



## COMING EVENTS

**Sunday, December 3:** Worship @ 10 AM  
- Youth Activity after Worship

**Thursday, December 7:**  
- Grief Group @ 4 PM (Zoom)

**Saturday, December 9:**  
- Men's Square @ 9 AM

**Sunday, December 10:** Worship @ 10 AM

**Tuesday, December 14:** Esther Circle @ 10 AM

**Thursday, December 16:**  
- Tidings articles deadline  
- Grief Group @ 4 PM (Zoom)

**Sunday, December 17:** Worship @ 10 AM  
- Christmas Dinner @ 11 AM

**Sunday, December 24:** Worship @ 10 AM  
- Christmas Eve Service @ 4 PM

**Sunday, December 31:** Worship @ 10 AM




# Tidings

December 2023



## Merry Christmas!

As I write this, I realize that I have only been with you as your Transitional Pastor, for two months. I have preached only 8 Sundays, had one funeral, did some visits, one town hall, 4 Bible studies, but had countless meetings. I am still trying to put faces with names, just getting to know you.

I love the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany season of the Church year. We will be **decorating the sanctuary** after the Christ the King service on November 26<sup>th</sup>. Then on the **First Sunday of Advent, December 3rd**, we will be celebrating Communion as we look forward to the return of Christ, the King of kings and the Lord of lords. The **Second Sunday of Advent, December 10th**, we will be with John the Baptizer, calling for our repentance, looking for the one Mightier than he. The **Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete** (Latin for Rejoice) **Sunday, December 17th**, we will read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* After worship we will sit down and share in a Christmas meal together. The **Fourth Sunday of Advent @ 10 AM** is also **Christmas Eve**. Pastor Debbie will lead the service in the morning. **Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols with Candle lighting Service** will be at **4 PM**. Then on the **6<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas**, also **New Year's Eve** we will celebrate the coming of the Maji to the Christ child.

What a special time of year. I want you to know that I am excited to spend Christmas with you. *Gloria in excelsis Deo* (Latin for "Glory to God in the highest")

**Pastor Bill**



Following the service, on **Sunday, December 3rd**, please join us in the Dining room and gym for crafts, activities, lunch, fun and fellowship!

Jesus is the Reason for this most Wonderful time of Celebration. It's the first Sunday of Advent. Let's kick off this Special Season together and share and make it the most memorable one!



Peace & Love,  
Lisa Profio, Becca Sivik & Michell Adam

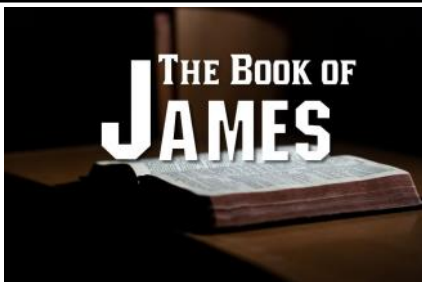
### NEW MEMBERS CLASS

We are getting together all might be interested in joining this congregation. Membership can be accomplished in three ways.:

- By a **confession** in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and if you have not been baptized. This would include your baptism.
- By **transfer** of your membership from another congregation.
- By a **reaffirmation** of faith.



Rev. Hudson is aware of some who have expressed a desire to join with us in worship and service as fellow members, and he will be reaching out to the ones I know. If you have not yet "officially" joined with us in membership and wish to do so, please see me.



### Adult Bible Study

An Adult Bible Study on Sunday morning at 9 AM in the Parlor. We are starting studying the Letter of James. Lead by Pastor Hudson, we have just begun. The next class will be on Dec 3rd and 10th, then starting back on the 7th of January. Come and share in the reading and study of God's Holy Word.



## Stewardship Drive for 2024



**Keeper of the Pigsty.** I can remember my mother saying that my room was a pigsty. I have to admit my room as a teenager sometimes looked and smelled as if a big old pig had waddled in there. Even as an adult, I seem to leave messes wherever I go. It is hard to be responsible for all the things under my care.

Let's look at the word **Stewardship**. The English word **stewardship** comes from two very Old English words **Sty** and **Ward**. **Sty** is defined as "a pen or enclosure for swine, pigs." **Ward** is defined as "one who guards."

