



Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Parma Heights, Ohio

Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher, Gap Pastor

Darlene Ells, Lay Reader

Gwen Beyer, Music Director

Laurie Archibald, Organist/Pianist

Chris Kurka, A/V Coordinator

May 12, 2024

10:00 AM

Welcome

The Church Life and Ministry

Prelude Onward Christian Soldiers arr. G. Young

Call to Worship

In God's name, welcome to this day and to our Creator's house.

We come to celebrate new life—new life given to us by the Risen Christ.

Traditionally we share this day as “Mothers’ Day.”

But in our gathering we affirm that a family does not consist only of parents and children. A family is any group of persons united by their love and care for one another.

Then we who God has gathered here are a family!

Amen! And as sisters and brothers in Christ—may this “family” join now in praise and celebration!

***Hymn N^o. 403** Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

***Call to Confession**

With boldness let us approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Confessing our sins against God and our neighbor, let us pray.

***Prayer of Confession**

Faithful God, patient Friend, you are as near to us as breath; you are as constant as the waves on the shore. Yet how often our lives fail to mirror your ways:

- **We are sometimes absent from our children, giving into pressures at work or yielding to the lure of success and money.**

- **We are at times distant from one another, for though we are in the same place, our hearts and minds wander and stray.**
- **We choose not to listen; we only half-hear the words of another.**

God, restore our sense of belonging to each other. Heal our relationships and encourage us to be caring fathers, strong mothers and wise friends. Teach us the way of love; lead us on the path of Jesus. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness** (based on Romans 12: 9-11)

If we live for Jesus Christ, our love will be completely sincere.

God enables us to hate what is evil, and to hold on to what is good.

Therefore, let us love one another warmly as Christian brothers and sisters.

In this way we serve our Lord Jesus with humility, purity, and devotion. Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri**

Anthem Down to the River to Pray arr. A. Snyder

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Exodus 2:1-10

Second Lesson Romans 16:1-16

***Passing of the Peace**

Time for Young Disciples: N^o. 188, vs 1 “Jesus Loves Me”

Sermon Are You My Mother? Dr. Fancher

***Hymn N^o. 465** What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Offertory Longing M. Hayes

***Doxology N^o. 606** Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Precious God, Source of All Goodness: the dollars in these plates are no longer “possessions;” now they are “gifts.” Thank you for receiving our gifts. Now we pray that we would be changed from those who would be self-centered into those who are Christ-centered. May we see the world through his eyes, and treat the world with his love. We pray in the power of his name. Amen.

***Hymn N^o. 724** O Jesus I have Promised

***Charge & Blessing**

***Congregational Response**

Go to the world!

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the word of God’s redeeming grace.

Go seek God’s presence in each time and space.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

***Postlude** He Has Made Me Glad L. Von Beethoven

***Please stand in body or spirit**

Announcements and Events

Sunday, May 12, 2024



**PARMA-SOUTH
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Church Office Hours: M – TH 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, May 12

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

3:00 PM – Life Group – Online

Monday, May 13

7:00 PM – Life Group – Parlor

Tuesday, May 14

10:00 AM – Esther Circle – Parlor

7:00 PM – Mission Committee – Online

7:00 PM – Scout Troop 263 – Social Hall

Wednesday, May 15

5:30 PM – Session Meeting – Parlor

Thursday, May 16

4:00 PM – Grief Group – Online

5:30 PM – Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting – Parlor

Saturday, May 18

12:30 PM – Kite Flying and Church Hike – Edgewater Beach House

Sunday, May 19

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Communion

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

- Recognizing Gwen Beyer – Happy Retirement!

3:00 PM – Life Group – Online

6:00 PM – Homestead Hoofers 4-H Meeting – Social Hall

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests can be submitted by entering on the back of the attendance sheet or completing a Prayer Request card. Cards are in a holder at each pew. Please place it on the offering plate.

LIFE GROUP – an opportunity to discuss today's lesson and look deeper into today's scripture. Join the live Zoom feed Sundays starting at 2:45 PM. Contact John Lahl (440) 725-3239 or Ed Walker (440) 552-2998 for more information.

CARE TEAM - The Care Team has a supply of stamped and addressed cards in the Narthex for our friends and members. Please take a few and sign, add a short message if you'd like, then mail. Let's stay connected.

GRIEF GROUP - Rev. Dr. Debbie Cerra holds a Grief Group, online via Zoom, every 1st and 3rd Thursday, from 4:00-5:00. Debbie can be reached at (856) 912-1202 for more information.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Please share your announcements to post in the weekly bulletin, by 10:00 AM on Wednesdays. Send to: officeadmin@parma-south.org. Many thanks and blessings.

MEETINGS - Please notify officeadmin@parma-south.org and Mary Sue Murphy at msmgrandma@gmail.com when a meeting or event is scheduled or cancelled. Thank you.

