



Little Bells...

... your weekly update to The Chimes

Elder and Deacon for March

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

Rev. Ben on Vacation

Rev. Ben will be out of the office through March 16, returning March 17. If you have a pastoral care emergency, contact the office or the elder or deacon for March, who can get you in touch with the pastor on call.

LUNCH BUNCH

On **Wednesday, March 23** we will tour the new Cincinnati Reuse and Recycling Hub. We will meet at MPC at 11:00 and car pool to Price Hill Chili at 11:30 for lunch. Our tour will begin at 1:00. Please sign up for the trip so we can get a headcount for lunch and indicate if you are willing to be a driver.

....and an Earth Care Challenge



In preparation for the recycling plant tour, the Earth Care Team has issued a "Recycle Challenge." See how many pieces of plastic film (which can be recycled at the Hub) you can drop off in the bin in the Gathering Room before March 23. Plastic film is the thin material in bread wrappers, produce bags, newspaper wrappers, and shrink wrap around items like paper towels and multi-can vegetables. Items must be clean and dry. We will bring all that we collect to the Recycling Hub.

Choir Rehearsals Resume

Rehearsals for the choir will begin on **Wednesday, March 16** in the choir room. Please contact Gay at gfp4567@gmail.com if you are interested in singing with us.



Lunch for Skyward Academy Staff



MPC will host a "Leprechaun Lunch" for the staff at Skyward Academy on **Wednesday, March 16**. If anyone would like to provide a dessert or salad, please contact Pam Koester at 513-332-8810.

Adult CE



Adult CE continues the Lenten study, *Isaiah's Servant Songs & the Gospel*, led by Beth Doeberiner. Adult CE will pause for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, and will resume after that with a new topic, TBA.

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 or daffodil**) 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. **Please note: hyacinths have been removed as an option.**

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. Deadline to submit is **June 15**.



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/>



....and a 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



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.