



Tidings

November 2024

COMING EVENTS

- Sun. Nov. 3—Worship Service @ 10 AM
-Congregational Meeting
- Tues. Nov. 5—Care Team @ 11 AM (parlor)
- Thurs. Nov. 7—Grief Group via Zoom, 4 PM
- Sat. Nov. 9—Men’s Square @ 9 AM
- Tues. Nov. 12—Esther Circle @ 10 AM
- Sat. Nov. 9—Rummage Sale @ 9AM-4PM
- Sun. Nov. 10—Worship @ 10 AM
- Sat. Nov. 16—Hiking @ 11 AM
- Sun. Nov. 17—Worship @ 10AM
- Thur. Nov. 21—Grief Group via Zoom, 4 PM
-Deadline for Tidings articles
- Sun. Nov. 24 -Worship Service @ 10 AM
-Hanging of the Greens @ 11 AM
- Sun. Dec. 1—Advent Event @ 11 AM



As I sit down to write this letter, I find myself filled with gratitude and excitement. It’s hard to believe that just a few weeks ago, I stepped through the doors of Parma-South Presbyterian Church as your new pastor. From the very first moment, I have been welcomed with open arms and hearts. Your kindness and hospitality have truly gone above and beyond my expectations, and I want to take a moment to thank each of you for making me feel at home.

I’ve had the privilege of meeting many of you already, but I know there’s so much more to learn about this congregation. Each of your stories is woven into the rich tapestry of our church family. I am eager to hear your experiences, dreams, and the ways God has been at work in your lives, and even the times you had a hard time seeing God. Your journeys are important, and I want to create a space where we can share and grow together.

To facilitate this, I will be hosting “Meet and Greet” sessions every week at a local coffee shop. My goal is to have these informal times where we can gather over a tasty beverage, share our stories, and build deeper connections. Whether you’ve been a part of this church for years or are just starting here like me, I invite you to drop in and chat. Let’s get to know one another better.

I’m still figuring out what my weekly “routine” is here, so I don’t have the exact days/times for these “Meet and Greet” opportunities yet. I should have a much better idea of when and where in the coming weeks, so please keep an eye out for announcements. If you’d like to spend some time getting to know one another sooner, feel free to reach out! I’m always happy to meet in my office or somewhere else in the community.

Parma-South is a place of fellowship, support, and growth, and I am committed to nurturing those aspects as we journey together in faith. I am excited to meet you and hear your stories! I look forward to learning about your passions, your gifts, and how we can work together to serve our community in honor of God.

Thank you once again for your warm welcome. Let us continue to grow together in love and faith as we seek to fulfill our calling as a church.

-Peace and Joy,
Pastor Christin





Congregational MEETING

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place in the Sanctuary immediately after the worship service on **Sunday, November 3, 2024**. The agenda includes approval of Pastor's Terms of Call for 2025 and voting on the slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee:

Session 3 Year terms
(*term Ends in December 2027*)

Edward Walker
Lisa Profio
Chuck Murphy

Session: One 2-year term
(*3-Year Position not filled in 2024, Term Ends in Dec. 2026*)
Cathy DeMoss

Session: One 1-year term
(*Position was vacant in 2023, Term ends December 2025*)
Bob Schomer

2025 Nominating Committee
Darlene Ells
Dick Salisbury
Cathy Sinko
Jack Krisch
Norma Fink
Cathy DeMoss

Endowment Committee
3-year positions:
Don Sinko
Katie Kolthoff

Endowment Committee
2-year position:
John Decker

Treasurer: 3-year position
Stacy Brewer



The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is responding to the recent hurricane devastation through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. PDA is actively coordinating with local leadership, providing emergency grants, and deploying National Response Teams to assist in recovery efforts. Emergency and long-term support is needed.

Donations can be sent by scanning the QR code below or going online to: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/dr000169/>

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Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P. O. Box 643700
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On **Sunday, November 24**, the Worship Committee is asking for help to decorate our Sanctuary for Advent. Following the morning worship service, we will begin the transformation process. All are encouraged to lend a hand.



Daylight saving time ends at 2 AM on **Sunday, Nov. 3**, when we "fall back" and gain an extra hour of sleep. That will put us back into standard time, meaning there will be more light in the morning and it will get dark earlier in the evening. So remember to change your clocks back an hour!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Psalm 107:1



ADVENT LUNCH

Advent begins on Sunday, December 1st. The Discipleship Committee invites everyone to join together to celebrate with a meal and activities following the worship service. We will meet in our Dining Room; Watch the bulletin for further details.



Starting December 1st, our P-S Mitten Tree will be set up by the church office. Please bring in hats, mittens and scarves to hang on the tree. The Discipleship Committee will donate these items to the Parma Heights Food Pantry. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse collects **Operation Christmas Child** shoebox gifts and delivers them to children around the world, through churches and ministry partners in over 100 countries. P-S is participating in Operation Christmas Child again this year. **Collection week is Nov. 18-25.** Last year Parma-South collected 69 boxes.

