



Tidings

June 2024

COMING EVENTS

- Sun. June 2—Worship Service @ 10 AM
-Strawberry Festival @ 11-1
- Thurs. June 6—Grief Group via Zoom, 4 PM
- Sun. June 9—Worship @ 10 AM
-Last Coffee Hour until September:
Come meet Kathy Snyder!
-Cassidy Theatre Outing @ 2:30 PM
- Tues. June 11—Esther Circle @ 10 AM
- Sun. June 16 -Worship Service @ 10 AM
- Thurs. June 20—Grief Group via Zoom, 4 PM
-Deadline for Tidings articles
- Sat. June 29 - Hike @ 12:30 PM
- Sun. June 23 -Worship @ 10AM
- Sun. June 30 -Worship Service @ 10 AM



Gwen with new Music Director Chris Venesile



Happy Retirement Gwen!





"A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away...." That's how the iconic 1977 movie "Star Wars" opened: with those words scrolling on the cinema screen.

Those words could also apply to my wife Mary and me. Because this month we will celebrate something that happened "a long time ago": a marriage that began not "far, far away" but right in the very sanctuary where we worship week by week. When we started out, we vowed to stay with each other "till death do us part...." But as newlyweds we couldn't look into the future to imagine what life would be like for us 5 or 10 or 25 or now 45 years later.

Mary and I certainly have a lifetime of memories to look back on—memories of exciting accomplishments and humdrum everyday life, memories of raising our family and fulfilling our careers, memories of friends made and loved ones lost. It's certainly comforting to look back at the past, to remember the joys of former days, and to try to distance ourselves from some of the painful episodes that life dealt us.

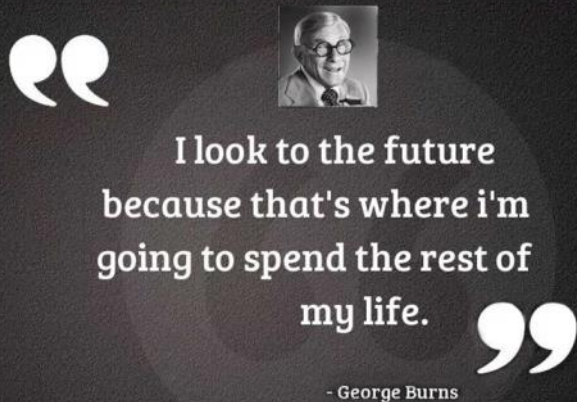
But looking backward in time isn't what gives us energy and excitement for our lives these days. It's looking ahead at what could be in store for us that gives us joy and hope.

Don't you think that could be what Parma-South is called to do in this transitional moment? There's no denying the history each of us has with this church: the family life transitions of confirmations and weddings and baptisms and funerals; the friendships formed through fellowship and mission activities and church service; the week-after-week inspiration and comfort of gathering for worship.

We have a cherished history in this church. We won't relinquish it. But let's not allow ourselves to be mired in the past, "worshiping our history." Rather, let's look ahead at how Parma-South Presbyterian Church can move into the future. We may not be able to imagine what that future will be except that it will not be exactly what we know now. St. Paul wrote "For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience". (Rom. 8:24-25)

For the sake of Jesus Christ, let's pray that we will allow our minds and hearts and hands to be opened to new leadership, new ideas, new avenues of service, new ways of "being a church for our community." This is what we are called to be and do, not "a long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away" but right here and right now.

See you in church,
Jon Fancher



CONTACTING OUR GAP PASTOR

Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher will have office hours at church on Friday mornings from 9 to 11 AM. 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. For other inquiries, you may reach him by email: pastor@parma-south.org



Do you or your committee have information that you need to publicize (in Tidings, bulletins, on our outside sign, etc)? In an effort to make church communication requests more uniform and consistent, a "**Communication Request Form**" has been created. Please use this form to submit any announcements that you would like to publicize. A digital copy of this 'Communication Request Form' is available 24/7 on our church website (www.parma-south.org) on the CONTACT page. On the page, click the link, fill in the info, and email the form as indicated at the bottom.

