handbell quartet there. Sarah works in the Baltimore region renovating and staging houses for sale. Whenever she can find a spare moment, she enjoys roller skating and roller coasters.

### **Pam Leader**

Pam, member of Accelerando, began ringing with her church choir in 2003. She is an engineer and works for the federal government. Pam is the Bookkeeper with Westminster Ringers, Inc. She loves traveling and loves to spend time with her family (especially her two grandchildren).

### **Erica Messinger**

Erica, a member of Accelerando, is new to ringing, but has been ringing on and off as a substitute in the handbell ensemble at Emory United Methodist Church in New Oxford, Pennsylvania for the past two years. Erica recently graduated from the Sunderman Conservatory of Music at Gettysburg College, and is currently working as a music teacher in Carroll County Public Schools. When not making music, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, listening to music, and reading.

### **Barb Roeper**

Barb, member of Accelerando since 2012, is a lifelong music lover, including playing instruments and singing. She has been part of the music ministry at her church for many years. She works full-time as an environmental engineer. When not working or making music, Barb enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends.

### **Ashley Simms**

Ashley, member of Accelerando, began ringing bells in elementary school and has played with various church choirs ever since. Ashley teaches private piano lessons and has combined her love for God with her love for education in her current role as Director of Youth Ministry at Frederick Presbyterian Church. Ashley loves spending time with her family, crocheting, reading and playing Zelda video games.

**Bev Spicknall**

Bev, a member of Accelerando, has enjoyed music since early childhood. As a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Taneytown, MD, she is involved with their vocal choir and joined their bell choir when the church started a bell program a few years ago. Bev loves this method of sharing music with others.

**Nancy Wortman**

Nancy, member of Accelerando and Westminster Ringers, began ringing in 2001 with the Bell's Bells Handbell Choir of Timonium United Methodist Church. She works in the front office of Cockeysville Middle School. When not playing handbells, she enjoys learning to knit and spending time with her family in Maryland and Minnesota and her new grandson in Indianapolis.