As we look at our own pig pens, how good a steward is each of us? Have we taken good care of our loved ones, our homes, our community, our church? There will be fences to mend. Hungry mouths to feed. Shoveling and cleaning the **sty**. As children of faith, God has given us the responsibility to **Ward** over the **Sty** we call the Christ Presbyterian. I have enjoyed my time as **Ward over your Sty**.

If you have already turned in your pledge, God Bless you and thank you. If you haven't yet made your pledge, please do so. Help guard the pen we serve God in.

*Jubilate Deo omnis terra* (Psalm 98:4, Latin). Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

***Pastor Bill***



This is a smiling face of a long time member Jean Williamson, Sharon Gavala's Mother.

Jean now resides at Mt. Alverna Village. As you can tell she is a huge Guardians fan! She would love to hear from you or pay her a visit at:

Mt. Alverna  
6765 State Rd  
Parma OH 44134  
216-385-9974



## Received from Love, Inc.

Dear Ruth and Fellow Quilters,

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilts you donated to Love INC recently! I'm always amazed at all the different colors and patterns each one has, and such wonderful workmanship!

It's such a very special thing for someone in need, who has so little, to receive a beautiful quilt! And the moms love them for their little ones too!

I remember receiving a letter from a very grateful mom, telling how her young son reached into the Love INC bag of clothes and toiletries we sent her and immediately pulled out a super adorable boy's quilt with trucks all over it. His mom said he takes it everywhere he goes and sleeps with it at night. That one quilt provided comfort for a young boy and joy to his mom.

Thank you again for your faithfulness in using your time and talents to minister to others! You are SO appreciated!

God Bless, Cheryl (clothing room volunteer)



Overflowing With Thanks



Are you migrating south for the winter? Please be sure to notify Parma-South with your new address. Also, let the church know when you will be available at that address, so that we can send appropriate mail to you in a timely fashion.

## Pastor Search Update

Your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) continues to work diligently, meeting every Thursday evening. The PC-USA website matching system is consistently turning up one or two candidates per week. The committee carefully reads the candidate's information. [Okayyy... and then does a whole bunch of internet research to 'get the scoop' which typically reveals the candidate's name.] Thanks to modern technology, sermons are readily available for the PNC to watch/listen. Barring any obvious mismatch to Parma-South's mission and culture, the candidate is invited to apply. If the candidate applies, the PNC gains access to the applicant's statement of faith. Then the PNC decides to make contact, request an interview and checks references. A few interviews are in process, but the Advent season is expected to make candidates less available to chat until January. Please keep praying for your PNC members – for wisdom, discernment, and patience.



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**"This one looks promising: "limited knowledge of contemporary culture, enjoys renovation projects and yard work."**



## IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

Notice! To ensure the deductibility of your Church contributions, do not file your 2023 Income Tax Return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from Parma-South.

Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible.

## Christmas Crèche

In 1223, Saint Francis of Assisi created the tradition of the Crèche, or Nativity scene, as a representation of the birth of Jesus Christ to be displayed from Advent through Epiphany. From early life-size wooden figures to Renaissance period masterworks, the Crèche symbolizes the true meaning of Christmas: the birthday of Jesus .

Parma-South is blessed to have the opportunity to present a scenic and meaningful Creche this month. Mike Dory and some helpers will transform the library into a scene of beauty and lights. Seats will be available so you can spend time in this place of peace and share the story of Christ's birth with your children, family and loved ones. The display will be a highlight on **December 17th** when all are welcome to a church family dinner and holiday fellowship.



*O, come let us adore Him.*

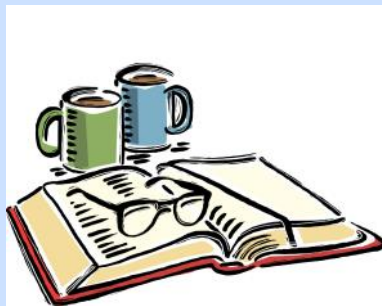


Join us in the dining room immediately after worship on **Sunday, December 17** for a festive church family dinner. There will be great fellowship, lots of holiday cheer and a delicious Christmas meal provided by Stancato's.

We need a head count in order to calculate the food quantity, so please reserve your spot: You may call the church office, send an email to [officeadmin@parma-south](mailto:officeadmin@parma-south), or drop a note in the offering plate by **Sunday, Dec. 10**. A free will offering will be collected at the dinner, to be given to the Parma Heights Food Pantry.