If you prefer a hard copy, pick up a copy of the form in the "Communications / Tidings" mail slot in the church work room, fill it out, and return it to the same mail slot. Thanks for your cooperation.



Join us on **Sunday, June 2** for our annual Strawberry Festival! It will be held on our front lawn (weather permitting) from 11 -1 PM. Come, relax and enjoy lunch, refreshing beverages and entertainment. There will be an assortment of food and of course, our delicious strawberry shortcake! Food prices:

- \$10—Adult meal
- \$ 3—Kids meal (12 & under)
- \$ 2—Adult dessert w/meal purchase
- \$ 6—Dessert w/o meal purchase

For the kids, the popular Bubbles Station is back! Invite your family and friends and join us for a great time.



It's back! On the third Sunday of June, July, August & September, we will once again have our 10 AM worship **OUTSIDE**, weather permitting. Mark your calendars for these dates:

- June 16
- July 21
- August 18
- September 15

Please bring your own lawn chairs and Bible. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Kathy Snyder

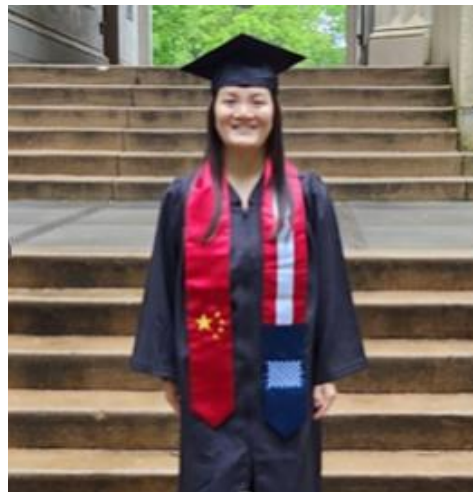
On Sunday, June 9 after worship, join us at Coffee Hour to welcome **our new Office Administrator**, Kathy Snyder. Come and meet the friendly face to whom you speak when you call our church office. Kathy can be reached by phone during office hours (Mon.-Thurs., 9-3), or by email at: officeadmin@parma-south.org

Note that this will be our last Coffee Hour until the fall.



Cassidy Theatre Outing—June 9

Our own Pastor Jon is performing in "School of Rock" at The Cassidy Theatre!! Many church members are attending the matinee as a group on Sunday, June 9 at 2:30 pm. Although the deadline to order tickets through Parma-South has passed, you can still call the theatre directly (440-842-4600) to ask about tickets.



Congratulations graduate! On May 11, Mali Beyer graduated from The College of Wooster with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. The College of Wooster is known for it's Senior Independent Study project that culminates in a paper showing a year's worth of research. Mali's I.S. was titled: *Investing Theory of Spelling Performance*. Mali was a recipient of the Elsa Pardee Scholarship from Parma-South. She will be pursuing a job in the field of Psychology while investigating a path for her Graduate Degree.



JUNE HIKING

Join us for our next hike on Saturday, June 29 at 12:30 PM at the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve, 8701 Lakeshore Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44108. This lakeside park is alive with bird and butterfly habitats and is popular for nature photography. Hope to see you there!



Parma-South is sponsoring two Parma Heights youth baseball teams again this summer: a girls team and boys team. Stay tuned for updates and come show your support by cheering on "our" teams!



We need **volunteers** to



the garden through summer.

Our church's **Mission Garden** provides much-needed fresh produce for the Parma Heights Food Pantry and church members in need. It is a church-wide effort and can't happen without time and labor.

We need your help! Now that this year's garden has been planted, we need volunteers of all ages and abilities to help with watering, harvesting, and delivering produce. We welcome any help, from one day of watering a week, to dropping off produce at the food pantry, and everything in between! Please consider helping us in God's garden, serving our community, and also having some fun while enjoying time in nature! For more information, please contact Tony Indovina at 216-701-0880.



MEN'S SQUARE

Our Men's Square group will not meet in June, July and August. They plan to resume their regular meetings on the second Saturday of the month, starting in September. Anyone needing more information, please contact Ed Walker.



