

Bartlett Church Rings Bells for November 11 Armistice Remembrance

Sunday, November 11th, marked the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War for our country and its allies. In 1918, on November 11th at 11 am, Bartlett's Immanuel Evangelical Church rang out the town's only church bell to announce the end of the fighting. Bartlett Historian, Pam Rohleder, was hoping to hear the same bell on November 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. as part of the all-village and national bell ringing campaign. The current minister of the church, Reverend Susan Tyrrel, informed Rohleder it would not ring; the 609 pound bronze bell, installed by the Ladies Aid in 1893, was inoperable and in need of maintenance. Not to be "out-rung" church member and Bartlett resident Jacqueline Ellsworth encouraged church members and friends to meet after worship at 11:00 am to ring a bell in front of the church to participate in the historic event. Many hand bells honored the historic event in front of Immanuel United Church of Christ's Red Doors, on the corner of North and Western, with a collective bell ringing at 11:00 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month. For more information go to www.bartlettiucc.org.

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