



Little Bells...

... your weekly update to The Chimes

Elder and Deacon for January

The Elder for January is Steve Thiel, 513-708-0594.
The Deacon for January is Cheryl Mack, 317-294-8436.

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.

Reminder: Services are still being live streamed, if you are subject to quarantine protocols or would prefer not to attend services in person while we are experiencing a spike in Covid cases.

If you need help getting an appointment for a Covid booster shot, please let Rev. Ben or any Deacon know, and perhaps we can help you! Please be mindful when you are with others who may not be vaccinated.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is scheduled for **Sunday, January 30**, following Worship.

Blue Ash Presbyterian Church

Several weeks ago, MPC's Session met with its counterpart at the Blue Ash Presbyterian Church to consider the possibility of a merger of churches. The proposed merger, which would happen in MPC's building and which would preserve MPC's staff, is currently being considered by the Sessions at MPC and BAPC. No decisions have been made, and as the session discerns the will of the Holy Spirit for MPC, it welcomes your feedback about a possible merger. Feel free to talk to Rev. Ben or any MPC elder to share your thoughts on such a merger--and be on the lookout for open meetings to talk about the possibility in the months ahead. In the mean time--your prayers for the Blue Ash Presbyterian Church are most welcome.

Pledge Envelopes for 2022

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

The Per Capita assessment for the Presbytery of Cincinnati is **\$33 per person**. Multiply this amount by each church member of your household to determine your correct contribution. The suggested amount for the Initial Offering (to cover the cost of the pledge envelopes) is **\$5.00**.

"Kiss the Ground" Documentary



From Gay Piller & MPC Earth Care Team: Faith Communities Go Green, a coalition of religious communities working to integrate care for creation into their lives and society, is sponsoring a free, virtual screening of "Kiss the Ground" on January 23, 6:00—7:15pm. Narrated by Woody Harrelson, Kiss the Ground is a groundbreaking documentary that discusses viable solutions to the climate crisis. The documentary and the follow up discussion with local

farmers promise to leave you hopeful. Register by going to <https://greenumbrella.org/event-4601164> or do a Google search on Green Umbrella Kiss the Ground.

Adult CE

The next Adult CE topic will be a six week series on Phillipians, led by Jim Ryan. Due to the spike in Covid case numbers, Adult CE may be subject to temporary postponement or meeting by Zoom. Watch Little Bells and announcements for further notification.



New Coffee Hour Sheet for 2022

A new Coffee Hour sign up sheet for the first three months of 2022 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 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. 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, wcpo.com and local12.com, respectively) to stay informed. The decision will be made and called into the stations no later than 9:00am.