



MARIEMONT CHURCH

We're a growing community of families in East Cincinnati **committed to following Jesus**, and we're glad you're here.

OUR BELIEFS

#4 Surrender—Jesus gave up his life for us, therefore we should give up our lives for him.

WHAT TO EXPECT

We all get together on Sundays to worship God.

We sing songs to God, which is a lot like prayer set to music. **We share stories** or testimonies of God's love and power. **We teach** using the Bible as our authority, and from time to time, we remember the sacrifice Christ made for us through **Communion**.

For those of us who call Mariemont Church home, **we give generously**. Visiting? Just let the offering bag pass by. **Lite Bites** is a way to connect with others every Sunday. Please come and enjoy with us. **Body Life** highlights the most important things going on around here. There, comfortable yet? Oh wait, you don't have **coffee!** Go get some in the lobby and come back.

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Podcasts of Sunday messages are online:
www.mariemontchurch.org
Click on "Media"

COMING ATTRACTIONS!

Dec. 24	Christmas Eve at the Chapel 4:30/5:30/6:30PM
Dec. 30	Family Blessing and Sharing Sunday
Jan. 6	Vision Sunday
Jan. 11-12	Disciple Making Movements Next Steps
Jan. 13	Building Strong Families in a Complicated World
Jan. 18-19	Restoring Lives International Weekend Event
Jan. 20	Child Dedications

Mondays	Joy in the Evening Women's Bible Studies 7:00-8:30PM (1 st & 3 rd)
Tuesdays	Joy in the Morning Women's Bible Studies 9:15AM-1:00PM
Wednesdays	J.O.Y. Women's Monthly Luncheon 11:30AM-12:30PM (2 nd) Prayer Meeting 7:00-8:00PM Jr. and Sr. High Youth 7:30-9:00PM
Thursdays	Men's Bible Study 5:30-6:30AM
Fridays	Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30AM
Saturdays	Family Shop Sale 9:00AM-12:00PM (2 nd & 4 th)



12/16/2018

THIS WEEKEND

Today—Anticipation: Joy – Luke 2:1-20

Teacher – **Denis Beausejour** is the lead elder and teacher at Mariemont Church.

Worship Leader – **Anna Moderwell**

Next Week – Anticipation: Peace – Luke 2:21-40

GET CONNECTED

If you're new here—WELCOME! Stop by the Connect Desk in the lobby to say hello or pick up information about MCC. Here are some ways to get plugged in:

1. Pick up a copy of **The Way vision booklet**.
2. Pick up the new **MCC Culture** card.
3. Fill out a **Connect Card** or prayer request.
4. Attend **Lite Bites** between services.
5. Attend the monthly **15-Minute Leader Meet Up** the 1st Sunday of the month during Lite Bites.
6. Sign up for **Denis' weekly devotional e-mails**.
7. Attend a **New Member** class.
8. Join the **Mariemont Church Families** facebook page.

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MCC KIDS

Sunday Morning

9:00AM **Preschool:** Show Me Jesus

11:00AM **Preschool-3rd Grade:** The Gospel Project
Upper Elementary: Genesis to Revelation

- **Nursery** is available both services.
- **Kids' Check-in** is on the Lower Level.

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MCC Kids Have Given a Goat!

MCC Kids have been **learning to tithe** by giving at Christmas. **Compassion International** is providing a goat and needed training to a family in a developing country to help them become more self-sufficient.

- **Given to date: \$114**
- Encourage your children to bring in money through the end of the year.
- **Talk as a family** about what it means to tithe and be generous.

Questions? leslie@mariemontchurch.org

GROW

ADVENT EXPERIENCE CARDS

Cultivate a child-like sense of **anticipation** this Advent season. Use the Advent Experience Cards during our advent series to facilitate meaningful **conversations** and **fun activities** with your **family** at home.

- Pick up a set at the **Connect Desk** or **children's check-in**. Everyone is welcome to **join in**—they're not just for families with young children!

SERVE

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

MCC partnered with OhioMENTOR Foster Care to provide Christmas gifts for kids placed in foster care.

- MCC blessed **45 children** with gifts for Christmas!
- **Thank you** to all who provided gifts!

TAPESTRY OF LOVE

Cards and Gift Tag Sale

Christmas cards and gift tags are for sale in the Lobby to benefit the Tapestry of Love Women's Prison Ministry.

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STUDENT MINISTRIES

Wednesday, December 19th, 7:00-9:00PM

- We are having a **Christmas Party** this week.
- Location: Raz Casa, 6622 Britton Ave., 45227

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MONEY MATTERS

MCC FINANCIAL UPDATE

Below are MCC's financial trends as you consider your 2018 giving plans. Oct.-Nov. giving was **significantly below the average** trend. Associate pastor search firm expenses explain increased spending. Thank you for faithfully giving!

	Weekly Averages		
	Giving	Spending	Gap
Jan-Sept	\$13,300	\$12,400	+\$ 900
Oct-Nov	\$ 6,400	\$13,300	(\$6,900)

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PRAY BIG!

Let's **join together in prayer** for the entire church to experience the **joy** of the shepherds and like them go tell others!

COMMUNITY

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE

- Mariemont Chapel
- Monday, Dec. 24th, **4:30, 5:30, and 6:30PM**
- Intimate **all-family** services.
- Traditional Christmas **carols** and Christmas story **readings** from the Gospels.

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We seek to encourage women of all ages to grow in faith and to be equipped as beacons of light in their homes, communities, and workplaces through study, service, and warm fellowship with one another.

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MISSION

BARRY BAKER/ROGER HOWELL City Gospel Mission: Youth-Cincinnati

Sharing the love of Jesus Christ and pairing an at-risk child with a caring mentor to help foster spiritual, emotional, and educational growth in the child's life.

Prayer Requests:

- That God would bless our work to transform lives of the youth and families across all of our youth programs.
- That God would bless the launch of two new programs: one to reach young moms with toddlers and preschoolers, and the other to prepare teens for the next chapter of their lives.
- That God would bless the expansion of the princesses Ballet Program to church-driven satellite sites across Greater Cincinnati.

