



# 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

**#3 The Bible**—Is God's authoritative letter to us, showing us how to live.

## 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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## WELCOME TO MARIEMONT CHURCH



## COMING ATTRACTIONS!

Dec. 11	<b>Tuesday J.O.Y. Luncheon</b>
Dec. 15	<b>Churchwide Caroling in Mariemont</b>
Dec. 24	<b>Christmas Eve at the Chapel 4:30/5:30/6:30PM</b>
Dec. 29	<b>Family Blessing Sunday</b>
Jan. 6	<b>Vision Sunday</b>
Jan. 11-12	<b>Disciple Making Movements Next Steps</b>
Jan. 18-19	<b>Restoring Lives International Weekend Event</b>

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



## 12/9/2018

## THIS WEEKEND

### Today—Anticipation: Faith-Matt. 1:18-25

Teacher — **Ryan Snow** is a disciple, husband, father, friend, and disciple maker.

Worship Leader — **Royce Baker**

### Next Week — Anticipation: Joy — Luke 2:1-21

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Contact: Mark Simes [mark@mariemontchurch.org](mailto:mark@mariemontchurch.org)

## 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 Give-a-Goat

MCC Kids are **learning to tithe** by giving at Christmas. **Compassion International** will provide a goat to a family in a developing country along with the training needed to help them become more self-sufficient.

- **Goal: \$100 to Compassion International**
- 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](mailto: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!

## COMMUNITY

## LET'S GO CAROLING!

**Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7:00PM**

Meet at MCC for an early evening of caroling and sharing potluck soups and chili.

- Meet at MCC 4:30PM
- Wear your gloves, hats, and scarves!
- **Bring soup or chili** to share.
- We will eat at 6:00PM in the Parish Center.

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## STUDENT MINISTRIES

**Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00PM**

- We are having a **Christmas Caroling Outreach** this week at **Mercy St. Theresa**.
- Please meet at the Parish Center at 7:00PM.
- Bring **\$5.00** for pizza.

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## MONEY MATTERS

## MCC FINANCIAL UPDATE

Below are MCC's financial trends as you consider you 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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## COMMUNITY

## CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE

- Mariemont Chapel
- Monday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, **4:30, 5:30, and 6:30PM**
- Intimate **all-family** services.
- Traditional Christmas **carols** and Christmas story **readings** from the Gospels.
- **Volunteers needed** to usher and light/snuff candles.

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## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

## ROPEHOLDERS

### Missions Prayer

Become more engaged with MCC's missions efforts! Join **MCC Ropeholders** to receive a monthly email of current news and prayer requests from MCC missionaries. The same reports are in the Upper Room prayer binders for your use when you pray.

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## MISSION

## MORAN ROSENBLIT

### Hope for Israel - Jerusalem

*Hope for Israel* is a service and resource-providing ministry that aims to bring the hope of the Messiah back to Israel.



Since 2000, God has built this ministry to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the people of Israel and the body of believers in the land. We are also a resource center for current and timely news updates concerning Israel. We provide daily prayer alerts, Bible teachings, and weekly blogs at [www.hope4israel.org](http://www.hope4israel.org) to help you understand what God is doing in the land, how to pray for Israel, and equip you to filter everything through the Word of God.

The latest *Hope for Israel* newsletter is available at the connect Desk. If you wish to support the ministry, write a check to MCC with Hope for Israel in the memo line.