

# UNITED CHURCH *of* UNDERHILL

## Ministry of Inspirational Worship

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### **Guidelines for Bell Ringers**

#### **What it is:**

Thank you for agreeing to be a bell ringer. The job of the bell ringer is to announce that the service is about to begin.

#### **Why we do it:**

Worship is a joyful event. We ring the bell to announce that our worship service is about to begin. We encourage individuals or families to sign up to ring the bell to celebrate a special event, such as a baptism, confirmation, birthday, or anniversary. We also invite the youth of our church to ring the bell just because it's fun! When you ring the bell, you are helping everybody in the church to worship God!

#### **What we do:**

Approximately 5 minutes before the start of worship, go up the stairs to the belfry. Please leave the door open and/or lock the door to the bathroom. Be careful on the stairs – they are steep!

Ring the large bell (the one with the thick rope) for one minute, approximately 30 rings. Ring it joyfully and enthusiastically!

If the small bell is working, ring that one as well. It is very important to ring that one much more slowly (once every 5 seconds or so); otherwise, the rope will get snarled and the bell will no longer work.

If you are ringing the bell to celebrate a family event, feel free to find a blank spot on the wall to write your name, the date, and the event. Add your story to all the others there!

If there is a family that has only started coming to our church recently, feel free to invite them to join you!

*If a scheduling conflict arises, please try to find a replacement and let the person who originally asked you to be an acolyte of the change. If the change is last minute, please let the pastor know by calling (802) 899-1722.*

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**THANK YOU FOR BEING A BELL RINGER!**

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