



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.

Thanksgiving Baskets Will Be Delivered Saturday, Nov. 21



Thank you to all who donated money and/or baked goods for the Deacons' annual Thanksgiving Basket drive. Baskets will be distributed this Saturday to ten local families. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to be part of the delivery team, please contact Doug Rose at dfrose4@gmail.com or 532-3789.

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 (**made out to MPC**) 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. Please send checks **no later than December 7** at the suggested amount of \$100-200.

Also if members are willing to **bring scarves, mittens and hats to church (the tree is set up in the Gathering Room)**, 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. **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.

Thanksgiving Week Office Hours

Due to the holiday next week, Cathy's office hours will vary. The office will be open Monday (11/23) and Tuesday (11/24). The office will be closed beginning Wednesday, and will re-open Tuesday, December 1 — which happens to be the first day for our new pastor, Rev. Ben Shaw.



Advent Devotionals



Advent Devotional booklets, featuring daily prayers and reflections for the season, will be mailed out this week. Please watch your mail and contact the office if you do not receive one. Additional copies will be left near the front office door (on the tables under the mailboxes) if you need to pick up any extras to share.

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.

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.

