



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 November

If you have a pastoral care emergency, please contact the church office or the Elder for November (Susie Lewis, 379-6478) or the Deacon for November (Sandra Bowen, 236-7158 ), who can get you in touch with the Pastor on Call.

### Rest in Peace

Longtime MPC member **Peter Robinson** completed his earthly life October 29. Visitation will be held Saturday Nov. 7, 2020 at 11:00 am., until the funeral at 12:00 Noon at Strawser Funeral Home 9503 Kenwood Rd Blue Ash, OH, 45242 with Pastor Mike Brewer presiding. Burial will follow in Hopewell Cemetery at Montgomery. Guest book online at [www.strawserfuneralhome.com](http://www.strawserfuneralhome.com)

### Wassail 2020 Canceled

Due to concerns about the spread of COVID-19 in large gatherings, the Deacons announce that Wassail Hour is officially canceled for 2020.



### MPC recognizes and thanks our veterans for their service:

Bob Bushman, Helen Colley, Lew French, Clarence Hammel, Jay Mathis, Rick Parrish, Peter Poulos, Wally Stegmann, Ron Uchtmann, and Carol Venn.

### Next Book Club Date and Book Selection



All are invited to MPC's next book discussion via Zoom at 7PM on **Monday December 14th**. We will read and discuss "Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do" by Jennifer L. Eberhardt. This book reveals the surprising findings of a social anthropologist both from her perceptive academic research and her unexpected personal stories. For information about how to join in the zoom call, contact Doug Rose.

### New Ladies Circle Study Series Begins Today

Ladies Circle will meet today, **Thursday, November 5**, at 10:30AM to begin our new study of Lamentations, Into the Light, with **lesson one**. Jennifer Mathis will lead our discussion. As of today, we are still at level red, so we must be cautious as we gather. We will meet in the Gathering Room, so please enter through the main door as you would for worship. Please plan to wear masks and bring your own books and Bibles with you. There's plenty of hand sanitizer available and I will wipe down the door handles, stair rails, chairs and tables before you arrive. You are welcome to bring a drink with you, but we won't be able to eat during the meeting.



### Thanksgiving Baskets

Despite the era of Covid-19, we will continue this year with our mission to provide Thanksgiving Baskets for local families. 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.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP DELIVER THANKSGIVING BASKETS TO FAMILIES Saturday Nov 21. Contact Doug ([dfrose4@gmail.com](mailto:dfrose4@gmail.com)) or Sue Rose ([msslrose4@gmail.com](mailto:msslrose4@gmail.com)) if you can.**

### 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](mailto: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. **OGB has ordered special bags for the Blessing Bags — if you need a bag to fill, please contact Beth Doebereiner.**

If you have questions, or if you would like to sign up to be a **Prayer Partner**, please contact Beth Doebereiner at 675-4295 or [doebereiner@fuse.net](mailto:doebereiner@fuse.net).