



Little Bells...

... your weekly update to The Chimes

Church Re-Opening May 23 for In-Person Worship

The Session reviewed all available COVID-19 related information and made a decision to return to in person services and meetings at the Church on **May 23, 2021, Pentecost Sunday**. In making this decision, Session believed that it was important to continue precautions directed by the CDC and State of Ohio to protect all attending members.



Upon arrival, attendees will be required to stop at a welcome table to insure a mask is worn upon entry (one can be provided), provide for hand sanitizer and sign in. After entry:

- Worship bulletins and a tray to leave an offering will be placed on a table at the entrance to the sanctuary.
- Please proceed directly to the sanctuary to take your seat.
- Allowable places for congregants to sit will be marked to insure proper physical distancing. Congregants may seat themselves but must sit only in designated locations.
- Per the current Ohio Public Health order, attendance will be limited to 25% of the official capacity of the sanctuary.
- Everyone must wear masks while in the building for the service, with the exception of worship leaders when they are speaking. Worship leaders must maintain physical distancing from each other and from the congregation.
- The service will include one hymn near the end of the service; congregants may sing. No other congregational singing will be included.
- Vocal music will be pre-recorded; instrumental music played on certain instruments may be offered live.
- 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.
- After the service, weather permitting, we may enjoy Fellowship in the outdoor Hesford Courtyard space.
- Restrooms will be kept clean with hand sanitizer and disinfectant spray available.
- Room air purifiers will be in place to provide filtering on the sanctuary air flow.

Should orders of the State of Ohio and CDC change to allow more direct participation, the Session will meet to change whatever measures are no longer needed.

From the Worship Committee: Top 10 Things to Know About Our Return to In-Person Worship

This is a quick list of things that will be different in the worship service when we return to in-person worship. There will be other changes as well; we hope this list will give you a sense of what it's going to be like when we're in-person again.

1. We'll be wearing masks.
2. We'll be sitting farther apart to follow social distancing guidelines; pews will be marked to indicate allowable seating.
3. We won't be sitting in front pews, to maintain needed distance from the worship leaders; the worship leaders will be unmasked when speaking.
4. We'll be singing only one hymn, near the end of the service.
5. We won't be singing the Gloria Patri or the Doxology.
6. We won't be passing the peace.
7. We'll be collecting the offering using a plate or drop box outside the sanctuary; we won't be passing the plates.
8. We'll be using pre-recorded choral anthems played through the video system.
9. The liturgist will be sitting on the opposite side of the chancel from the pastor.

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.

Ladies Circle Meets May 6

Circle will meet on **Thursday, May 6** at 10:30 in the Gathering Room to discuss lesson 3 in our book on lamentations in the Bible. We will wear masks.



Women's Sunday



The MPC Board of Deacons will honor the women in our lives by making a contribution to the Bethany House. The mission of Bethany House Services is to empower homeless and at-risk families with solutions to achieve housing stability and long-term self-sufficiency.



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 grow and share in their faith in Christ.

You may donate multiple ways:

- Give online at pcusa.org/donatepentecost
- Text PENTECOST to 91999
- Donate in person on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, when we return for in person Worship.



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. In this groundbreaking history of the modern American metropolis, Richard Rothstein, a leading authority on housing policy, explodes the myth that America's cities came to be racially divided through de facto segregation - that is, through individual prejudices, income differences, or the actions of private institutions like banks and real estate agencies. Rather, *The Color of Law* makes clear that it was de jure segregation - the laws and policy decisions passed by local, state, and federal governments - that actually promoted the discriminatory patterns that continue to this day.