



# 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 October

If you have a pastoral care emergency, please contact the church office or the Elder for October (Dave Bowen, 703-2319) or the Deacon for October (Doug Rose, 532-3789), who can get you in touch with the Pastor on Call.

## College and Military Updates

The Deacons are updating the college and military list. If you know someone who is in college or in the military — or if there have been address changes — please let us know by calling Jennifer Mathis at 513-620-7212.

## Sign Up for the Muffin Ministry

Want an easy way to share God's love and MPC's love to congregation members in need or to celebrate a special occasion? Join the Deacon ministry of being a muffin baker, taker or baker AND taker! You not only spread God's love, but you receive it as well. Join up for a 2 week time period. Supplies are kept in the Deacons closet to make it easy. Please contact Susan Rose with any questions.



## Mission

### Collection for October



For October, we will collect canned goods for the food pantry at NEEDS (Northeast Emergency Distribution Services). Items may be dropped off at the church office during office hours or left in the Gathering Room collection table after hours. Alternately, you may make a contribution online at their

website, <http://www.cincyneeds.org/welcome.html> or you may mail or drop off a check to the church office (with NEEDS designated in the check memo line).

### Thanksgiving Baskets

Despite the era of Covid-19, we will continue this year with our mission to provide Thanksgiving Baskets for local families, with some changes in how we collect the nonperishable goods. Instead of inviting congregation members to bring in cans and dry goods to the Church, we will purchase those items at Kroger as we have purchased the perishables each year.



We do invite you to send a check to the Church with the amount you would usually spend for the food donation. Please designate any donations by check with "Thanksgiving baskets" in the check memo line.

If you wish to donate a baked item (parceled out for 10 families), please bring it to the Kemper Parlor at the church on the morning of **Saturday, November 21** or place it in the Church freezer (clearly marked as a Thanksgiving basket donation) prior to that date and let us know.

### Angel and Mitten Trees



We will once again be sponsoring children from **One Way Farm** and **Lighthouse Youth Services** with gifts from our Angel Trees. Because of COVID-19 and the church's shut down, we will have to re-imagine how this will actually flow. Be watching future Chimes and Little Bells for more details as they develop.

We will also continue the tradition of collecting hats, scarves, gloves and mittens for the children at **Bethany House**. Those items can be dropped off to Cathy in the church office. Again, more details will be available in future communications.

## Meals for the Reeseys



Thank you so much for supporting meals for the Reeseys. To date we have provided over 365 meals to the family! But as you know, the need continues. The calendar is expanded through the end of December, and your generosity in signing up is so appreciated. Dick has a table set up in the garage where you can leave your meal for "contactless" delivery. Sign up using the link: <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=QDZA3312>

## Stewardship 2021

The office is still receiving pledge cards for 2021. Please consider prayerfully and return to the church office. If you have lost yours or need a new one, contact the 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!

## New Ladies Circle Study Series Begins in November



At our November 5, 10:30am meeting, the MPC Ladies Circle will begin a new Presbyterian Women's Bible study, "Into the Light, Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament." If you would like to join us via Zoom, please contact Sue Poulos for details.