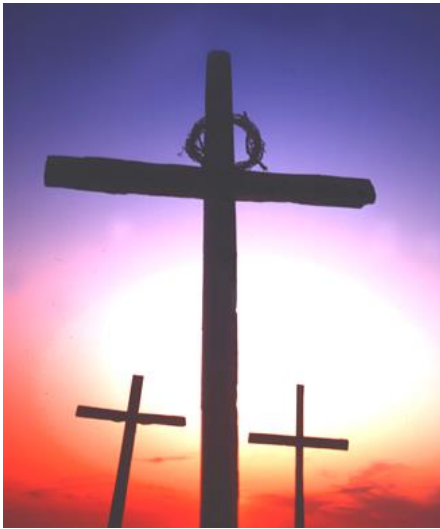


Tidings

March 2024



COMING EVENTS

Sun. March 3—Third Sunday of Lent

Adult Bible Study @ 9 AM

Worship & Communion @ 10 AM

Town Hall Mtg @ 11 AM

“His Only Son” movie @ 6:30 PM

Thurs. March 7—Grief Group via Zoom, 4 PM

Sat. March 9—Men’s Square @ 9 AM

Sun. March 10—Adult Bible Study @ 9 AM

Worship Service @ 10 AM

Tues. March 12— Esther Circle @ 10 AM

Sat. March 16—Cub Scout Pancakes, 9-11 AM

Sun. March 17—Adult Bible Study @ 9 AM

Worship Service @ 10 AM

Thurs. March 21—Grief Group via Zoom, 4 PM

Deadline for Tidings articles

Sat. March 23—Group Hike @ 11 AM

Sun. March 24—Palm/Passion Sunday

Adult Bible Study @ 9 AM

Worship Service @ 10 AM

Kids’ Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday, March 28th – Maundy Thursday

Service @ 7PM

Sun. March 31—Adult Bible Study @ 9 AM

EASTER Worship Service @ 10 AM

Potluck Luncheon @ 11 AM

HOLY WEEK Services

(Also streamed online at www.parmasouth.org)



On Palm Sunday, March 24, our children will pass out palms during the service. Following that, they are invited to our annual egg hunt and Easter celebration. (It may be held upstairs for more hiding places, but we'll let you know.) Come and wave the palms as we celebrate the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem.

Our Maundy Thursday Service will be at 7:00 PM on March 28. Communion will be served, to commemorate Jesus Christ's Last Supper with his disciples.



On Sunday, March 31st, join us for our 10 AM Easter Service. Communion will be served. There will be Nursery care, but no Sunday School that day. Come and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.





Christ is Risen, Hallelujah!

The Council of Nicaea in 325 decreed that Easter should be observed on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox (Spring, March 21). Easter, therefore, can fall on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25. This year Easter is March 31st.

Fixing the date on which the Resurrection of Jesus was to be observed and celebrated triggered a major controversy in the early Church. Originally the church observed the day of the Crucifixion on the same day that Jews celebrated the Passover offering: that is, on the 14th day of the first full moon of spring, 14 Nisan (the Jewish Calendar is a lunar calendar). The Resurrection, then, was observed two days later, on 16 Nisan, regardless of the day of the week.

The Resurrection of Jesus was celebrated primarily on the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, Sunday, when Jesus had risen from the dead.

The Orthodox churches use the old Julian calendar, proposed in 46 BC by (and takes its name from) Julius Caesar. The Gregorian Calendar is 13 days ahead of the Julian, was established in 1582, and takes its name from Pope Gregory XII, so their Orthodox Easter is different than ours.

After that long explanation, now for some theology. Christ is risen. Notice the presence tense "is". Not just ancient history like Julius Caesar, but our Lord's presence is with us today. Wherever two are three are gathered, the resurrected Christ is in our midst. We are Resurrected people now. Christ is Risen, Hallelujah!

