



Little Bells...

... your weekly update to The Chimes

Elder and Deacon for February

The Elder for March is Bruce Henry, 513-520-6413.
The Deacon for March is Joyce Counts, 513-405-1758.

Updated Covid Policy on Masking

Based on **CURRENT CONDITIONS**, Session has voted to make masking in worship optional, **effective March 1**. Session makes this decision with a few disclaimers:

- * Things are still not “back to normal,” and caution is still warranted.
- * We will maintain our sign-in sheet for contact tracing purposes, and different pieces of worship will remain in COVID-mode for the time being.
- * Session **MAY** require masking in the future if circumstances change for the worse
- * If you have been exposed to COVID, or if you have been in a setting where exposure is likely, please join us by livestream for a week
- * Masks may no longer be required, but you are still welcome to wear one. MPC will continue to provide KN95 masks at the door for anyone who wants one.
- * Be kind to one another. Throughout this pandemic MPC has managed different opinions and different comfort levels with an impressive amount of grace. Keep it up as we change yet again!

Adult CE Resumes This Sunday

Adult CE resumes this **Sunday, March 6**, with a Lenten study, *Isaiah’s Servant Songs & the Gospel*. This class will be led by Beth Doeberiner, and will conclude **April 3**. Adult CE will pause for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, and will resume after that with a new topic, TBA. The postponed series on the Phillipians, to be led by Jim Ryan, will be rescheduled for the fall.



Earth Care

Join the MPC Earth Care Team this Sunday for an extended coffee hour after church. We'll discuss our work toward becoming an Earth Care Congregation and look ahead to future projects.



Easter Flowers



We will once again be taking orders for fresh Easter flowers (potted bulb flowers that can be planted at home). Price per plant is \$15.50, and the deadline to order is **Sunday, April 3**. Look for the sign up sheet in the Gathering Room or call the office to place your order. Indicate which type of plant (tulip, daffodil, or hyacinth) and if they are in honor or memory of someone special. Checks, made out to MPC with “flowers” in the memo line may be left in the collection plate or may be delivered or mailed to the front office.

Lenten Devotionals

Lenten Devotionals, with daily prayers, readings and reflections focusing on a wilderness theme are available to pick up in the Gathering Room.

MPC Scholarship Applications

MPC is accepting Scholarship Applications for the 2022-2023 school year to members, relatives of members and participants in its ministry partners. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance for furthering the education, college or trade, of a person or persons showing Christian leadership and Christian witness.

Applications are available from the office at mpc.office@mpchurch.net.



March Mission Collection

In March, we will collect canned goods for the NEEDS pantry. Donations may be dropped off in the office or in the Gathering Room. You may also send checks with “NEEDS” noted in the memo line, or visit the NEEDS website at <https://cincyneeds.org/>



Deacons VA Challenge

The Deacons will honor our veterans with a donation to **Fisher House** which provides living accommodations for families who come to Cincinnati while their loved ones are cared for at the VA Hospital. The Deacons will donate \$200 and we invite the congregation as a group to participate — with a challenge to match (or possibly exceed) our \$200. Please use a pew envelope marked Fisher House or note “Fisher House” in the memo of your check. We would like to collect all contributions by **March 20**.

Book Club’s Next Selection Is....



The MPC Book Club’s next selection is *The End of the Ocean: A Novel* by Maya Lunde. This book tells the story of the power of nature and the human spirit that explores the threat of a devastating worldwide drought, witnessed through the lives of a father, a daughter, and a woman who will risk her life to save the future. The next meeting will be **Monday, April 11** at 7pm.