



Little Bells...

... your weekly update to *The Chimes*

Key Points to Know As In-Person Worship Resumes This Sunday, May 23

As we prepare to return to in person Worship this Sunday, a few things to remember:

- When you arrive, you will be asked to sign in
- Please wear a mask upon entry and in the sanctuary. If you are unable or unwilling to wear a mask during the service, you may be seated in the narthex during the service.
- Pews will be marked to indicate where you may sit when you enter the sanctuary.
- We will not pass the collection plate, but rather, will use a plate or drop box outside the sanctuary to collect offerings.
- For those unable to attend in person, the service will be live streamed at 10:30, and can be found on our website and Facebook page.
- PLEASE NOTE this will be our first time with the live stream and there will be a learning curve. We ask for grace and patience, as there may be some bumps with this initially.
- When applicable, Communion will be served in a manner similar to that used in the current prerecorded services. Bread will be placed in communion cups. Communion servers will serve the congregants in the pews.

Elder and Deacon for May

The Elder for May is Susie Lewis, 513-379-6478.
The Deacon for May is Sue Poulos, 513-376-1623.

Mailings to the Congregation (Bulletins, Little Bells and Chimes)

The office has always maintained a mailing list of members who prefer to receive hard copies of documents (particularly the monthly Chimes newsletter) in the mail, as opposed to those who prefer to receive them electronically by email. While the church was closed for services, Cathy expanded mailings to include order of service "bulletins" and the Little Bells. Now that we are heading back to in person services, we would like to see where we can cut back on mailings. Please let Cathy know (by email at mpc.office@mpchurch.net) your preference for mailings: if you would still like to receive all mailings, if you would just like to receive the Chimes, or if you would like to "unsubscribe" and receive none of these communications.



Ladies Circle Meets June 3



Circle will meet on **Thursday, June 3** at 10:30 in the Gathering Room to discuss lesson 4 in our book on lamentations in the Bible. We will wear masks.

Church Picnic Sign Up

The annual tradition of our church picnic will resume this year: **Sunday, June 13** after Worship, at Weller Park shelter house. Fellowship Committee will provide drinks and fried chicken. Sign up sheet for sides, salads and desserts can be found in the Gathering Room.



MPC To Participate in OGB's Summer Kick-Off Program



MPC, in partnership with the Montgomery Ministerial Association, will join the City of Montgomery and multiple other community organizations to collect funds for a Summer Kick-Off Challenge to support families in need! We will raise funds to contribute to **SUMMER FUN Bags** filled with food, care, and summer fun items and experiences.

The goal of the Summer Kick Off Challenge is to collect funds to offer opportunities for families to enjoy time together and begin the healing process from the pandemic. These opportunities can only happen when we as a community come together to care for one another. The pandemic has dramatically impacted our youngest residents and families struggling with food and financial insecurity. Many families had to sideline the opportunity to create special memories. **The Summer Kick Off program at OGB enhances the mental well-being and positive family opportunities for families in need in our community.**

You can sponsor a child (\$30) or a family (\$150) in our community to receive a Summer Fun Bag full of:

- Food containing kid-focused breakfast, lunch and snack items, as well as personal care items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, sunscreen, etc.)
- Outdoor activity items: jump rope, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, balls, kites, beach towels, fishing poles, bug catchers, etc.
- Gift cards to experience family friendly super fun summer adventures: the Zoo, Children's Museum, Kings Island, Red's game, and many more!

Join the challenge TODAY! (Bags will be distributed June 3 & 4.) Sponsor a child or family at the OGB website: <https://www.ogiveback.com/>

Other May Mission

Mission Collection for May



For the month of May, we will collect canned goods and non-perishable food for the food pantry at Operation Give Back. Donations may be left in the Gathering Room, or you can donate online at www.ogiveback.com. The website can also direct you to a list of pantry items most in need.



Pentecost Special Offering

A foundation of faith established during childhood through young adulthood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you are helping to provide opportunities for young people to grown and share in their faith in Christ.

You may donate multiple ways:

- Give online at pcusa.org/donatepentecost
- Text PENTECOST to 91999
- Envelopes will be provided in the announcements for the May 23 return to service.



New Book Club Selection



Book Club will meet again on **Monday, June 7** at 7PM via Zoom to discuss *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein. Contact Doug Rose if you need the Zoom link.