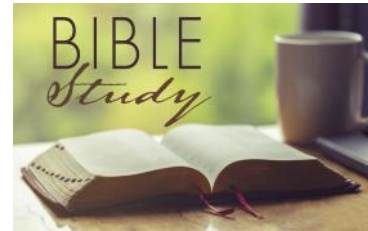
-Pastor Bill



TOWN HALL MEETING



Join us for our first Town Hall Meeting of 2024, to be held in the church Dining Room **on Sunday, March 3**, immediately after worship. Our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) will present a short update about their process and progress. Refreshments will be provided and child care will be available during the meeting. Hope to see you there!



Join us at 9 AM on Sundays for an Adult Bible Study. We meet in the Social Hall for coffee or tea and donuts, and we will study the Letter of James. Many believe that James is an early sermon. We will hear him preach to us as he preached to the first believers. Come for fellowship and study.

-Pastor Bill



Interested in joining this congregation? Please let Pastor Bill Hudson know.

Membership can be accomplished in 1 of 3 ways:

- By confessing Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, And if you have not yet been baptized, this would include your baptism
- By transfer of your membership from another congregation
- By a reaffirmation of faith



Volunteers Needed!

On Monday, April 8, Parma-South is having a fun **ECLIPSE EVENT** at our church, during the upcoming total solar eclipse. The event will be held from 1:30 – 4 PM and will be open to the public. There is the potential for a large attendance.

In order for this event to be a success, we need many volunteers. Helpers can supervise activities both inside and outside our building: distribute snacks, direct people to the gym, sanctuary, or bathrooms, oversee some “eclipse” crafts, etc. If you can help, please notify John Lahl, Audrey Brandmeier, Cathy Sinko or the church office.

=====



CEREAL BOXES NEEDED!

Please save your empty cereal boxes and bring them to the church work room. They will be used at our upcoming Eclipse Event (so participants can craft their own pinhole eclipse viewer). Thank you.

MEN'S SQUARE

Men's Square now meets on the **SECOND** Saturday of the month. Their next meeting will be on **Saturday, March 9th**, gathering for breakfast at Denny's in Parmatown at 9 AM. Anyone needing more information, please contact Ed Walker. Hope to see you there.



EASTER Potluck Luncheon

Please join us for fellowship and an Easter meal immediately after worship on Easter Sunday, March 31st in our Dining Room. Please bring a side dish to share, and RSVP to Katie Kolthoff by March 27th. We hope to see you there!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On Palm Sunday, March 24, we will be having our annual kids' **Easter Egg Hunt** and Easter celebration during the worship service. We may have it upstairs for more hiding places, but we'll let you know.

There will be **no Sunday School** on Easter, but the Nursery will be open.



We would like to thank you for your generous donations collected on **Souper Bowl Sunday** for the Parma Heights Food Pantry! We collected \$546 and rounded it up to \$600!

Our Sunday School **class room has changed!** We now meet in the Multipurpose room (next to the library.)



MOVIE NIGHT

Join us on Sunday evening, March 3rd at 6:30 PM to watch the movie, “His Only Son”. This film recounts one of the most controversial moments in the Old Testament: when Abraham was commanded by God to sacrifice his son Isaac on the mountain of Moriah. The film's running time is 101 minutes; Snacks and child care will be provided. Please RSVP to John Lahl at 440-725-3239.



WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Esther Circle will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, March 12. This month we will look at Jesus' encounter with a person with leprosy. Please join us for a time of study and fellowship.

Esther Circle meets on the second Tuesday of the month, now through June.



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

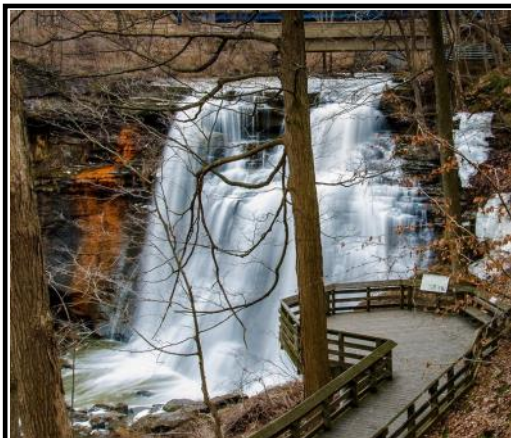
Mark your calendars for our annual Strawberry Festival, to be held on Sunday, June 2 from 11 AM–1 PM! More details will be forthcoming.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