Esther Circle will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, June 11. Please join us for a time of study and fellowship. The group will take a break for July and August, but will resume their meetings in the fall, on the second Tuesday of each month.



Articles for our monthly Tidings newsletter are due the day after the regularly scheduled monthly Session meeting. Therefore, please note: Articles for the July Tidings will be due *no later than Thursday, June 20th.*



CARING CORNER

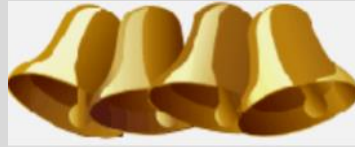
Judy Cardillo is one of the many folks the Care Team visits monthly. A long-time member of P-S, she served on many committees and in Women's Circle. Originally from NJ, Judy moved to Parma Hts. where she raised four children. After earning a master's degree in Audiology, she travelled to various facilities giving hearing tests. Judy resides at Joshua Tree Assisted Living in North Olmsted and has a peacock who makes its home there, squawking outside her window.



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



MEMORIAL CARILLON

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

June 2

Janice Kay Petruska
Marilyn Weiss
George H. Hennemuth

June 9

John W. Kuhn and
Dorothy & William Kuhn

June 16

Courtney Kromer and Peggy Kromer
Esther Jones
Norman T. Lischer & Ferne Lischer
Al & Lena Weiss,
Ed & Greta, Marv & Peg
Gene & Ruth Taano

June 23

Elizabeth Ashmus
Lois & Merril Swan
Ferdinand E. & Marie Seegert Boehmer
Dorothy J. Hennemuth

June 30

Phyllis Goode

June Birthdays

- 1 Sharon Durcansky
- 1 Kay Thompson
- 2 Dorothy Morse
- 6 Judy Dye
- 7 Susan Rhee
- 8 Claudia Jackson
- 9 Cassie Gavala
- 9 Audrey Brandmeier
- 19 Cynthia Loovis
- 19 Ken Thompson
- 20 Sally Moncol
- 22 Melissa Brown
- 24 Cal Weiss
- 29 Gina Hansen
- 29 Chris Juengel
- 29 Aubrie Jackson

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



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





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A Note OF thanks



Thank you Parma-South! What a send off! I have told the choir on many occasions that I am honored and proud to be the Director of Music at MY church. I knew that I wanted to pursue music at a young age and one Sunday in church when I was in High School, knowing my future plans, I said to my mother “I want to direct the Chancel Choir one day”. Little did I know that dream would happen. Judy Kurth had just left as the choir director/organist, Lois Tampson retired as the Carillon Choir director, I was entering a teaching job that would require less planning and my daughter was getting a little older; the stars were aligned. I met with Rev. Mark Juengel with an idea to create a *Director of Music* position encapsulating the entire music department, and so it began. This church has been so accommodating to my ideas and let me help the congregation praise God through different forms of music.

Thank you to the Christian Education Team! Being able to lead the music at Vacation Bible School was another dream of mine. Growing up at Parma-South, VBS was a big part of my childhood and to come full circle with it, leading the music with my daughter attending was amazing!

Thank you to the list of organists we were blessed with, sharing their gifts with us. Thank you Missy Koch, Dr. Gina Jisun Yi, Dr. Greta Pasztor, and Laurie Archibald. These women made my job easier and their talents were beyond comparison.

Thank you choir! This is a dedicated group of people, giving of their time and gift of singing, week after week. We’ve laughed, cried, complained and celebrated together. Though I may no longer be in front of these great people, I will be in the loft with them.

Thank you to my family! My family has supported this work with encouraging words and by being in attendance. My daughter Mali has been a part of the music programming with minimal eye rolling or complaining; It was a relief to know I had her for summer music, bell choir, reading parts and candle lighting.

I want to close by expressing my excitement to turn over the reins to Chris Venesile! He brings with him vast knowledge and excellent contacts to the position. I look forward to singing under his direction. Though I will step away for a little while, I will be back in the loft and finding other ways to serve my church. Thank you!

-Gwen Beyer

