



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's Contact Information

MPC's new pastor, Rev. Ben Shaw 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@mpchurch.net](mailto:mpc.pastor@mpchurch.net). You can also send him a Christmas card at his new home: 2911 Minto Ave. Cincinnati OH 45208

### December Office Hours and Holiday Closures

For the next two weeks, Cathy will work Mondays and Tuesdays (12/14 & 12/15 and then 12/21 & 12/22). After the 22nd, she will not be back in the office until **Tuesday, Jan. 5**.

Rev. Ben will be in the office through **Wednesday, December 23**.

The office will be **CLOSED** from Christmas Eve through the New Year, re-opening when Ben returns **Monday January 4**.



### Christmas Eve Service

A Christmas Eve service is being planned. Watch next week's Chimes newsletter for more information.

### Christmas Joy Offering

Christmas Joy offerings may be sent to the church in the month of December. Please make checks out to MPC, with "Christmas Joy" noted in the memo line. The Christmas Joy Offering supports church leaders among us, retired, present and future, who have pointed us to God.



### Aluminum Can Tabs Still Being Collected



**Pull for the House.** Update from Nancy Pacey: Thank you to the congregation for saving pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. A large container of tabs was delivered earlier this month, and they were much appreciated. Cincinnati is now home to the largest Ronald McDonald House in the USA. The money they get for the tabs helps them purchase some "extras" for the many families in their care. Thank you again, and keep saving those tabs. A collection bin can be found in the church's Gathering Room.

### Stewardship

#### 2021 Pledge Envelopes

Thank you to all who submitted pledge cards for 2021 Stewardship and thanks to those who have picked up their pledge boxes. If you were not able to make it in to the office to pick up yours, your envelopes will be sent to you by mail before the end of the year. If you submit payments monthly, quarterly or annually, please note we will not send the whole box, but rather will pull out the envelopes you need and mail those to you.

Also, every household (except those who already picked up their boxes from the office) will be mailed envelopes for Per Capita, Initial Offering, Deacons Fund and Scholarship Fund, before the end of the year.

#### Per Capita for 2021

**For 2021, the Per Capita assessment for the Presbytery of Cincinnati is \$35 per person.** Multiply this amount by each church member of your household to determine your correct contribution. The suggested amount for the Initial Offering is **\$5.00**.

*\*Per Capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, so every Presbyterian is asked to share the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system. Congregations (through their sessions) pay an annual amount of money per church member — per capita apportionment — to their presbyteries. The annual per capita amount is a combined request from a congregation's presbytery, synod, and the General Assembly — based on their respective budgets for the coming year.*

#### 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. Donations received after the 28th will become offerings to 2021. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### Drive Through Living Nativity

Crestview Children's Ministries is planning a special Live Nativity "drive by" event for the local community on **Sunday, December 20th from 5 to 7 pm**. 9463 Cincinnati Columbus Rd, West Chester.

