



# Tidings

October 2024

## COMING EVENTS

### Tuesday, October 1:

- Care Team @ 11 AM (Parlor)

### Thursday, October 3:

- Grief Support Group @ 4 PM

### Sunday, October 6—Worship @ 10 AM

- World Wide Communion
- Rev. Christin Moreland 1st Sunday
- Coffee Hour @ 11 AM
- Life Group @ 3 PM

### Monday, October 7:

- Life Group @ 7 PM

### Tuesday, October 8:

- Esther Circle @ 10 AM (Parlor)

### Saturday, October 12:

- Men's Square @ 9:00 AM (Denny's Parmatown)

### Sunday, October 13—Worship @ 10 AM

- Coffee Hour @ 11 AM
- Life Group @ 3 PM

### Monday, October 14:

- Life Group @ 7 PM

### Wednesday, October 16:

- Session Meeting @ 5:30 PM

### Thursday, October 17:

- Tidings articles deadline
- Grief Support Group @ 4 PM

### Sunday, October 20—Worship @ 10 AM

- Coffee Hour @ 11 AM
- Life Group @ 3 PM

### Monday, October 21:

- Life Group @ 7 PM

### Sunday, October 28—Worship @ 10 AM

- Coffee Hour @ 11 AM
- Life Group @ 3 PM
- Trunk or Treat from 2-4pm



## REV. CHRISTIN MORELAND





At the end of my sophomore year at The College of Wooster I had begun dating the daughter of a Presbyterian minister. Her family invited me to come home with her one weekend. So sometime in the Fall of 1976 I came to Parma Heights, and on Sunday morning I attended worship with her at the church where her father, the Rev. Robert H. Bates, was an Associate Pastor. As I sat in the sanctuary (right hand side, about two-thirds of the way back), and listened as Pastor Alexander Meakin delivered the sermon, I could not even begin to imagine any circumstance which would have me in his place, occupying that pulpit. At that point in my life I was preparing for a career as a speech and drama teacher. I could imagine myself in the front of a classroom, or directing young actors on a stage. But speaking from a pulpit?



I couldn't imagine it.

But God could.

In the days ahead, the next pastor in the long and storied history of Parma-South Presbyterian Church will join you. You'll get to know Pastor Christin, and she will get to know you (especially if you **wear your nametags every time you're in the church!**). You will form a bond of friendship. You'll see that you can trust her. You'll be inspired and challenged and comforted by her words of prayer and proclamation. You'll find that you can depend on her to walk with you through the celebrations and trials of life.

And as a congregation, you will be amazed and what you will be able to accomplish.

What things? Things you can't even imagine yet.

But God can.

In a letter to the Israelites who were stuck in Babylonian captivity, not knowing what the future held, not even sure they had the ability to control their own destiny, the prophet Jeremiah reported that God had offered them these words of assurance and hope:

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,  
plans for your welfare and not for harm,  
to give you a future with hope. [Jer. 29:11]*

You see, what you think you're going to do as a church may not even scratch the surface of all that God has in mind for you. Not only may you be unable to envision many of your future successes, you may not even be able to imagine what opportunities are in front of you awaiting the unique, God-given gifts of your energy and love and resources.

But God sees your future. And I think it brings a contented smile to God's face.

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Thank you for the privilege of serving in your midst for these past six months. Who would have imagined it? :)

—Jon Fancher, Gap Pastor

**World Wide Communion & Peace and Global Witness Offering  
Sunday, October 6**



The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world.

World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.



Articles for our monthly Tidings Newsletter are normally due the day after the regularly scheduled monthly Session meeting. Note that articles for the November Tidings will be due no later than **Thursday, October 17.**

**Trunk or Treat  
Sunday, October 27th  
from 2-4pm**



Please join us for **Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 27th from 2-4pm** in our **church parking lot**. If you would like to participate, decorate your car and/or donate candy, please contact the church office.

The Properties Committee has contracted a landscape company that was recommended by Tony Indovina. The Committee members walked the grounds with the owner of the company and after seeing the massive amount of work that will be done, we have decided to move forward with the project. This includes killing weeds, removing weeds, trimming virtually every tree and bush, adding a weed preventer and adding mulch to all beds as well as removing all debris from the site. The project should be done in three weeks. This will bring the grounds back to the beautiful shape it was meant to be.



