



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.

Elder and Deacon for December

The Elder for December is Pam Koester, 332-8810.
The Deacon for December is Sue Poulos, 376-1623.

Pastor Ben is Officially on the Job

MPC's new pastor, Rev. Ben Shaw, had his first day on Tuesday, December 1. Going forward, he will be leading our weekly online services, just in time to celebrate the Advent and Christmas seasons. He will typically be in the office Mondays through Thursdays. He can be reached at the church office number or his cell, 740-972-1606, and his email address is mpc.pastor@mpchuch.net. Because we can still not hold services in person at this time, please send a note, email or call to introduce yourself and welcome Ben.

Angel and Mitten Trees Updates



Donations for Angel Tree missions, Lighthouse Youth Services and One Way Farm can be accepted through December 7. Mail or drop off to the office checks **made out to MPC**. (Designate the name of one or both of the missions you wish to support in the check memo line.)

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

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 and **please allow time so that items may arrive/be purchased before December 11.**

Take Them a Meal

Thank you so much for supporting meals for the Reeseys. To date we have provided over 375 meals. As you know, the need continues. The calendar is expanded through March, and your generosity in signing up is so appreciated. We are taking meals in disposable pans/containers and leaving them on a card table in the garage to avoid passing germs from our homes to the Reeseys, and this seems to be working well. Please call Sue Poulos, 793-3966, with questions. <https://takethameal.com/meals.php?t=QDZA3312>



Stewardship

2021 Pledge Envelopes

Thank you to all who submitted pledge cards for 2021 Stewardship. In past years we have left boxes with envelopes in the Gathering Room to be picked up after Worship, but as with everything this year, Covid closures require that we come up with another way. For the sake of saving a few bucks in postage, if you are nearby or have business in the church, and can stop in the church during office hours (Tuesday—Thursdays 8:00—3:00), you can get your box from Cathy; OR, if you are at the church any other time, you can find boxes on a table near the front office — help yourself to your box. If you can not make it in, please let Cathy know you would like your pledge envelopes to be mailed to you.

Only people who submitted pledge cards for 2021 will be sent boxes. If you would still like to submit a pledge card, we will be happy to still accept them. Or if you did not submit a pledge but would like a set of envelopes, please contact Cathy.

Again, in the interest of saving some money on postage, if you are someone who submits payments monthly, quarterly or annually, we will not send the whole box, but rather will pull out the envelopes you need and mail those to you.

Deadline for 2019 Giving is December 28

With the end of the calendar year upon us, please note that the last donation deposit will be made **Monday, December 28**. If you plan to extend your giving or make a designated gift for 2019, it must be received at the church no later than this date. If you plan to donate stock, please begin that process in early December. Donations received after the 28th will become offerings to 2020. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Pledge Offerings and Donations



Although in-person Worship services are temporarily suspended, the operations of the church continue. As an alternative to dropping pledges into the collection plate, you may still send contributions via mail or online via the church website. The office is still be open, and we continue making weekly bank deposits. Thank you.

Advent Devotionals

Additional copies of the Advent Devotionals are left near the front office door (on the tables under the mailboxes) if you need to pick up any extras.

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.