



Little Bells...

... your weekly update to *The Chimes*

Elder and Deacon for January

The Elder for January is Steve Thiel, 513-708-0594.
The Deacon for January is Cheryl Mack, 317-294-8436.

Covid Policy Updates

* Until such time as Hamilton County Covid-19 case numbers decrease, MPC will go back to requiring that masks be worn during Worship, in the sanctuary and Gathering Room (with the exception of the Pastor and Liturgist when they are speaking.) The MPC Session voted and made this decision in accordance with current CDC guidelines.

* The volunteer who prepares the communion elements wears a mask and gloves during the preparation and cleanup process. Gluten free crackers are placed on the trays before the preparer places the bread into the cups on the trays. The gluten free crackers are only touched by the communion preparer.

* Reminder: Services are still being live streamed, if you are subject to quarantine protocols or would prefer not to attend services in person while we are experiencing a spike in Covid cases.

* If you need help getting an appointment for a Covid booster shot, please let Rev. Ben or any Deacon know, and perhaps we can help you! Please be mindful when you are with others who may not be vaccinated.

*****NEW KN95 MASKS PROVIDED BY DEACONS** Please take a KN95 mask from the table at the entrance to the Gathering Room when you arrive at MPC on Sunday morning. The Deacons hope you will wear this mask each Sunday when you are at MPC. By airing the mask out during the week, germs will dissipate and it will be ready for you to wear again on Sunday morning.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is scheduled for **Sunday, January 30**, following Worship.

Blue Ash Presbyterian Church

Several weeks ago, MPC's Session met with its counterpart at the Blue Ash Presbyterian Church to consider the possibility of a merger of churches. The proposed merger, which would happen in MPC's building and which would preserve MPC's staff, is currently being considered by the Sessions at MPC and BAPC. No decisions have been made, and as the session discerns the will of the Holy Spirit for MPC, it welcomes your feedback about a possible merger. Feel free to talk to Rev. Ben or any MPC elder to share your thoughts on such a merger--and be on the lookout for open meetings to talk about the possibility in the months ahead.

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on **Wednesday, January 19**. Bring your own lunch, and we will eat together in the Gathering Room. We will then make and pack sandwiches for our mission partner, Our Daily Bread. Contact Dave Bowen if you want to participate.

2021 Contribution Letters

Letters detailing financial contributions made to MPC in 2021 were mailed out this week. Please contact the office if you have questions about your statement, or any concerns about possible errors.

“Kiss the Ground” Documentary



Faith Communities Go Green, a coalition of religious communities working to integrate care for creation into their lives and society, is sponsoring a free, virtual screening of "Kiss the Ground" on January 23, 6:00—7:15pm. Narrated by Woody Harrelson, Kiss the Ground is a groundbreaking documentary that discusses viable solutions to the climate crisis. The documentary and the follow up discussion with local farmers promise to leave you hopeful. Register

by going to <https://greenumbrella.org/event-4601164> or do a Google search on Green Umbrella Kiss the Ground.

January Mission Collection



For January's mission project, we will collect canned good and other non-perishable food items for the OGB pantry. In-kind donations may be brought to the Gathering Room, or cash donations may be made on their website, www.ogiveback.org

Adult CE

The next Adult CE topic will be a six week series on Phillipians, led by Jim Ryan. Due to the spike in Covid case numbers, Adult CE may be subject to temporary postponement or meeting by Zoom. Watch Little Bells/announcements for further notification of when classes will resume.



New Book Club Selection



The MPC Book Club will be reading *Losing Earth: A Recent History* by Nathaniel Rich. *Losing Earth* tells the human story of climate change in rich, intimate terms. It reveals the birth of climate denialism and the genesis of the fossil fuel industry's coordinated effort to thwart climate policy through misinformation and political influence. We will meet online on **Monday, February 21**, at 7pm. If you would like to join the discussion, please contact Doug Rose to be included in the Zoom link.