

# .. your weekly update to The Chimes

## **Elder and Deacon for October**

The Elder for October is Rick Parrish, 513-543-4995. The Deacon for October is Doug Rose, 513-532-3789.

## **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.

#### **Rev. Ben Out of the Office**

Rev. Ben will be out of the office October 8-12, returning to the office **October 13**. If you have a pastoral care emergency during his absence, please contact the Elder or Deacon of the month, who can get you in touch with the Pastor on Call.

## **Volunteers Still Needed for Sycamore Flight Fest**

Sycamore High School will hold its annual Flight Fest race on **Saturday, October 16**, and once again, MPC will serve as a water station on the route. We will be located just across the I-71 bridge in the Maple Dale back parking lot (new location this year). Volunteers can park there, and should arrive at 7:45. If you can help, please call Pam Koester at 513-332-8810, or email at <a href="mailto:pskoester52@gmail.com">pskoester52@gmail.com</a>.

## Ladies Circle Will Begin New Series/New Meeting Day in December

We will finish up the current series today (lesson 8) and **Thursday**, **November 4** (lesson 9). In December, Ladies Circle will begin a new series and will meet on a new day of the week.



We will begin a new study on **Wednesday**, **December 1**: What My Grandmothers Taught Me, Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus. A preview of this study will be made available in the Gathering Room. Beginning with this study in December, we will be changing our meeting date to **the first Wednesday of the month**, at 10:30 in the Gathering Room.

#### **Book Club Meets This Monday**



The MPC Book Club will discuss *The Hope of Glory: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross by* Jon Meacham. We will meet online on **Monday, October 11**, at 7pm. To join in the discussion, please contact Doug Rose so that he can include you in the Zoom link.



For our next Lunch Bunch, we will meet **Wednesday, October 20** at noon in the Gathering Room. Our speaker will be Rev. Ben, who will speak on the topic of preparing for death. (See his October Chimes cover letter.) Feel free to ask questions or make an appointment to meet privately with Ben after this presentation. Bring a lunch; drinks will be provided.

#### **Mission Collection for October**

In October, we will collect canned and non-perishable food for the pantry at Northeast Emergency Distribution Services (NEEDS). Please leave donations in the Gathering Room.



## **New Adult CE Series Begins This Sunday**



Next **Sunday, October 10**, begins a new four week series, *The Prodigal God*. Come and enjoy the exploration of the Parable of the Prodigal Son as we talk about the Prodigal God! Which son are you most like? Who are The People around Jesus? What is Jesus's message to all of us? (The Two Lost Sons, Redefining Sin, Redefining Lostness,

The True Elder Brother, Redefining Hope, The Feast of the Father) This series will be led by Susie Lewis and Steve Thiel. Classes start at 9am, in the Kemper Parlor. All are welcome.

## **Sign Up to Host Coffee Hour**

Lots of slots are open to host Coffee Hours through the end of the year. Please see the sign up sheet in the Gathering Room to sign up to host. Contact Dave Bowen if you have any questions.

