



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.

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.

To participate, please contact Doug Rose (dfrose4@gmail.com, 532-3789) to be included on the Zoom link.

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.



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.

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.

Coming Soon: Montgomery Farmers Market

Opening day for the return of the outdoor Montgomery Farmers Market will be Saturday, May 1. Stay tuned for more details, or visit [Montgomery Farmers Market](http://www.montgomeryfarmersmarket.org) (www.montgomeryfarmersmarket.org).



Montgomery Spring Shredding Event, THIS Saturday, April 17



The Environmental Advisory Commission will hold a free Spring Shredding Event on Saturday, April 17 at the city's monthly cardboard recycling event. The event will be held from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Public Works Facility at 7315 Cornell Rd. (across from Sycamore High School).

Please remove paper from notebooks and binders. Paper clips and staples DO NOT have to be removed. No binder clips, please. CDs or DVDs can NOT be shredded. To serve everybody efficiently, there will be a maximum of 3 boxes (copy paper size or similar) per person in line, and you must be present. Volunteers will be available to assist. Materials will be shredded onsite.

... event expanded to now include electronics!

Junk King has generously offered to collect **at no charge** household electronics including all models of televisions and monitors in recognition of Earth Day coming up on April 22. Don't miss this opportunity to bring in those hard to donate electronic items. Junk King works with a large number of non-profit groups and end-users to reuse and recycle all materials to keep waste from going to landfills. To learn more about Junk King see their website at <https://www.junk-king.com/>



National Drug Take-Back Event

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is again sponsoring a national campaign to remove expired, unused, or unwanted controlled substances from home medicine cabinets. Montgomery Police partnering with the DEA will provide a venue for Montgomery residents who want to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs in a controlled and safe manner.



When: Saturday, April 24, 2021

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Where: Montgomery Municipal Pool Parking Lot, 10150 Montgomery Rd

This is a free service, and drop-offs are anonymous. Tablets, capsules, and all other solid dosage forms will be collected. Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will NOT be accepted.

“We encourage residents to take advantage of the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Event and address a vital public safety and public health issue. Residents can help us remove a potential source of controlled substances known to be abused. According to the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, every day, on average, 2,500 teens abuse prescription drugs. A majority of those drugs are obtained from family, friends, and the home medicine cabinet,” explains Montgomery Police Sergeant Mike Plaatje.