



Tidings

February 2025

COMING EVENTS

- Sun. Feb. 2—Worship Service @ 10 AM
- Thurs. Feb. 6—Grief Group Zoom @ 6:30 PM
- Sat. Feb. 8—Men's Square
- Sun. Feb. 9—Worship Service @ 10 AM
-Souper Bowl collection
- Sun. Feb. 16—Worship Service @ 10 AM
- Wed. Feb. 19—Session Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- Thurs. Feb. 20—Tidings article deadline
Grief Group Zoom @ 6:30 PM
- Sun. Feb. 23—Worship Service @ 10 AM
-Annual Meeting @ 11 AM
- Sun. March 2—Worship Service @ 10 AM
-Installation of Rev. Moreland @ 2 PM
- Tues. March 4—Fat Tuesday @ 5:30 PM
- Wed. March 5—Ash Wednesday service @ XX
- March 11, 18, 25—Lenten Supper @ 5:30 PM



Dear Beloved Community,

The days are short and cold this time of year. We find ourselves in the "Time After Epiphany"—a period to slow down and become more grounded in our daily lives.

As February unfolds, we begin to look forward to Lent, a sacred season of reflection, repentance, and renewal. Lent is my favorite season in the Christian year because it gives us the space to focus on our relationship with God. It offers the freedom to explore different Christian practices and find what resonates with each of us.

Our Fellowship Committee has been working hard to provide opportunities for spiritual growth while also connecting with our larger community. Here are some upcoming events:

Fat Tuesday Celebration: Join us on March 4th for a community gathering with delicious pancakes and great company. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and show the warmth of our church family.

Ash Wednesday Service: On March 5th, we will hold at least one service to mark the beginning of Lent. The imposition of ashes reminds us of our mortality and need for repentance.

Weekly Soup Suppers: Every Tuesday evening during Lent, we will share a simple meal and engage in a short devotional. You can even sign up to bring in your famous soup recipe one week! We will also have prayer stations to guide us in reflection and introduce new spiritual practices.

These events are family-friendly and everyone is welcome, so please invite your friends and neighbors. Let's open our hearts and doors to the wider community, sharing the love and grace of Christ this Lent. I look forward to journeying through Lent with you and pray it will be a season of growth and transformation for us all.

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Christin



Anticipating Lent



Congregational Meeting Sunday Feb. 23

Be sure to attend our Annual Congregational meeting, to be held in the sanctuary immediately after the worship service on Sunday, February 23, 2025.



ANNUAL REPORTS DUE!

ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN!

If you haven't turned in your COMMITTEE REPORT yet, please email it to Nancy Chism in the office (officeadmin@parma-south.org), so that it can be included in the Year End Report to be presented at our Annual Meeting on February 23rd .



2025 PER CAPITA

In the front of your weekly envelope box is a pink envelope designated for your Per Capita contribution. The 2025 PER CAPITA RATE FOR PARMA-SOUTH IS **\$40 per member**. The total cost is billed to and paid by Parma-South Church. Please use your special pink envelope to help with this expense. If you have any questions, please e-mail our church treasurer Stacy Brewer (treasurer@parma-south.org), or call her at 440-885-2652 x 220.



Please mark your calendars for "Souper Bowl Sunday" on February 9th. That day we will be collecting money to donate to the Parma Heights Food Pantry. Look for the collection container in the sanctuary or you can mail in your donations to the church. Help feed our community by sending a check payable to *Parma-South Presbyterian Church*, mark "Souper Bowl" in the memo line, and include a notation to call it to the attention of Lisa Profio. Remember that we are all God's Special Valentines! Thank you!

-Discipleship Committee



WEEKLY E-Blast

We want all members and friends of Parma-South church to stay informed of our church's current announcements and events. If you are not currently receiving Parma-South's weekly "email blast", please email the church office (officeadmin@parma-south.org) using your current email address and indicate that you would like to be included in this weekly communication. (These emails are hidden from the general public, and the church will not share the email list with any outside vendors.)



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 that 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.

MEN'S SQUARE

The next meeting of our Men's Square group will be on **Saturday, Feb. 8th**, at 9:00 AM. The group will be meeting for breakfast at Denny's Restaurant on Day Drive in Parma. Anyone needing more information, please contact Ed Walker. 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

Pancake Dinner



Mark your calendars and join your church friends on Tuesday, March 4th at 5:30 PM, for a **FAT TUESDAY** Pancake Dinner.

FUN FACTS: Do you know the association between PANCAKES and Fat Tuesday? In some countries, Mardi Gras is more usually known as Pancake Day. The tradition of pancake breakfasts during Shrovetide, as well as that of pancake races, owes itself to the practice of "using up the surplus eggs, milk and butter" prior to Lent. In many Christian churches, a popular tradition is the ringing of the church bells "to call the faithful to confession before the solemn season of Lent" and for people to "begin frying their pancakes".

