



Little Bells...

... your weekly update to The Chimes

Church Re-Opening Delayed

For the safety our members and staff, Montgomery Presbyterian Church shall remain closed for in-person Worship, meetings, and other activities until such time that:

- The Public Health Emergency Level is 1 or 2 AND
- Non-Religious mass gatherings of 25 or more are permitted AND
- Session takes necessary action to reopen



While in-person Worship services are suspended, MPC will continue to record and post services on YouTube and the MPC Facebook page. The office remains open Tuesday-Thursday.

Pastor on Call Info for September

If you have a pastoral care emergency, please contact the church office or the Elder for September (Dave Bowen, 703-2319) or the Deacon for September (Jennifer Mathis, 374-3238), who can get you in touch with the Pastor on Call.

Called Congregation Meeting September 20



The Session, at the request of the Pastor Nominating Committee, hereby calls a virtual congregational meeting for the purpose of calling our next Pastor on **September 20, 2020**. Our worship service will begin at 10:30am. During the worship service on September 20, the congregation will have the opportunity to hear a sermon delivered by the PNC's nominee, Rev. Benjamin Shaw. The virtual congregational meeting will begin at Noon. Watch your mail — letters have gone out with information about how to watch/listen to the service, how to participate in the virtual meeting, and how to cast your vote.

Stewardship 2021

Stewardship season is upon us once again. What is stewardship? Stewardship is our ministry of using the many gifts God has bestowed on us to bring about God's Kingdom on Earth. What are God's gifts to us as a congregation? Are we using those gifts to the glory of God? What are God's gifts to you? Are you using those gifts to the glory of God?

Watch your mail for a second mailing that also went out this week; it includes a review of 2020 and blank pledge cards for 2021 to be completed and returned to the church office.



Mission Collection for September



In September we will collect and provide paper products for Our Daily Bread. To donate, you may:

- drop items off at the church
- donate via their website, <https://ourdailybread.us/>
- mail or drop off a check to the church office, with "Mission" or "Our Daily Bread" designated in the memo line.

Peace & Global Witness Offering Will Be Collected for October 4

The annual Peace and Global Witness Offering will be collected for **Sunday, October 4**. This offering joins Presbyterians together as active peacemakers, enabling the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. If you would like to make a donation for this offering, please designate as such in the memo line of your check or other form of payment. Donations may be mailed or dropped off to the church office.



Next Book Club Via Zoom



All are invited to MPC's next book discussion via Zoom at 7PM on **Monday, October 19**, as we discuss One Blood: Parting Words to the Church on Race and Love by John Perkins. This is a shorter selection than some of our recent books, and a fluid read for those of us who are short on time these days!

We are living in historic times. Not since the civil rights movement of the 60s has our country been this vigorously engaged in the reconciliation conversation. There is a great opportunity right now for culture to change, to be a more perfect union. However, it cannot be done without the church, because the faith of the people is more powerful than any law government can enact. The church is the heart and moral compass of a nation. To turn a nation to God, the church must turn first. Racism won't end in America until the church is reconciled first. Then—and only then—can it spiritually and morally lead the way. This book addresses the unique role the church has to play in reconciling the races; it was the source for a sermon recently given by Beth Doebereiner.

OGB Golf Classic



Operation Give Back is pleased to announce that we are gearing up for the 11th Annual Operation Give Back Golf Classic! Although the event may look a little different this year, the fun will be the same! Mark your calendars for **September 21, 2020**. Our website is ready for registration! The link can be found on the OGB webpage www.ogiveback.com

We hope that you can be a part of the event again this year. How can you help?

1. Sign up to GOLF or to attend the Ladies Luncheon
2. Be an event sponsor: There are many levels of giving!
3. Donate items to the raffle or auction.

Alzheimer's Association of Greater Cincinnati

The Alzheimer's Association of Greater Cincinnati provides care and support to families in 37 counties in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, plus much needed funding for research. The Alzheimer's Association of Greater Cincinnati may be able to provide services free of charge to families in need. Learn more at their website alz.org. They also provide a 24/7 Helpline, 800-272-3900.



To fund our mission, the Cincinnati Tri-State Walk to End Alzheimer's will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 3**. It will look very different from years past and to ensure everyone's safety we will be walking in our own neighborhoods in small groups. MPC members are invited to show their support and join us. To learn more or to register, visit act.alz.org/2020oct.