



# Little Bells...

... your weekly update to *The Chimes*

## Elder and Deacon for November

The Elder for November is Beth Doebereiner, 513-675-4295.

The Deacon for November is Sue Poulos, 513-376-1623.

## 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.

## Advent Devotionals



Advent begins **Sunday, November 28**. We will have Advent Devotionals ready in the Gathering Room for you to take. If you would like to have a copy mailed to you, please contact Cathy.

## Christmas Tree Lighting Is Sunday, December 5

Invitations to MPC's **December 5** Tree Lighting can be found in the Gathering Room. Please feel welcome to take extras to share with friends and neighbors. We will need plenty of cookies to share at the Christmas Tree Lighting. Please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Room. Cookies may be brought into church the day of the event, **December 5**, and left in the kitchen.



## Rev. Ben's One Year Anniversary Celebration

It is coming up on one year since Rev. Ben became MPC's Pastor. We will celebrate the occasion after the **December 5** Worship service.

The annual Christmas Lunch Bunch will be **Wednesday, December 15** at noon and will feature a concert in the Sanctuary by Tom Graler, former organist and choir director at MPC. Lunch will be provided and no one needs to bring anything. Watch for the Sign up in the Gathering Room so we can get a head count for ordering lunch.



## December Mission Angel & Mitten Trees



Update from Sandra Bowen: Thank you to our members who chose children from One Way Farm. Imagine how happy they will be as they open their gifts. If some of you would like to send a donation to the Lighthouse or the Caring Place, please designate which agency on your check's memo line. Gifts for the Angel and Mitten trees are due on **Sunday, December 5**. We are very grateful for everyone's thoughtfulness and generosity.

## OGB Holiday Store



During the holiday season, Operation Give Back (OGB) is focused more than ever on providing assistance to more than 600 children and families in local communities. Donations can be made in various ways:

- Donations to Blessings Bags (info sheets left on GR tables and posted in restrooms)
- Use OGB's Amazon Smiles Wish List (for direct link, visit OGB's website, [ogiveback.org](http://ogiveback.org)) and select from one of the toy items listed. (You can have items shipped directly to OGB.)
- Drop off toys, pajamas, gift cards directly to OGB — or contact Beth Doebereiner.

## Ladies Circle

The new Ladies Circle series, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me, Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* begins **Wednesday, December 1** at noon in the Gathering Room.



## No Adult CE This Weekend

There will be no Adult CE class this weekend. A new series focusing on Advent will begin the following week.



## New Book Club Selection



The next Book Club selection is *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf. In the small town of Holt, Colorado, Addie Moore pays an unexpected visit to a neighbor, Louis Waters. Her husband died years ago, as did his wife, and in such a small town they naturally have known of each other for decades; in fact, Addie was quite fond of Louis's wife. Addie and Louis have long been living alone in houses now empty of family, the nights so terribly lonely, especially with no one to talk with. This book chronicles their brave adventures. We will meet online on **Monday, December 13**, at 7pm. If you would like to join in for the discussion, please contact Doug Rose so that he can include you in the Zoom link.