



THE CHIMES

NOVEMBER 2022

This month's Chimes looks a little different and arrives a little early. Between Rev. Ben and Cathy both having vacation time in the last weeks of October, something had to give! What follows is an abbreviated version of the newsletter — it is still full of information and pictures, but missing a few of the regular sections. We'll be back to normal next month!

Happy 80th, 90th and 100th Birthdays!!!

In October, we celebrated several milestone birthdays: Bill Koebel turned 80, Dick Ritter turned 90 and Jean Leary turned 100! Of course MPC celebrated with cakes, cards and singing. Happy birthday, and enjoy your new decades!



The Elder for November is Dick Reese, 513-675-3569.
The Deacon for November is Marie Reese, 513-675-3459.
The Deacon in charge of rides and meals for November is Cindy Godby, 513-314-5491.



The Book Club will be reading *The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race* by Walter Isaacson. This is an account of how Nobel Prize winner Jennifer Doudna and her colleagues launched a revolution that will allow us to cure diseases, fend off viruses, and have healthier babies. We will meet at the home of Karen and Greg Simpson (11909 Millstone Court, Loveland) on Monday, December 12, at 6pm, beginning with a potluck dinner followed by the book discussion from 7-8:30. Please let Karen (Karenanddance@gmail.com) know if you would like to join in. We would love to have you!



Ladies Circle will begin our discussion of "Celebrating Sabbath", the new Presbyterian Women's study guide for 2022-23, on **Wednesday, November 2**, at noon in the Gathering Room. Please bring your lunch and something to drink, if you'd like. Please see Cheryl Mack to get a copy of the study book. We've invited BAPC women to gather with us so that we can get to know each other in a small group. Hope you can join us!

MPC recognizes the veterans in our congregation, and we thank them for their service. The Deacons will honor them with a Coffee Hour on **Sunday, November 13**.



Robert Bushman	Wally Stegmann
Lew French	Ron Uchtman
Peter Poulos	Carol Venn
Rick Parrish	

Reformation Sunday



On **Sunday, October 30th**, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday and the Kirkin' of the Tartans. Please help us join in celebrating the history and heritage of our Reformed faith with bagpipes and by telling stories of MPC.



There will be no Lunch Bunch in November, but please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, December 14**, when we will have our annual Christmas concert and luncheon. Beginning at noon, lunch will be provided and served in the Gathering Room, followed by a piano concert performed by MPC's former organist, Tom Graler.

Return of the Choir

The choir celebrates our return to worship and looks forward to special music in the coming weeks. On **November 13**, we will sing a wonderful gospel piece (*Order My Steps*) and we invite all singers to join us for a few rehearsals to add voices to this joyful anthem. Please see Gay or any choir member for details.

<https://www.jwpepper.com/Order-My-Steps/8020331.item#.YOV1dXbMJPY>

Remember (before you go to bed) to set your clocks back an hour on **Saturday, November 5**. (Be right on time for the Nov. 6 Worship service!) And change the batteries in your smoke detectors!



Please remember to sign in on the sheet at the entrance door for Sunday Worship. This is the way we are tracking attendance now and we want to get an accurate count. If you are the liturgist or in the choir or if you come early for Adult CE, please remember to take a moment to sign in. Thank you.



Earth Care



During the months of October and November, the Earth Care team will collect two types of "film" - the thinner, semi-transparent kind used for cereal box liners and fresh produce and the "crunchy" type used for potato chip bags and frozen vegetables. At the end of the year, we'll collect styrofoam packaging from online orders.

We are beginning to consider projects for 2023 and would like the ability to add occasional volunteers to help our small team. Please pick up a volunteer form in the Gathering Room to see how you can become a part of this important work. The level of volunteer interest will help determine which projects move forward.

HOLIDAY MISSION SEASON BEGINS

Thanksgiving Baskets

The Deacons will be collecting canned goods for Thanksgiving baskets to be delivered to local families in need. There are many ways to help: You can bring in canned goods or a homemade baked goodie; you can make a monetary donation (you may use envelopes in the pews, marked "Thanksgiving baskets"); you can pack and deliver the baskets to families on **Saturday, November 19**. Please look for the sign up sheet in the Gathering Room.



Angel and Mitten Trees



The Angel and Mitten trees will soon be appearing in the Gathering Room on the weekend before Thanksgiving. Help bring smiles and laughter to a child from One Way Farm by selecting an angel from the tree. There will be more information in future church bulletins and the December Chimes.

OGB's Annual Holiday Store

During the holiday season, Operation Give Back (OGB) is focused more than ever on providing assistance to more than 600 children and families in need who live in local communities.

There is a variety of ways you can make a donation to the Holiday Store, including their

- Toy Drive • Amazon Smiles Wish List • Blessing Bags • Pajama Drive • Gift Card Collection
- and of course, monetary donations.

Toy Drive

For your convenience, OGB is creating an Amazon Smiles Wish List. Check the ogiveback.org website for the Wish List link. All items will be shipped directly to Operation Give Back. If you prefer to shop in person, some of the most requested toys (for kids from newborn to age 16) include: • Arts & crafts • Baby dolls/ Barbie dolls • Car & truck sets • Dinosaurs • LEGOS/LEGOS Friends • Science kits • Sporting equipment (soccer balls, basketballs, footballs) • Superhero action figures

Blessing Bags

Each family who visits the Holiday Store will receive a Blessing Bag filled with much needed food and toiletry items- all in time for the holiday break. A Blessing Bag contains many of the following:

- Cereal • Granola bars • Fruit snacks • Pancake mix/syrup • Peanut butter & Jelly • Soup • Ravioli • Crackers • Toothbrushes & toothpaste

Pajama Drive

Please see Beth Doebereiner for information about how you can participate in the pajama drive.

Cash Donations and Gift Cards

Cash donations and gift cards are much appreciated. Donations may be made on line at ogiveback.org or may be mailed or dropped off to: 10891 Millington Ct., Blue Ash, OH 45242



We will continue to focus on first aid supplies and thick cotton socks needed for the Ukrainian army and first aid responders through Cincy4Ukraine. Please leave donations in the Gathering Room. Thank you.

Christmas Joy offerings will be received during the month of December. Please make checks out to MPC, with "Christmas Joy" noted in the memo line. The Christmas Joy Offering supports church leaders among us, retired, present and future, who have pointed us to God.





Christmas Tree Lighting

Montgomery Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 5, 2021

5:00 pm



More details to come — save the date!



Election Day is **Tuesday, November 8**. Remember that MPC is a polling location, so be mindful of traffic at the church that day, and go vote!

Also, Cathy will be out of the office that day, working at a polling location in Mason, and then out the following day “recovering.”



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



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