## Men's Square

The next meeting of Men's Square is scheduled Saturday, December 9, at 9:00 AM. The group will be meeting for breakfast at Denny's Restaurant located on Day Drive in Parma. We normally gather in the back room. Our usual agenda is to have our group discussion following breakfast, and then head over to the Church for our current project. Anyone needing more information, please contact Ed Walker. Hope to see you there.



## Per Capita for 2024

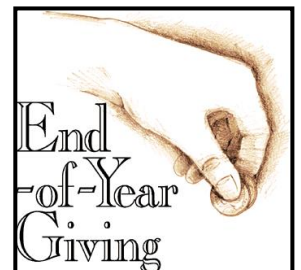


Per capita for 2024 is \$38, reflecting this increase. 3.2% increase for cost of living for 2024. The Minimum Terms of Call will include this increase.

## 2023 PLEDGE PAYMENTS

All gifts and pledge payments received in the office by noon on December 31st or anything mailed and postmarked by December 31st will be credited to your 2023 giving statement..

For any number of good reasons, you may not have completed your 2023 pledge payments by the end of the calendar year. If you find you are still able to complete your pledge, we ask that you do so early in the year 2024. If you identify your gifts as 2023 pledge payments, they will appear on your 2023 giving statement as last year's pledge and will not be applied to your 2024 pledge amount.





# 2023 CHRISTMAS CARE & SHARE STORE

## ORDER FORM

The Care and Share store will be open November 5th to December 10th. Please return this form with your check: Place it in the church offering plate or mail it to the church.

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 Dougbe River School, Liberia, West Africa	
#108	\$10-\$25 for Socks and Clothes for Kids ( SC4K).	

Parma-South Presbyterian Church  
6155 Pearl Road  
Parma Heights, OH 44130-3159

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make all checks payable to **Parma-South Presbyterian**

#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> Helps men, women and children in crisis to overcome it by receiving Christian help that will change their lives.
#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
#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 Dougbe River 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.

## Memorial Carillon for December

Carillon music during December will be played in loving memory



Dec 3	Jack E. McGuff Marilyn Weiss
Dec 10	M/M Walter T. Cubbison
Dec 17	Mr. & Mrs. Frantz Dickerson
Dec 24	Clinton L. Goode Ben F. Evans Albon Johnson Harvey Hale
Dec 31	Walter W. Schilke



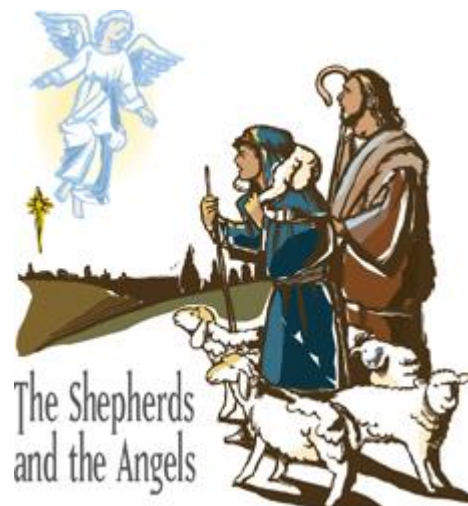
## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Lindsay	Gavala
4	Robert	Decker
7	Parker	Muranko
10	Caera	Adam
12	Roseanne	Best
16	Chloe	Ackley
17	James	Climer
17	Beverly	Kuhn
22	Raymond	Burner
24	Mary Ewokolo	Molua
28	Michell	Adam
28	Janice	Lappin
29	John	Krisch

## The Holy Night

### Elizabeth Barrett Browning

We sate among the stalls at Bethlehem;  
The dumb kine from their fodder turning them,  
Softened their horned faces  
To almost human gazes  
Toward the newly Born:  
The simple shepherds from the star-lit brooks  
Brought their visionary looks,  
As yet in their astonished hearing rung  
The strange sweet angel-tongue:  
The magi of the East, in sandals worn,  
Knelt reverent, sweeping round,  
With long pale beards, their gifts upon the ground,  
The incense, myrrh, and gold  
These baby hands were impotent to hold:  
So let all earthlies and celestials wait  
Upon thy royal state.





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