



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/>.

KN 95 Masks

Our supply of KN95, available at the attendance sign in table, has now been replenished. Please take a KN95 mask from the table at the entrance to the Gathering Room when you arrive at MPC on Sunday morning. The Deacons hope you will wear this mask each Sunday when you are at MPC. By airing the mask out during the week, any germs will dissipate and it will be ready for you to wear again on Sunday morning.



Book Club

The MPC Book Club will meet **Monday, February 21** at 7:00 pm via Zoom to discuss *Losing Earth: A Recent History* by Nathaniel Rich. Contact Doug Rose to be included in the Zoom link.

Invitation from Blue Ash Presbyterian Church

BAPC has invited MPC to their next seniors' group (similar to our Lunch Bunch) gathering, on **Monday, February 21** at 1PM at BAPC. Author, Ryan Wallace, has written his first novel, Awaken. Ryan is a middle school teacher in Columbus, OH. He's going to tell us about his writing process. *BAPC notes: "We are very careful about distancing. The wearing of masks is required all the time at BAPC."* So that their organizers may get an estimated head count for their planning purposes, please sign up if you plan to attend.

Ladies Circle

Ladies Circle will meet at noon on **Wednesday, March 2**, to discuss Lesson Four. Feel welcome to bring a drink, but we will not eat lunch together at this meeting.



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. Email Gay Piller for 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

Adult CE will be temporarily postponed. Watch Little Bells/announcements for further notification of when classes will resume.



Winter Weather Reminder



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

