



Little Bells...

... your weekly update to The Chimes

This Sunday

Scout Sunday: Troop 258 and their families will be joining us
2 Kings 2:1-12

Adult CE



In Adult Sunday School Karen Simpson will lead "Spiritual Practices." How do we know God? What are the ways we discern God's will? Where do we recognize God in the world today? How do we respond to what God is doing? With the bible as our primary source, we will look at some of the practices that Christians have used to know and interact with God as well as share our own stories. On Sunday, February 18, Karen will begin a new 7-week series on the Book of Galatians.

Lectio Divina: Monday Mornings

Monday mornings at 8:00 am we gather in the library for the ancient practice of *Lectio Divina* ("spiritual reading"). It is a contemplative reading of a passage of Scripture with space for quiet meditation and reflection. No experience or expertise required.



Ash Wednesday is February 14



Our Ash Wednesday (Taize) service will be **February 14** at 7:00 PM "Taizé" is the name of a small town in France where an ecumenical group formed after WWII. The group, devoted to reconciliation within both the church and the human community, offered the world a new way and a new vision for the future. The Taizé community continues to thrive today, drawing many thousands annually to pray, to learn, and to sing. Our Taizé prayer service will follow their intent and prayer style with distinctive Taizé music, scripture readings, a short meditation, quietness, candlelight, permission to focus on listening for God, and the imposition of ashes as a beginning to the season of Lent.

LUNCH BUNCH

The next Lunch Bunch is this Wednesday, **February 14** at noon in the Gathering Room. We will hear a speaker from the City of Montgomery's Police/Crime Prevention Unit on the topic of phone and internet scams. Scams and schemes are a criminal's "bread and butter." If you have a computer, a telephone, or a mailbox, you could become a victim. Your best defense is to know a scam when you see or hear one.

Fish Fries

- The Fish Fries are always a huge undertaking and require a full team effort. We need fryers, kitchen help, dessert bakers, clean up crews and lots more. Please sign up in the Gathering Room.
- Yard signs have been printed to promote the Fish Fries. Please take a sign home and place in your lawn where it can be seen by drivers and pedestrians.
- Fish fry invitations are available in the Gathering Room to take and share with friends, family and neighbors.
- Thank you to all who helped last weekend with applying mailing labels.



Deacons



Deacon Ministry

- This weekend the Deacons will send care packages to our college students. Thank you to our cookie bakers!
- The Deacons are setting up a new schedule for Muffin Ministry volunteers going through the spring. Please sign up for this important ministry. For questions, see Cindy Godby or Lois Silber.
- The Deacons seek volunteers to assist (as you are able) in providing transportation for members of our church family to and from church and medical appointments. Look for the sign up sheet in the Gathering Room. Please contact Sue Poulos with questions. We appreciate your willingness to help.

February Mission Collection

In February we will collect toothpaste and toothbrushes to be donated to Lighthouse Youth and Family Services. There are 500 children and youth in Lighthouse residential care each night.



Book Club



Our next gathering will be on Monday, **February 12**, at 7pm at the home of Susie Lewis (9247 Village Green Drive). We will discuss the book *Nickel and Dimed*, by Barbara Ehrenreich. If you have any questions or would like to be added to our distribution list, please contact Karen Simpson at karenanndance@gmail.com or 513-374-1025.

Registration for Upcoming Events

"Equipping the Saints for Ministry" is a set of workshops for officers and leaders during the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery at Madiera-Silverwood Presbyterian Church on **Saturday, Feb. 24** (register by Feb. 15). More information (including descriptions of the workshops) can be found in packets available in the Gathering Room.

"Facilitating Healthy Relationships" focuses on pastor/congregation relationships and takes place **March 23-24** at Richwood Presbyterian Church in Walton, KY. Session is inviting all who are interested to join them at this workshop sponsored by the Presbytery of Cincinnati. MPC is willing to pay \$25 of the registration fee, if you will pay the remaining \$20. Please make checks payable to "MPC" and return w/ registration form to the church office by March 4. All forms and payment will then be sent to the presbytery office. Forms and more info can be found in the February Chimes.

Silent Auction/Trivia Night at Blue Ash Presbyterian

This fun event, **Sunday, Feb. 18** at 6pm at BAPC, is a fundraiser for the BAPC Youth Group. Profits from the Silent Auction and Split the Pot will go to the 2018 Mission trip. If you want to be part of the trivia game, you can bring your own team of six or join up with a team when you arrive. There is no admission charge. Snacks will be provided. *If you have an auction item to donate, contact Bill at quinkell@cinci.rr.com.