



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.

Rest In Peace

Longtime MPC member **Pat Pharr** completed her earthly life on Saturday, October 10. Her life will be celebrated at a private, graveside ceremony attended by her loving family. Her obituary can be read at <https://www.strawserfuneralhome.com/obituary/patricia-pharr>

Artist **John Ruthven** completed his life on Sunday, October 11. Many MPC members had the opportunity to meet him at his farm or at the National Exemplar, when the church had a dinner outing with him.

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 Updates



There will be no Angel or Mitten trees set up in the Gathering Room this year because of Covid-19. However, we will still be supporting the **Lighthouse Youth Services** and **One Way Farm**, just in a different way. Members of the congregation will be asked to send or drop off checks to Cathy in the church office. Please indicate on the check memo line which of the two charities you wish to support. This money will then be used by Lighthouse/One Way Farm to buy gifts for the children. Please remember these are the only gifts these children will receive for Christmas. The Mission committee would like **checks sent no later than mid December at the suggested amount of \$100-200.**

Also if members are willing to bring scarves, mittens and hats to church, they will be delivered to Bethany House. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Bowen at 236-7158 or sbowen@fuse.net.

OGB Holiday Store

Due to Covid-19, this year’s Holiday Store event will look a little different. OGB volunteers will gather information from participating parents/guardians regarding their children and do the shopping for them. This year we are asking for donations of new toys, pajamas, socks, underwear, hats, gloves and gently used coats. Parents will make an appointment on either December 11, 12 or 13 to “drive by” and pick up their family’s holiday gifts. The easiest ways to donate are:



- **Monetary donations-** all money collected will go to support the Holiday Store. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please [click here](#) or mail a check to OGB (10891 Millington Court, Blue Ash, OH 45242)
- **Order gift items through the OGB's Amazon Smiles Wish List site.** All gifts will be sent directly to OGB. [Click here](#) to shop on the OGB Holiday Store Amazon site.
- **Fill a Blessing Bag-** Each family who visits the Holiday Store will receive a Blessing Bag filled with much needed food and toiletry items all in time for holiday break. [Click here](#) to for more information and to see a list of items that go in a Blessing Bag.

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.