



# Tidings

November 2022

## COMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, November 2 @ 10AM:**

- Coffee or Tea with Pastor Blake

**Thursday, November 3 @ 4 PM-5 PM**

- Grief Support Group

**Saturday, November 5 @ 9 AM**

- Men's Square

**Sunday, November 6:**

- Fall Back to Eastern Standard Time

**Wednesday, November 9 @ 10AM:**

- Coffee or Tea with Pastor Blake

**Friday, November 11 – Veterans Day**

**Saturday, November 12:**

- Cub Scout Troop 263 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser @ 4 PM-6 PM

**Tuesday, November 15 @ 10 AM**

- Esther Circle

**Wednesday, November 16:**

- Coffee or Tea with Pastor Blake @ 10 AM

- Session Meeting @ 7 PM

**Thursday, November 17 @ 4 PM-5 PM**

- Grief Support Group

- Tidings Articles Due

**Saturday, November 19**

- Coffee With "The Word" @ 11 AM

**Sunday, November 20**

- Advent Decorating (after Worship Service)

- Family Thanksgiving Gathering (after Worship Service)

**Wednesday, November 23:**

- Coffee or Tea with Pastor Blake @ 10 AM

**Wednesday, November 30:**

- Coffee or Tea with Pastor Blake @ 10 AM



## November 11

On **Veterans Day** we honor all the men and women who served in the military and their families. For many, their service carries with it a mixed bag of emotions, especially if they have served in war situations. There are feelings of pride, honor and courage. But there may also be feelings of shame, remorse and emotional conflict. Some veterans return permanently injured, have a difficult time getting a job and face other obstacles we don't understand. As a result, people who have served in the military have some of the highest divorce, suicide, and addiction rates.

Throughout the church history and the scripture, many saints have served in the military, Cornelius being just one example. Let us not only remember our men and woman and their families who serve in the military services, but also pray for them and be a support where we are able.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!





November 2022 Reading Plan:  
A Month with the Romans 8

One of the most important spiritual practices for the way of discipleship in Christ is reading the Bible...on your own. If the sum total of our faith is the time we spend on Sunday morning or in small groups, we miss out on the riches of the day to day reality that God is with US, individually, just as much as God is with the gathered community of faith. With this in mind, I introduce to you the first of many monthly reading plans that will be showing up in Tidings each month.

For our first path through the scriptures, we will journey together through the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Book of Romans, which many consider to be the most important chapter in the Bible outside the Gospels themselves. This chapter lays out the totality of Paul's Theology in a mere 39 verses. It is breathtaking in its concise yet expansive display of the fullness of the Good News of Jesus Christ.


In reading through this pivotal chapter, adding a verse per day, you will be invited to sit and reflect on each new verse as it comes. Gain deep insight, through the Spirit, into what God is trying to tell you, us, and the world in these tremendous words.

As Parma-South discerns the kind of church it seeks to be in the years to come, it is essential that we ground that discernment in the foundational Good News of our shared faith. This Good News is never more clearly described than in Romans 8. It should also provide for us an immense feeling of thankfulness during the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving.



The plan is this: on November 1, read verse 1. On Nov. 2, read verses 1-2. On Nov. 3, 1-3. You get the picture. November has 30 days and Romans 8 has 39 verses. What to do? Continue adding 1 verse per day, until November 30. And then you will simply read the entire chapter. Those last 9 verses will provide a beautiful capstone to this experience as they outline the unending love of God, a love that neither height nor depth, nor famine nor sword...nor anything else can ever separate us from. Enjoy!

Rev. Blake Severson



We are proud to announce that effective November 1st, Parma-South will have an Associate Pastor. Yes, Rev. Dr. Debbie Cerra is coming back.

We are all very excited to have her return along with Miss Ladybug! Pastor Blake and Pastor Debbie will make a great team for Parma-South to help all of us during this time of transition.

**Coffee (Or Tea)  
with the  
Pastor!**



Hello friends,

Pastor Blake here. I am inviting anyone who would like to join me for coffee/tea in the Parlor of Parma-South Presbyterian Church on Wednesdays in November and December from 10am-12pm.

