**JOYFUL BELLS (JB) 2016-2017 SCHEDULE**

Rehearsals: Wednesday @ 8:00-9:15 starting Oct. 19

First three rehearsals on Monday @ 8:00-9:15 (Oct. 3,10,17)

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**If you cannot make one of the church dates (such as Christmas Eve), please notify me as soon as you know there is a conflict, as I will need to find a substitute. Each ringer plays specific notes, and so if a ringer is missing, so are the notes. I would also appreciate a call or email if a ringer is going to miss a rehearsal. This helps me with planning rehearsals.**

**Be sure to look at your monthly calendars, as I sometimes need to make changes. *THE SCHEDULE AND MONTHLY CALENDARS ARE ALSO ON THE CHURCH WEBPAGE.***

*Important Wednesday Dates:*

Oct. 3: Rehearsals begin (Mondays 10/3, 10/10 & 10/17)

Oct. 19: Rehearsals move to Wednesday

Nov. 23: Thanksgiving vacation; no bells

Dec. 21: Christmas party and rehearsal @ 6:30 (tentative date)

Dec. 28: Christmas vacation; no bells

Jan. 4: Resume rehearsals

Jan. 25: No rehearsal

April 5: Spring break, no rehearsal

April 26: Last rehearsal

**CHURCH DATES**

Nov. 6: Church services 9:00 & 11:15

Dec. 11: Church services 9:00 & 11:15

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve 6:30

Feb. 19: Church services 9:00 & 11:15

April 23: Concert for 40 years of Handbells at First UMC (evening), rehearsals afternoon

April 30: Church services 9:00 & 11:15

April 28-29: Area 5 Spring Ring at Lansing

*When we play for church, the time listed on the calendar is when ringers need to be ready to ring. Please allow a little extra time to get out bells. Other groups often need to warm up before church, so being on time is essential. Thanks.*