



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.

“Souper” Bowl Challenge: Tackle Hunger



MPC is participating 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. This **Super Bowl Sunday, February 13**, bring in canned goods and non-perishable items to donate. Participating churches will take a picture of the collected food, submit to the Presbytery (it’s a competition!) 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://www.lys.org)

Earth Care News and Events



- **2/27:** 4:00-5:15 Faith Communities Go Green presents an online discussion with local university activists about climate change. Register for free at greenumbrella.org/faith.
- **3/1:** 6:00-7:00 The Civic Garden Center presents a "Vegetable Gardening Question and Answer" session via zoom. If interested, email Gay for the registration information (gfp4567@gmail.com)
- **3/6:** Join the MPC Earth Care Team for an extended coffee hour after church. We'll discuss our work toward becoming an Earth Care Congregation and look ahead to future projects.

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 (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.

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 sign up! If you have any questions, contact Dave Bowen.