I look forward to having wonderful conversations and nice warm beverages as the winter season settles in. Bring your favorite cup from home and be ready to tell me and anyone else who gathers, what is so special about Parma-South!

**See you for the first Coffee  
With The Pastor on  
November 2.**

## COFFEE WITH THE "WORD"

November 19, 2022  
11 AM—1 PM

Speaker: Kevin Schaner  
Topic: "Women of the Bible"



Please join us for worship, song & lunch. Family and friends are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, contact Fran Marvel or call the church office. Hope to see you then.



Cub Scout Troop 263 is holding a dine in/take out Spaghetti Fundraiser on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM in the Gym. You have the option of staying in to eat or requesting a take out box. Meal includes a spaghetti dinner with choice of meat or marinara sauce, salad with choice of dressing, roll, and choice of dessert. You also may have coffee, water or tea with a can of pop being sold for \$1.00. Tickets are available for \$12.00 at the Church Office or \$15.00 at the door. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact the church office. Make checks payable to: **Cub Scout Pack 263.**



Thank You contributions to Presbyterian Shoe Drive. The final count was 1925 pairs of shoes collected for the drive.

The shoes were given to Funds2Orgs to sell and a check for \$487.60 was received and split between RAHAB Ministries and Brigid's Path.

These organizations help infants born addicted and work to fight human trafficking.

Thanks to all for the shoe donations to help these two organizations.

## CARE and SHARE Store

The store will open again for the **33rd consecutive year**. Even Covid 19 didn't affect it opening the last two years. Opening date is November 6th and ends on December 6th. Order forms will be available in Sunday bulletins, on our website's MISSION page, in the church office, & on the next page. Make this Christmas special by giving a gift that means something in the name of him who was God's great gift to us, Jesus of Nazareth.

The Mission Committee thanks you and wishes you a joyous Christmas season.

## GRIEF GROUP



Every 1st and 3rd Thursday, Rev. Dr. Debbie Cerra offers a Zoom Grief Group from 4:00 – 5:00 PM. She can be reached at (856) 912-1202 for more information.

This group is open to anyone who has experienced a significant loss.



Articles for our monthly Tidings newsletter are due the day after the regularly scheduled monthly Session meeting.

Therefore, please note: Articles for the December Tidings will be due **no later than Thursday, November 17.**



## 2022 Christmas CARE & SHARE Store

The Care and Share store will be open November 6 - December 6. Please return this form with your check: Place it in the church offering plate or mail it to the church.

#101	<b>\$10 - \$20 Food for Ann George Parma Heights Food Bank.</b> We help to provide funds to purchase food for the food bank and supply fresh produce from our community garden.
#102	<b>City Mission</b> <i>Helps men, women and children in crisis to overcome it by receiving Christian help that will change their lives.</i>
#103	<b>\$10 - \$25 for Native American Minority Education</b> Scholarships for higher education for native American children.
#104	<b>\$50.00 for Laura's Home</b> Laura's Home for Pathways Program for children. Four hundred children were helped by the program. Social-emotional skills increased for 49% of the children and 56% increased for positive coping skills.

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#105	<b>\$10-\$25 for International Friends</b> To provide support toward missionary work for international students at CSU.
#106	<b>\$25-\$50 Un-designated or Charity of Choice</b> Your un-designated gifts are welcome and will be allocated by Mission Committee to areas of greatest need or write-in the charity of your choice.
#107	<b>\$10-\$100 <u>Dougbe River</u> Presbyterian School in Liberia, West Africa</b> This year's need is for operating funds to complete the girl's dormitory. They are making tremendous progress by community help and contractors. Their solar partner is waiting for the roof construction to be completed. When the roof is completed the sustainable power system will be installed. The enrollment has increased to over 230 students grades Pre-K to 9.
#108	<b>\$25 Socks and Clothes 4 Kids Children</b> A source of clothes, shoes school supplies for needy children in Northeast Ohio.

