



# Little Bells...

... your weekly update to The Chimes

## Church Re-Opening Delayed

For the safety of 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 April

The Elder for April is Dick Reese, 513-675-3569.  
The Deacon for April is Sandra Bowen, 513-236-7158.

### Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 1, 7pm

Remembering Christ's final meal with his disciples and his new commandment  
Service led by Rev. Ben Shaw, at Montgomery Presbyterian Church



### Good Friday

Friday, April 2, 7pm

Link to service: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi25g9XF8ZF7quPMVKZie7Q>

(Can also be found on BAPC's website, [www.blueashpresbyterianchurch.org](http://www.blueashpresbyterianchurch.org))

A solemn service of worship, remembering the sacrifice of our Lord through music and silence, light and darkness, and God's Word.

Service led by Rev. Cherie Hambleton, at Blue Ash Presbyterian Church

### Easter

Sunday, April 4, 10:30 am

Joyful, music-filled celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

## Stations of the Cross

Reverend Dr. Ed Goode (Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Cincinnati) has published a video taking us through the Stations of the Cross for Lent. This is a beautiful, interactive, spiritual, and contemplative series to ground you in Good Friday.

[The Stations of the Cross](https://stations.thesecondgaze.com) (<https://stations.thesecondgaze.com>) imitates the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, a path through the Old City which is meant to approximate the route on which Jesus approached Calvary. As a devotional tradition, this is found in multiple Christian denominations. Consider using this for personal reflection, or for a study group.



## MISSION

### Mission Collection for April



In April we will collect feminine hygiene products for the women and girls at Bethany House. Please leave donations in the Gathering Room.



### 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.



## Book Club Meets April 19 Via Zoom



In the first half of life, we are naturally preoccupied with establishing ourselves; climbing, achieving and performing. But as we grow older and encounter challenges and mistakes, we need to see ourselves in a different and more life-giving way. This message of falling down - that is in fact moving upward - is the most resisted and counterintuitive of messages in the world's religions. Falling Upward offers a new paradigm for understanding one of the most profound of life's mysteries: how those who have fallen down are the only ones who understand "up." We grow spiritually more by doing it wrong than by doing it right, and the disappointments of life are actually the stepping stones to the spiritual joys in the second half of life.

## Reminder 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.