



Little Bells...

... your weekly update to The Chimes

### This Sunday

Baptism of the Lord  
Isaiah 43:1-7  
*Through the Deep Water*

### Mission Study Phase 1 Luncheon This Sunday

Join us after Worship on **Sunday, January 13** for a church-wide luncheon as we conclude Phase I of our Mission Study. We will look at the stories you have told of Montgomery Presbyterian Church and begin thinking together about where we are now as a church and where God is leading us. Don't miss this important opportunity to be a part of this process!

### Adult Christian Education

Through February 17, we will delve more deeply into the training we received in September on Conflict Transformation. Conflict resolution begins with interpersonal relationships and can become more complex at organizational levels when a multitude of personalities and issues are involved. We will address both and how we can bring healing to families, friendships and groups alike.



### John Ruthven Dinner This Saturday



The John Ruthven dinner and talk will be held on **Saturday, January 12** at The National Exemplar in Mariemont at 6 p.m. Dinner will be \$30.00 per person. Please make checks out to MPC.

### 2019 Pledge Envelopes/Boxes

Please let the office know if you would like to have a box of pledge envelopes mailed to you. These boxes also contain additional special envelopes for Initial Offering, Per Capita, Deacons Fund and Scholarship Fund.

- The Initial Offering pays for the cost of the envelopes themselves, **\$4.75 per box**.
- For 2019, the Per Capita for the Presbytery of Cincinnati is **\$35 per person**. Multiply this amount by each church member of your household to determine your correct contribution.
- Sowing Seeds Envelopes Contact the office if you will need gray Sowing Seeds envelopes for continuing Capital Fund donations.

*For internal accounting purposes, please write individual checks for Initial Offering, Per Capita, Deacons Fund and/or Scholarship, separate from regular 2019 donation checks. Thank you.*

### Mission Collection for January



For the month of January, we will collect non-perishable food for the pantry at Operation Give Back. Please leave donations in the Gathering Room.

### Caregivers Group

The next meeting of the Caregivers Group will be **Monday, January 21** at 7pm at the home of Beth Doebereiner.



### New Book Club Selection



Our next book is *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah. Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of *The Daily Show* began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. This irreverent memoir is funny and poignant and filled with the relentless faith of Trevor's mother and her passionate love for her son. We will be discussing this book on Monday, **January 28**, at 7pm at the home of Susie Lewis.

### New Sign Up Sheets for 2019



New sign up sheets for the **Muffin Ministry** and for **Coffee Hour Hosting** for the first quarter of 2019 can be found in the Gathering Room. Please sign up!

### Save the Date: Sunday February 10 Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is scheduled for **Sunday, February 10**. Please mark your calendars. (Back up day in case of bad weather will be Sunday, February 17.)



### Presbytery-Wide Service to Honor Martin Luther King Jr.

Our Presbytery-wide Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King service will be held on **Sunday, January 20** at 4:00PM at Carmel Presbyterian Church, 3549 Reading Road, Cincinnati. The speaker is Verna Williams, the Nippert Professor of Law and Interim Dean of the Law School at the University of Cincinnati. Dean Williams is also a Presbyterian from Kennedy Heights PC. Everyone is encouraged to attend this worship service, with a light supper to be served after worship. This year, we will also receive an offering for "Project Connect," an advocacy program for the homeless children in the Cincinnati Public School System. There will be TWO REHEARSALS for the Mass Choir that will sing at the worship service. The two rehearsals are: **Thursday, January 10** at 7PM and **Friday, January 18** at 7PM. Both rehearsals will be held at Carmel Presbyterian Church. Please consider singing in this Presbytery-wide Choir for the MLK service. For more information regarding the choir, please contact Debbie Jordan at [jordan101@msn.com](mailto:jordan101@msn.com).



### Winter Weather and Cancellations



In case of cancellations due to inclement weather, please check the local NBC and CBS stations or websites ([wlv.com](http://wlv.com) and [local12.com](http://local12.com), respectively) to stay informed. The decision will be made and called into the stations no later than 9:00am. Be safe and always use your best judgment.