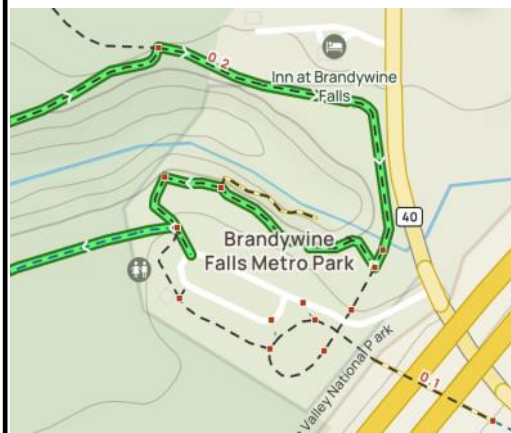
Rev. Dr. Debbie Cerra holds a Grief Group online, via ZOOM. This group is open to anyone who has experienced a significant loss. It meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday, from 4:00 – 5:00 PM. For more information, Pastor Debbie can be reached at (856) 912-1202 .



Attention HIKERS!

Our March hike will be **Saturday, March 23** at 11 am at Brandywine Gorge Trail in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. We will meet in the parking lot. Call Katie Kolthoff with any questions. The address is:

8176 Brandywine Rd.
Northfield, OH 44067



PANCAKES with the EASTER BUNNY

Join us for "all you can eat" pancakes with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, **March 16 from 9-11 AM** in our Dining Room. This is a fundraiser for Cub Scout Pack # 263. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and includes pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee. Set-up begins at 8 AM and clean-up ends about noon. If you can help or have any questions, please see Nicole Dorin, Cub Scout Master.



...from Jan Fritzsche



From the Buhrer Kids at Christmas:

"Wonderful people, who love you very much wanted to make today very special. Today, Parma-South Presbyterian Church donated some presents for each and every one of you. These excited kids send back a big THANK YOU!"

Dear Fellowship Committee,
Thank you so much for all the time and effort you put into my retirement gathering. The cake, the signs, the cards, the gifts and the kind words. They all reflect the love and care that Parma-South extends to not only me but many others. God bless you all,
-Jan

"Retirement is not the end of the road. It is the beginning of the open highway."
-unknown



Durell & Grace Asongwed

We welcome Durell & Grace Asongwed, who joined the Parma-South family on February 18th. Welcome to Parma-South!



Articles for our monthly TIDINGS newsletter are due the day after the regularly scheduled monthly Session meeting. Therefore, please note: Articles for the April Tidings will be due **no later than Thursday, March 21st.**



MEMORIAL CARILLON

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

- March 3 Wilbur P. Henninger & Marilyn Weiss
- March 10 Howard Ziel
- March 17 Paul R. Hoobler & Phyllis Hoobler
- March 24 Arthur Thiele, M/M Ivan Horrigan & Betty French Wisch
- March 31 Josephine M. Folvasky & James M. Presley



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



- 1 Lisa Profio
- 3 Margaret Betz
- 18 Laura Dory
- 19 Richard Durcansky
- 20 Wendy Hart
- 22 Roberta Lane
- 24 Trevor Csuti
- 26 Dakota Adam
- 27 Verna Buchholz
- 29 Taylor Zietlow
- 30 Judith Tolve
- 31 Carol Crowe



Tidings

Parma-South Presbyterian Church
6155 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44130
Office Phone (440) 885-2652

Visit our website: www.parma-south.org

Rev. Bill Hudson, Transitional Pastor
Email: pastor@parma-south.org

*Thank you to our advertisers listed below, for their support.
If you would like to place an advertisement or become a Tidings sponsor,
please call the church office.*

 **Busch**
Cremation • Burial • Pre-Planning
www.buschcares.com



(your business ad here)



Eleven of us braved the 30-degree weather for a hike at the West Creek Reservation on February 18th. We enjoyed fellowship and sunshine.