Our festive Fat Tuesday dinner is open to the public, and all ages are encouraged to attend! Watch the Sunday bulletins for further details.



Join us in our gym at 5:30 PM on Tuesday evenings during Lent for a soup & salad supper, a short devotional time, fellowship, prayer stations and activities for all ages. The whole family is encouraged to attend, and the public is also invited. Invite your friends! Watch the Sunday bulletins for more details.

SOUP MAKERS WANTED! Do you make a special soup that you'd be willing to share? Please call or email the office to sign up to bring a pot of soup. Lenten Supper dates will be: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8 and 15.



Parma-South will have a worship service on Wednesday, March 5th to commemorate Ash Wednesday. Watch the Sunday bulletins and our website (www.parma-south.org) for announcement of the service time.

Also, tentatively available will be "Ashes to Go"/"Drive-Thru Ashes" earlier in the day.



INSTALLATION SERVICE Sun. March 2 @ 2 PM

Join us at 2 PM in our sanctuary for the installation service of Rev. Christin Moreland as our pastor. You are asked to wear red! Following the service, there will be cake and snacks to enjoy.



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

* Note that articles for the March Tidings will be due **no later than Thursday, February 20th.**

Care & Share Store

Final Donations

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
#101	\$10 ~ \$20 Ann George Parma Hts. Food Pantry	245.00
#102	\$10-\$20 for City Mission	95.00
#103	\$10 ~ \$25 for Native American Minority Education	155.00
#104	\$50 for Laura's Home Women & Children's Shelter	895.00
#105	\$10-\$25 for International Friends at CSU	645.00
#106	\$25 ~ \$50 Undesignated or charity of your choice Samaritan's Purse	70.00
#107	\$10 ~\$100 Dougbe River School, Liberia, West Africa	145.00
#108	\$10-\$25 for Socks and Clothes for Kids (SC4K).	205.00
#109	\$20 for Scout Troop 263	240.00

TOTAL - - - \$ 2695.00



There are three scholarships offered annually for members of Parma-South.

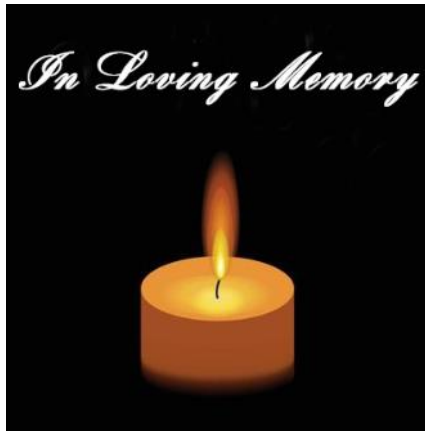
Daryl Laing Scholarship – in memory of Daryl Laing, awarded to members enrolled or planning to enroll in a two-year or four-year college or university degree program the year of the application.

Pardee Scholarship – in memory of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Pardee, awarded to members enrolled in the College of Wooster, with an effort to provide sufficient financial assistance to make the cost of attending Wooster comparable to the cost of state universities in Ohio.

Howard & Estelle Withers Scholarship – in memory of Reverend & Mrs. Withers, awarded to members enrolled in approved graduate schools or theological seminaries in preparation for full-time professional service to the Presbyterian Church.

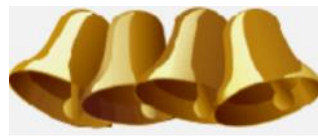
These are awarded annually and are renewable for subsequent years of study. The criteria for awarding these scholarships include active participation in the worship, stewardship, and mission at Parma-South; financial need; and academic achievement. The award for each scholarship is based on the amount available in the endowment funds each year.

Scholarship Application Forms may be obtained in the church office. Please return them no later than May 1, of the year that you will be attending.



Kay E. Thompson - 11/13/24

Judith Cardillo - 12/23/24



MEMORIAL CARILLON

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

Feb 2 Courtney Kromer & Peggy Kromer
Esther Jones
Norman T. Lischer & Ferne Lischer
Marilyn Weiss

Feb 9 Elizabeth Ashmus
Barbara Abbott

Feb 16 Phyllis Goode

Feb 23 Martin Bowman

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 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Please contact Pastor Debbie (856-912-1202) for more details or to get the Zoom link.



- 4 Terry Tahsler
- 6 Cathy DeMoss
- 13 Mali Beyer
- 14 Bailey Madercic
- 17 Scott Diedrich
- 17 Pamela Wilkins
- 19 Nancy Calaway
- 20 Evelyn Bryson
- 21 Norma Fink
- 23 Donna Whitely
- 24 Fran Marvel
- 25 Lois Graff
- 26 Jacob Sinko
- 27 Robyn Bryson



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



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