Chuck Murphy

**New Tech Team!**

**Join the New Tech Team!**

Skills required: 1. Willingness to learn/research and 2. Reasonable comfort using computers.  
**Parma-South Presbyterian Church** (post-covid) has had an explosion of Technology.

- Are you willing to give of your time to meet & discuss tech topics? If you are the kind of person who checks email daily and owns a smart phone, you have enough tech savvy experience to help.

**Let's meet, say, monthly.** To formally volunteer, please contact Audrey at (440) 582-1418. (Yup, an old-fashioned land line!) **All are welcome!**

The annual drive has resulted in over 1500 coats being donated to those in need each year. These coats are dry cleaned by DKS Dry Cleaning in Parma and covered in plastic before they are given to local churches and organizations for distribution.

If you know someone in need of a coat, please call the Church Office (440-885-2652), and give us the information on size and if it is for a child or an adult (male or female).



CarePortal

**CarePortal** – Session has approved having a partnership with CarePortal. CarePortal will connect Parma-South with a local child in need who is living near Parma-South Presbyterian Church.

The goal is to assist families to keep the children out of foster care. Information on children who need help will be sent to Love INC. Love INC will then forward the information to the contact person of the respective church.

- **Volunteer Opportunity** – A contact person is needed for Parma-South. A short training session will be conducted by Love INC. Susan Rhee has agreed to be a mentor for the contact person. **We need someone to volunteer** to be that contact person, in order for Parma-South Presbyterian to participate. If you would like to volunteer as our contact person, please call the church office. More information is also available at: <https://www.careportal.org/how-careportal-works/>

## MEN'S SQUARE

The Men's Square group is planning to hold our regular Saturday meeting on October 12th, at 9:00 AM. The group will be meeting for breakfast at Denny's Restaurant located on Day Drive in Parma.



Our plan this month is to have our group discussion at the Church following breakfast, and then work on our current project. Anyone needing more information, please contact Ed Walker. Hope to see you there.



## Operation Christmas Child

Our Mission committee has approved Parma-South's participation in Operation Christmas Child again. We were very successful in our first year (2023) collecting 69 boxes.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

### About the Project

- Select an age group (2-4, 5-9, or 10-14) for a boy or girl
- Next - Pack a shoebox with items like school supplies, hygiene items, toys, and treats
- If you are not a shopper, please consider making a contribution toward the processing and shipping of these boxes (a suggested donation is \$10 per box). This will go toward a child who might not otherwise receive a gift at Christmas.

Now is a great time of year to purchase school supplies, books, summer t-shirts, flip flops, or toys. It sounds like this may be early to think about Christmas, however the **collection week is November 18-25, 2024.**

Additional details will be coming soon. You can also visit: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child>

Please start collecting items and help express God's love to a child this year. Thank you for your consideration!

**Contact:** Laura Dory (216-581-9364) or email [LMDORY68@YAHOO.COM](mailto:LMDORY68@YAHOO.COM)

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8	Beth	Denison Para
10	Carol	Werner
11	Catherine	Sinko
12	Donald	Adanitsch
15	Philippa	Beyer
16	Nancy	Suhadolnik
16	Nancy	Toghill
16	Ariel-Ruth	Ngange
19	Bonnie	Thompson
19	Karen	Stapf Walters
20	Charles	Murphy
20	Alexander	Topor
20	Judith	Martin
	Martha	
20	Ikome	Molua
23	Pam	Murawski
23	Clarissa	Csuti
25	Deborah	Binder
25	Sarah	Reinhart
26	Gwen	Beyer
27	John	Marton

### Memorial Carillon

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

Oct 6 Ferd Heise  
Marilyn Weiss  
Thelma Hale

Oct 13 Mr. & Mrs. Earl C. Gibbs

### IN LOVING



### MEMORY

Oct 20 Wilbur P. Henninger

Oct 27 Howard Ziel



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## JEAN WILLIAMSON - AUGUST GUARDIANS GAME



Jean Williamson had the best time at an August Guardians game.

A big shout out to Claudia Jackson for arranging transportation from Mt. Alverna, obtaining tickets and getting her name on the jumbo screen. Wendy Hart, Karin Thompson and Cathy DeMoss helped make it a spectacular day. Everyone brought the team good luck by winning the game!!