



Bells of Peace

On November 11, Katonah UMC will participate in “Bells of Peace: A National World War I Remembrance,” by tolling our church bell 21 times at 11 am. Below you will find more information about the national bell tolling.

What is the National Bell Tolling?

Bells of Peace: A National World War I Remembrance is a national tolling of bells to honor those who served. The United States participated in WWI from April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918.

Why should we toll the bells?

Tolling of bells is the traditional way to mark someone’s passing. On special national occasions, bells are tolled in honor of the fallen. November 11 is the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended hostilities in World War I. In the war, 116,516 Americans died and over 200,000 were wounded.

When is the National Bell Tolling?

On Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. local time across the United States and its territories.

Where will the National Bell Tolling take place?

In communities, houses of worship, cemeteries, military installations, ships at sea - anywhere that Americans gather to honor their veterans.

Who is sponsoring the National Bell Tolling?

The U.S. World War I Centennial Commission is the sponsor. The Commission was created by Act of Congress in 2013 to honor, commemorate, and educate the public about American participation in World War I. The Pritzker Military Museum and Library, our founding sponsor, also endorses this event. Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion are partners, as are the National Cathedral and the Society of the Honor Guard of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

How can my community group participate?

At 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 11, toll your bells slowly 21 times with a five-second interval between tolls.

Why is it important to toll the bells 21 times?

The 21 tolls of the bell symbolize the nation's highest honor. It is based on the 21-gun salute.

Where can I get more information?

www.ww1cc.org/bells.