



Little Bells...

... your weekly update to *The Chimes*

Elder and Deacon for December

The Elder for December is Pam Koester, 513-332-8810.

The Deacon for December is Sue Rose, 513- 532-3794.

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.

LUNCH BUNCH

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. Sign up in the Gathering Room so we can get a head count for ordering lunch.

Book Club Will Meet Monday, Dec. 13



The next Book Club selection is *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf. 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.

Pledge Envelopes for 2022

Pledge envelopes for 2022 are now available in the Gathering Room. Please note that they look a little different this year. Instead of having assigned, numbered and dated boxes, you will now choose to take a box with “weekly” envelopes or “monthly” envelopes — take whichever better suits your giving pattern. If you donate in one lump sum or quarterly, you can just use the regular pew envelopes and don’t really need to take a box. Likewise, if your donations are set up via the website or electronically with your own bank, there is no need for you to take a box. (Boxes do contain envelopes for deacons, per capita, etc. if you wish to take a box for that purpose.) To have a box mailed to you, contact Cathy, and specify if you prefer weekly or monthly.

Deadline for 2021 Giving is Dec. 26



Please note that the last donation deposit will be made **Sunday, December 26**. If you plan to extend your giving or make a designated gift for 2021, it must be received at the church no later than this date. If you plan to donate stock, please begin that process in early December. Donations received after the 26th will become offerings to 2022.

Christmas Joy Offering

Christmas Joy offerings will be received during December. Please make checks out to MPC, with “Christmas Joy” noted in the memo line. This offering supports church leaders among us, retired, present and future, who have pointed us to God.

Adult CE Advent Study

We continue with the Advent Study, "*Incarnation, Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*," led by Steve Thiel and based on a book by Rev. Adam Hamilton.



Advent Devotionals



Advent Devotionals are available in the Gathering Room for you to take. If you would like to have a copy mailed to you, please contact Cathy.

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) 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.



Winter Weather Reminder



In case of cancellations due to inclement weather, please check the local **NBC, ABC** and **CBS** stations or websites (wlwt.com, wcpo.com and local12.com, respectively) to stay informed. The decision will be made and called into the stations no later than 9:00am. Be safe and always use your best judgment.