Item	Description	Amount
#101	\$10 - \$20 Ann George Parma Hts. Food Pantry	
#102	\$10-\$20 for City Mission	
#103	\$10 - \$25 for Minority Education	
#104	\$50 for Women's Shelter	
#105	\$10-\$25 for International Friends	
#106	\$25 - \$50 Undesignated or charity of your choice	
#107	\$10 - \$100 <u>Dougbe River</u> School, Liberia, West Africa	
#108	\$10-\$25 for Socks and Clothes for Kids ( SC4K).	

TOTAL - - -

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope #

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make all checks payable to **Parma-South Presbyterian Church** and mark each check "For Care and Share". Thank you!

## Advent Decorating November 21



On Sunday, November 21 the Worship Committee is asking for help to decorate the Sanctuary for Advent. Following the morning worship service, we will begin the transformation process. All are welcome to lend a hand. The more the merrier!



Elder- Bob Schomer/Leader

Committee Members: Tony Indovina, Ruth Fay, Carol Werner, Sandy Kardamis, Susan Rhee, Fran Marvel

The committee is presenting the following candidates for the 2023 calendar year:

Clerk of Session: Audrey Brandmeier (three year term)

Session: Melissa Evans, Audrey Brandmeier, Yung-Tse Hung (all three year terms)

Endowment : Art Beyer, Ralph Moody (three year terms)

Nominating Committee for 2023: Ruth Fay, Fran Marvel, Sandy Kardamis Darlene Ells, Dick Salisbury, Bob Schomer

## Birthdays for November

11/01 Lydia Ndasi  
 11/03 Darlene Ells  
 11/07 Shirley Dash  
 11/10 Mary Walker  
 11/11 Art Beyer  
 11/12 John Brandmeier  
 Maryellen Bechler  
 11/14 Donna DeMattie  
 11/15 Yung-Tse Hung  
 11/18 Thomas Molua  
 Ron Shaffer  
 11/20 Barbara Chuppa  
 11/22 Nancy Indovina  
 11/23 Karin Thompson  
 11/25 Kevin Thompson  
 Karen VanLinge  
 11/28 Angelina Pfister  
 11/29 Dick Cooper



### Child Care position

**We Are Hiring!** If you, or someone you know, is interested in a part time Child Care position for our Church Nursery on Sunday mornings, please contact the church office.



The next meeting of Men's Square will be **Saturday, November 5, at 9:00 AM.**

We plan to gather as usual for breakfast at Pappou's Restaurant located on the corner of Snow and Pearl Road.

As at our last meeting, we will use a selection from the current issue of the 'Upper Room' devotional as the subject for our discussion.

Anyone needing more information, please contact Ed Walker. Hope to see you there.

### Family Thanksgiving Gathering Sunday, November 20th



Please save the date for you to join us for a Family Thanksgiving Gathering on Sunday, November 20th in the gym after church. Light Lunch will be provided.

We will be making Blessing Bags and collecting donations for the Parma Heights Food Pantry. More details to come!



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Carillon music during November will be played in loving memory of:

**November 6**  
Gay Ellen Sargent  
Lois Swan  
Marilyn Weiss



**November 13**  
Mr. and Mrs. John E. Cantwell

**November 20**  
Richard Kitchen  
Phyllis Kitchen

**November 27**  
Gilbert E. Calderwood  
Ruth Calderwood  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bechler

### OFFICE NOTES

- Don't miss out getting the latest copy of Tidings! Have it electronically sent to you. Please call the office during office hours and indicate that you want to receive your monthly Tidings in your email! We are more than happy to accommodate you with this request!
- Please let Sara Ekkens in the office know when your meetings are scheduled so that they can be entered onto the Church Calendar. Equally important is letting us know when you cancel or reschedule meetings.
- Please call the church office to confirm that you and your family have an emergency contact card on file.



**Sunday, November 7th**, marks the end of daylight savings time, as we move our clocks back one hour.

Enjoy that extra hour of sleep!