



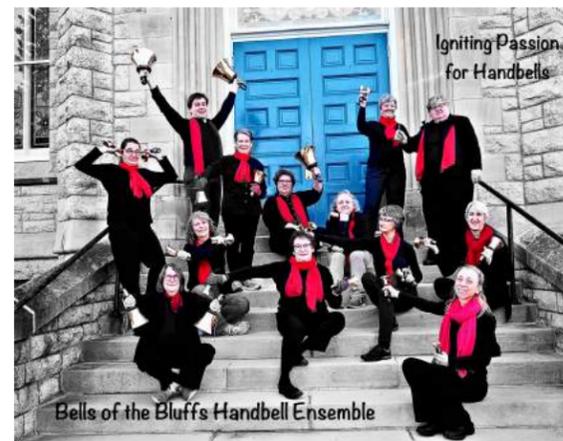
# How Can We Keep From Ringing?

## Bells of the Bluffs Handbell Ensemble and Roberts Congregational UCC Bells

**Roberts UCC Church**  
**1001 Birch Drive**  
**Roberts, WI**  
**Saturday,**  
**February 23, 2019**  
**3:00 PM**

**First Lutheran Church**  
**615 W 5th Street**  
**Red Wing, MN 55033**  
**Sunday,**  
**February 24, 2019**  
**3:00 PM**

The ringers of **Bells of the Bluffs** are REALLY excited to be sharing a concert with the **Roberts UCC** bell choir. The music we have chosen will be of different genres with some fun twists thrown in. We all sincerely hope you will be with us on either of the concert dates. **Bells of the Bluffs** handbell ensemble is devoted to sharing our passion for handbells with people of all ages. Our ringers come from communities throughout southeastern Minnesota and Wisconsin. We provide performance, workshop and audience participation experiences to help spread the joy of handbells. Since Bells of the Bluffs was founded in 2013, we have been building our skills as individuals and an ensemble with a broad range of music and helping other expand their ringing abilities and appreciation for handbell music.



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Roberts Congregational United Church of Christ Handbell Ensemble

Not pictured: Logan Butler

**Roberts UCC bell choir** invited **Bells of the Bluffs** for a joint concert event this February. They want to showcase the talent from within their community of Roberts, WI and create interest in handbells in general. They also wanted to show that a variety of sacred and secular music has been written and arranged for handbells. Handbells can produce a variety of sounds to enhance all the music played.

Handbell ringing began several years ago at Roberts UCC. In the mid 80s, through the generosity of a family in the church who donated enough money to purchase bells.

They practice weekly, play at worship monthly and once a year pair with the Cross Lutheran Vocal Choir for an event. They were part of the BigRing at the Mall of America a few years ago. One does not have to be a member of Roberts UCC to join the bell choir, only a strong interest and desire to learn. Members also need to be available for rehearsals and performances. Their director, Dawn says "We are a fun group and while we work hard, we enjoy the fellowship and entertainment of practice as much as the music."

One of their goals is to "take our show on the road" to bring attention to the beautiful music of handbells/chimes and to create more interest within the community. In order to do that they need more portable tables and some other equipment suitable for travel.



Special guest appearance by Cross Lutheran Vocal Choir, Roberts on Saturday.

Members of church choirs in the Red Wing and surrounding area will be singing on Sunday