

We're trying something new this summer at First Church!

Mini Bell Camp Week

for anyone ages 10-110

Monday—Thursday, July 24-27, 2023

Each day will be different—come one day or every day!

**Morning and Evening Workshops will be the same
(except on Thursday).**

Morning time: 9 am—Noon

Evenings: 6:30—9:30 pm

Workshop Cost is only \$5 per session.

**Place: First United Methodist Church
135 W. Simpson Street
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050**

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**Monday,
July 24, 2023**

You've never rung a bell—Why not come give it a try!

No strings attached, just have a little fun with ringing handbells and handchimes. This is your chance to see what those bell ringers do! You'll be surprised, you might even be ringing music by the end of our time together!

Today is designed for totally new ringers—or folks who haven't touched a bell since forever! Perhaps you have bells in the closet at your church? It's time to get them back out!



You want me to do What



with theses Bells??!!

**Tuesday,
July 25, 2023**

Passing—cross & stretch

Weaving (a rug??)

Shakes (the bell, not your body)

Tower Swing—we do it on the ground

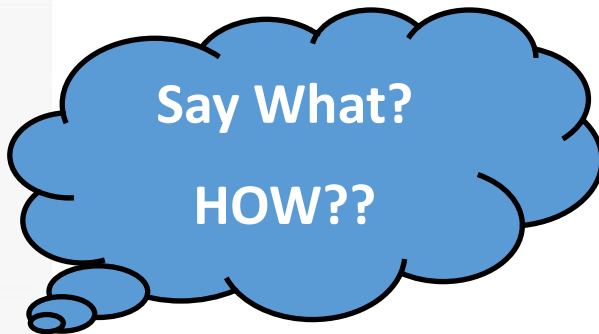
Thumb Damps

Martellatos

Echos

Gyros (not a sandwich!)

A time to work on all those techniques you've heard of, maybe even tried, but want to start incorporating into your playing. How to incorporate all those flats and sharps as well as your main bells. Maybe you're interested in starting some solo or ensemble techniques. This is the day to work on some of those strange symbols you see in handbell music.



**Wednesday,
July 26, 2023**

Today we'll concentrate more on treble or bass techniques - you can even try both! Shelly ring, 4-in-hand??? Yea, that really means only 2 in each hand—although we could try for 4! And how am I supposed to pick up a bell that weighs as much as me?? Maybe I could hit them with something before they hit me?! What do you mean punch the bell? Aren't these bells supposed to be in order - Why are they all mixed up?

Morning Session:

A Director's Roundtable

Circles, Patterns, Assignments, Music Grading
Fundraising, Festivals

(just to start the conversation!)

Thursday,

July 27, 2023



Evening Session:

A Night of Ringing

Choirs and directors - orphans - all are invited!

Come sight read some new music

Get inspired for the year ahead!



Registration page—Please copy as many times as you need to!

Name _____

Email or Phone Number _____

Which Session are you planning to attend: (am: 9-noon, pm: 6:30-9:30)

Monday, July 24 **Come One, Come All!**

am _____ pm _____

Tuesday, July 25 **You Want Me to Do What with These Bells?**

am _____ pm _____

Wednesday, July 26 **Say What? How?**

am _____ pm _____

Thursday, July 27 **Director's Roundtable** am _____

Everybody Ring! pm _____

Amount Enclosed: (\$5 per session) _____

Please make checks out to FUMC (First UMC) and mail to:

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Remember registration is open to everyone ages 10 and older.

Please register by July 18, 2023.

Hope to see you at our Bell Mini Camp !