



Little Bells...

... your weekly update to The Chimes

The Elder for January is Pam Koester, 513-791-3037.

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

The Deacon in charge of rides and meals for January is Marie Reese, 513-675-3459



Help Take Down Advent Decorations This Sunday

Many hands will make light work of un-decorating the sanctuary following worship this Sunday, **January 8**. We'll need people to take down, pack up and put away garlands, wreaths, banners, and window candles. Please enjoy a cup of coffee and a treat at coffee hour and then pitch in to help un-decorate MPC sanctuary.

Town Hall Meeting: January 15

Do you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the Plan of Union we will be voting on later this month? You're in luck — after worship next week (**January 15**) there will be a town-hall meeting to discuss the Plan of Union and what it means for MPC and the church we may become if we merge. Come with questions, and leave with answers!

Called Congregational Meeting: January 22

There will be a Called Congregational meeting following worship services on **Sunday, January 22**, in the Sanctuary. The purpose will be to vote on the Plan of Union between Blue Ash and Montgomery Presbyterian Churches.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation: January 29

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held following worship, in the Sanctuary, on **January 29**.

Pledge Envelopes for 2023

If you would still like a box of pledge envelopes, please contact Cathy in the office.

Per Capita Assessment and Initial Offering

For 2023, the Per Capita assessment for the Presbytery of Cincinnati is **\$34 per person**. Multiply this amount by each church member of your household to determine your correct contribution. The suggested amount for the Initial Offering is **\$5.00**.

Return of Adult CE

Adult CE is back, with new topics beginning in January:

- **January 8:** Growth Mindset and the Bible, led by Susie Lewis.
- **January 15 and 22:** Grace and Works in a Reformed Church Context, led by Dave Dickey
- **January 29, Feb 5 and 12:** Reading and Experiencing the Bible through Story, led by Karen Simpson



New Coffee Hour Sheet for 2023

A new Coffee Hour sign up sheet for the first three months of 2023 is now posted in the Gathering Room. Please choose a weekend and sign up! If you have any questions, contact Dave Bowen.



New Book Club Selection



The Book Club is reading *Girl, Woman, Other: A Novel* by Bernardine Evaristo. This book is a moving and hopeful story of an interconnected group of Black British women that paints a vivid portrait of the state of contemporary Britain and looks back to the legacy of Britain's colonial history in Africa and the Caribbean. We will discuss this book on **Monday, February 13**, at the home of Susie Lewis, 9247 Village Green Drive. We will meet at 6:30pm for a social time and begin the book discussion at 7. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Simpson at karenanndance@gmail.com.

Earth Care

The EC team's Styrofoam recycling project will wrap up January 15th. Please drop off your collection of Styrofoam packaging in the bins in the Gathering Room and the team will see that it is delivered to the recycling center.



Mission Collection



This month we will collect canned goods and non-perishables for the food pantry at Operation Give Back.



Winter Weather Reminder



In case of cancellations due to inclement weather, please check the local **NBC**, **ABC** and **CBS** stations or websites (wlv.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.