



Little Bells...

... your weekly update to The Chimes

Elder and Deacon for February

The Elder for February is Jim Ryan, 513-791-2499.

The Deacon for February is Lois Silber, 513-791-1498.

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.

Ethos Lab has opened a drive-thru COVID-19 testing site at Weller Park (10021 Weller Rd.) The PCR testing site, operated by the OH National Guard, is open Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Testing is free. Registration is required at <https://www.ethos-labs.com/testing-booking/>.



Annual Meeting of the Congregation: Correction

Correction to the packets shared at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation: Elder Bertie Spicker, reported as of January 1, 2021, we had 98 members. During the year there were 2 deaths, 1 transfer, 14 others moved to inactive. As of January 1, 2022, our membership stands at 81.

PLEASE SIGN IN

Please remember to sign in (at the main entrance door) when you attend Worship in person. Not only do we keep this as a record for contact tracing, but it is also how we count weekly attendance. Thank you.



“Souper” Bowl Challenge: Tackle Hunger

MPC will participate in a special “Souper” Bowl-themed challenge (initiated by the Presbytery of Cincinnati) that will help stock local food pantries and feed our neighbors while also celebrating our Super Bowl bound Cincinnati Bengals. Between now and **Super Bowl Sunday, February 13**, we will collect canned goods and non-perishable supplies. Participating churches will take a picture of the collected food, submit to the Presbytery, and then MPC’s collection will be delivered to our chosen local recipient, Operation Give Back. Thank you for your support, and “Who Dey!”



February Mission Collection



For the month of February, we will collect toothbrushes and toothpaste for Lighthouse Youth & Family Services. Items may be dropped off in the office or Gathering Room. Donations may be made online to [Lighthouse \(lys.org\)](https://lys.org)

Cincinnati Parks Presents Winter Hike Series

Grab your winter gear and take a hike through God's creation.

This week: February 05, 2022, 10:00 Miami Whitewater Forest, 9001 Mt. Hope Road, Harrison, OH

Learn more and register at [2022 Winter Hike Series-Great Parks of Hamilton County](https://www.cincinnati-parks.org/2022-Winter-Hike-Series-Great-Parks-of-Hamilton-County)

Cost is \$9 per person and a *valid Motor Vehicle Permit is required to enter the park.*

Hike ends with bean soup and cornbread

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 will be subject to temporary postponement or meeting by Zoom. Watch Little Bells/announcements for further notification of when classes will resume.



Book Club



The MPC Book Club is reading *Losing Earth: A Recent History* by Nathaniel Rich. *Losing Earth*, which 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 meet online on **Monday, February 21**, at 7pm. To join the discussion, contact Doug Rose to be included 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.