- Select an age group (2-4, 5-9, or 10-14) and choose a boy or girl.
- Next - Pack a shoebox with items like school supplies, hygiene items, toys, and treats
- If you are not a shopper, you can make a financial donation toward the processing and shipping of these boxes.

Pick up an empty box at church and fill it with items for a child. These gifts touch the lives of children, providing joy and smiles. Every box counts! Please start collecting items and help express God's love to a child this year.

For more information, you can visit: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child> . Or contact Laura Dory: 216-581-9364 or email LMDRY68@YAHOO.COM . Thank you for your consideration!



NEW TECH TEAM!

Join our new Tech Team!
Skills required:

- willingness to learn/research
- reasonable comfort using computers

Recently, Parma-South has had an explosion of technology. Our balcony has computers and monitors to facilitate live streaming and also broadcasts to the new sanctuary monitors. Our boiler, door locks, and robo-call systems are all computer controlled. We've been purchasing equipment on an as-needed basis. It's time to start thinking ahead and planning.

Are you willing to learn about the church's many systems and help decide what needs to be done? We need folks willing to give their 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 to help.

Let's meet, say, monthly. To formally volunteer, please contact Audrey at (440) 582-1418. All are welcome!





CARING CORNER

Four Care Team members: Shirley, Wendy, Claudia and Norma, surprised Anna Graham on her 99th birthday with goodies, balloons and singing. She was happy to have us and we all had a great time. Anna was our church librarian for many years. She now resides at Sunrise Senior Living in Parma.



MOVE-IN DAY!

Pastor Christin had lots of help on move-in day in Parma. Nearly a dozen church members showed up to help. Of course we all ate after unloading!



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. (See sample form on next page.)

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.



Our Homestead Hoofers 4-H group is having a Rummage Sale at P-S.

When: **Sat. Nov. 9** from 9 AM - 4 PM
Set up time is Wed.- Friday evening.

We will accept any type of donations: clothing, furniture, household, toys, etc. Drop-off times are Mon.–Thurs. from 9 AM until noon. To ensure that someone is here to accept your donation, please call the church office (440-885-2652) or send an email to:

receptionist@parma-south.org

Items will be stored at the church until the day of the Rummage Sale. Thank you!



CarePortal



Session has approved having a partnership with CarePortal, which would 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 needing help will be sent to Love INC., who 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/>



NOVEMBER HIKING

Join us for our next family friendly hike on **Saturday, November 16** at West Creek Reservation in Parma. We will meet at **11 AM** at the Watershed Stewardship Center. If you have questions, contact Katie Kolthoff. Hope to see you there!

Communications Request Form

Requested by: _____

Committee/Group: _____


1- Description about activity/event as you would like it posted:

2- Type of communication/target audience:

- Internal (church members) External (community outreach)

3- Which platform(s) are you requesting to broadcast this information:

- Website
- Weekly Email Blast
- Weekly Bulletin
- Church Online Calendar
- Facebook
- Outside Digital Sign
- Tidings
- Sanctuary Screens prior to start of service

After completing this form, please save a copy (upper right corner  icon) on your computer and then attach the document to an email. Send the email to info@parma-south.org

MEN'S SQUARE

The next meeting of our Men's Square group will be on **Saturday, November 9th**, at 9:00 AM. The group will be meeting for breakfast at Denny's Restaurant located on Day Drive in Parma. The 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.



Esther Circle's next meeting will be **Tuesday, November 12 @ 10 AM**. They meet on the second Tuesday of each month.



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:

Megan Severson
2612 Ingra Street
Anchorage AK 99508



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

* Note that articles for the December Tidings will be due **no later than Thursday, November 21st**.



MEMORIAL CARILLON

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

Nov 3 Paul R. Hoobler &
Phyllis Hoobler
Marilyn Weiss
Lois Swan

Nov 10 Arthur Thiele

Nov 17 Josephine M. Folvasky &
James M. Presley

Nov 24 M/M Andrew Migala
M/M Charles Bechler

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.



Birthdays

- 1 Lydia Ndasi
- 3 Darlene Ells
- 7 Shirley Dash
- 10 Mary Walker
- 11 Art Beyer
- 12 John Brandmeier
- 14 Donna DeMattie
- 15 Yung-Tse Hung
- 18 Thomas Molua
- 20 Barbara Chuppa
- 22 Nancy Indovina
- 23 Karin Thompson
- 25 Kevin Thompson
- 28 Angelina Pfister
- 29 Dick Cooper





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November 11

On Veterans Day we honor all the men and women who served in the military and their families. 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.

*Dear Lord,
Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.*

-Amen

