



# 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.

## Christmas Joy Offering

Christmas Joy offerings will be received this Sunday. 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.



## 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.

## Adult CE Advent Study

This Sunday will conclude the Advent Study, "*Incarnation, Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*," led by Steve Thiel and based on a book by Rev. Adam Hamilton.



## Update on Angel and Mitten Trees



Thank you to all our members who so generously granted the wishes of the children of One Way Farm. In addition, gloves, mittens and hats were provided for the people of Bethany House. This year members were also able to make monetary donations to One Way Farm, Lighthouse Youth Services and the Caring Place. The Mission Committee is very grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

## Office Hours and Holiday Closures

- Cathy's last days in the office for 2021 will be Monday, Dec. 20 and Tuesday Dec. 21. She will return to the office **Tuesday, January 4**.
- Rev. Ben will be in the office through Wednesday, December 22.
- The office will then be **CLOSED** for the holidays until Rev. Ben's return on **Monday, January 3**.



## New Book Club Selection (Read Over the Break!)



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. The book carries the story into the present day, wrestling with the long shadow of our past failures and asking crucial questions about how we make sense of our past, our future, and ourselves. We will be meeting online on **Monday, February 21**, 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.

## Winter Weather Reminder



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