

Friends of the Shelmerdine Carillon Report

Fortunately the carillon is a COVID safe instrument and the summer recitals have continued.

Summer of 2021 saw a continued interest in the series with slightly higher audience numbers. Programs are available at the tower and are also published on Facebook “Friends of the Carillon” page. With the new audio and video capabilities of the church people are able to watch the performer on their phones (albeit with a delay). The carillon provides a 20 minute postlude after the worship service approximately 6 times each year.

There is now a direct wire from a camera in the playing room to the screens in the church. This is a direct feed and has been used every time the carillon is played as part of worship. It is a wonderful addition to the program.

As a witness to the horrors of the war in Ukraine the lowest bell of the carillon is tolled for one minute at the beginning of the service and then the Ukrainian National Anthem is played. We began this on Sunday, February 20 and will continue.

The recital schedule of July, 2021 was:

July 5 Carlo Van Uft, Springfield, IL

July 12 Frank Della Penna, Cast in Bronze, Pottsville, PA

July 19 Joey Brink, University of Chicago, IL

July 26 Roy Kroezen, Centralia, IL

For summer of 2022:

July 4 Geert D’hollander. Carillonneur of Bok Tower, Lake Wales, FL

July 11: Wade FitzGerald. Narberth, PA. Graduate of University of Florida. Former Bok Tower intern. Tower tours available after the recital.

July 18: Paul Stelben, Philadelphia, PA. Graduate of Yale University. Tower tours available after the recital.

July 25:

Anna Kasprzycka. Gdańsk, Poland. Graduate of Royal Carillon School in Mechelen, Belgium.

**Festive picnic evening! Pick a theme for your meal and let your creativity flow.*