



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 March

The Elder for March is Bruce Henry, 513-520-6413.
The Deacon for March is Doug Rose, 513-532-3789.

COVID: Updates on Vaccinations and Attending Service Tapings

New Information About Attending Taping of Worship Services

Congratulations to those who are fully (or nearly fully) vaccinated against COVID-19, and thank you for notifying the office of your vaccination status. We are gradually welcoming back fully vaccinated members to attend filming of our Worship services. Taping typically occurs on Thursdays at 4:30 in the sanctuary. (Going forward that time may change, and we will communicate any schedule change.)

Because space is limited and the number of people we may admit will vary depending on the service, please call or email the office to RSVP by 2:00 on the day of taping. Please also note that social distancing and mask wearing will be practiced, and there will be no Fellowship or coffee hour before or after the service.

Attending the taping is not the same as re-opening for Worship. This intermediate step primarily affords an opportunity for participation for people who may have trouble viewing the services online. If a (fully vaccinated) Special Friend does not have computer access, for example, this may be a good avenue for them to re-engage with the church. Please contact Rev. Ben or Cathy if you have any questions.

Does anyone need a ride to their COVID vaccine appointment? Please contact Sue Poulos, 793-3966, if you need a ride. She or one of the Deacons may be able to help! Or, if you are a home bound senior, call Home52 Transportation at (855) 546-6352 to arrange transportation.

Pastor Ben Out of the Office March 14-20

Rev. Ben will be out of the office March 14-20. In his absence, if you have a pastoral care emergency, please call Cathy in the office, or the Elder or Deacon of the month, who can get you in touch with the pastor on call.



Jan Van Lieu

Jan Van Lieu died peacefully on March 2, surrounded by family. There will be a small service for family and friends at Spring Grove. Anyone who wants details or information about how to reach her family can reach out to Pastor Ben. Please pray for peace and comfort for the family.

Spring Ahead This Weekend

Daylight Savings Time begins **Sunday, March 14**. Set your clock an hour forward. And while you are at it, test your smoke alarms and change their batteries, according to manufacturers' instructions.

One benefit of online services: if you DO forget to spring ahead, you save yourself the embarrassment of showing up an hour late!



New Book Club Selection



Please join us on Monday, **April 19 at 7PM** via Zoom to discuss our next book selection, Father Richard Rohr's *Falling Upward, A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*.

In *Falling Upward*, Fr. Richard Rohr seeks to help readers understand the tasks of the two halves of life and to show them that those who have fallen, failed, or "gone down" are the only ones who understand "up." Most of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old, dealing with health issues, and letting go of life, but the whole thesis of this book is exactly the opposite. It explains why the second half of life can and should be full of spiritual richness, and that what looks like falling down can largely be experienced as "falling upward."

MISSION and SHARING

Meals for Godbys



Ron and Cindy Godby's daughter, Katie Toennis, has set up a meal signup schedule for when Ron returns home from the hospital, beginning March 1. If you'd like to sign up, the link is [Meal Train for Ron Godby](#). Please send questions to Katie at katietoennis@gmail.com or call or text her at 513-675-9074. Please bring heart healthy meals (no added sodium, low fat). No desserts, please.

Mission Collection for March



In March, we will collect **canned goods** for the NEEDS pantry. Donations may be dropped off in the office or in the Gathering Room. You may also send checks with "NEEDS" noted in the memo line, or visit the NEEDS website at <https://cincyneeds.org/>



One Great Hour of Sharing

Three programs supported by **One Great Hour of Sharing** (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People) all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. **OGHS donations will be received through April 4**. Simply note "OGHS" in your check memo line. Thank you.