CONTACTING OUR NEW GAP PASTOR – Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher
In the event you become aware of a pastoral emergency and need to reach Pastor Jon quickly, please call or text his personal cell phone at (440) 263-8872. That is the fastest and most certain way of contacting him.

- Office hours: Friday from 9:00 am – 11:00 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Esther Circle – will meet at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 14. Please join us for a time of study and fellowship. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month, now through June.

New Office Administrator – Kathy Snyder, who started duties as our new Office Administrator at Parma-South on April 22. Kathy replaces our off-site Virtual Ministry Assistant Nicole (who will remain until May 31, working with Kathy on the transition.) Contact Kathy Snyder by phone during office hours: M-TH, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, or by email at: officeadmin@parma-south.org

Presbytery Meeting Attendance – The Presbytery of the Western Reserve holds a “presbytery meeting” on the fourth Monday of every other month from 6:30pm to approximately 8:30pm. Meetings are hosted by different churches, either in-person or virtually via Zoom. In addition to attendance by pastors within the Presbytery, each church can send up to two “commissioner representatives.” A church commissioner can be any current or past elder from that church, who can vote on issues on behalf of their church. The meetings provide an opportunity to learn about issues, concerns, and policies within the denomination or within our Presbytery, and share ideas with other churches. Each meeting includes a brief church service. For more information, or to register to attend a future meeting as a

Parma-South representative, please contact Don Sinko at: donsinkocpa@hotmail.com.

Mission Garden Volunteers – Your help is needed! Volunteers of all ages and abilities are needed in this very productive produce ministry to help with spring clean-up, planting, watering, harvesting, and delivering produce. Garden season starts in May and runs through late September. We welcome all help. The Mission Garden is a church-wide effort and can't happen without time and labor. Our church garden has been labeled as a mission priority. Please consider volunteering in God's Garden, serving our community, and having some fun while enjoying time in nature!

2024 Garden Events

Planting Day – Saturday, May 25 at 10:00 AM. Rain make-up day would be on Sunday, May 26, after church if needed. *Please bring a pair of gardening gloves. Garden tools are available, however you're welcome to bring your own favorite tool. Please sign up for watering, harvesting, and delivery to the Food Pantry, in the Narthex and Social Hall. For more information, please see Tony Indovina or contact him at: 216-701-0880 to sign up or for more information.

Memorial Day Service - May 27 at 9:30 AM: Our Fellowship Committee will provide bottled water and donuts. The sanctuary will be open to the community; church members will be located at the front doors to greet visitors. The service will be led by Rev. Jon Fancher and the American Legion Post 703. It will include a welcome by Mayor Gallo, singing of patriotic hymns, music by the Valley Forge Marching Band, and brief messages from two local veterans. The thirty-minute service will be followed by a parade on Pearl Road to the Parma Heights Cemetery, where departed veterans will be honored. Please plan to be part of this service of recognition and remembrance.

Annual Strawberry Festival – Sunday, June 2 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. It will be held on our front lawn (weather permitting). Come, relax, and enjoy lunch, refreshing beverages and entertainment. There will be an assortment of food and, of course, our delicious strawberry shortcake! Please invite your family and friends and join us for a great time.

Ongoing Prayer Concern: Pastor Blake's wife, Megan, has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. Please keep the Severson family in your prayers. **Cards can be sent to:** Blake Severson, 420 Cherry St. Anchorage, AK 99504

Congratulations, Gwen Beyer!

Thank you and
Best Wishes!



Reception on Sunday, May 19

- Following our Worship service, during coffee hour.

Come and Celebrate Gwen's Retirement!

She has been a very dedicated member of our staff, serving as our Director of Music, working with our youth, with carillon ringers and choirs.

Gwen, you will be greatly missed!

New Director of Music

Chris Venesile, is our new Director of Music.

Contact: music@parma-south.org

Chris began his role on May 1st, and will plan and direct all of our music programs at Parma-South.

School of Rock Musical

Come see
Pastor Jon perform at:
The Cassidy Theatre!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9
AT 2:30 PM**

Please complete the form.

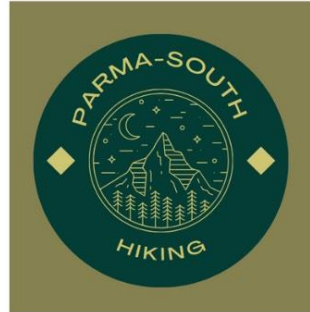
This is due to the Church Office by May 20th.

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Thank you!



Saturday, May 18 @ 12:30p.m. - Kite and Hike / Edgewater Beach



Saturday, June 29 @ 12:30p.m. - Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve

**Sunday, July 14 @ 12:30p.m. - Big Creek Reservation
East Coast Custard**



**Sunday, August 11 @ 12:30p.m. - Brecksville Reservation
Salamander Loop Trail**