

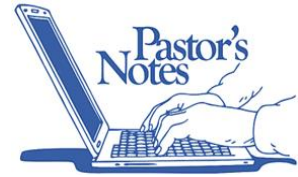


# Tidings

March 2025

## COMING EVENTS

- Sun. March 2—Worship Service @ 10 AM  
-Installation of Rev. Moreland @ 2 PM
- Tues. March 4—Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner  
@ 5:30 PM (in gym)
- Wed. March 5—Ash Wednesday: Service @ 7 PM  
-Drive-Thru Ashes, Noon—2 PM
- Thurs. March 6—Grief Group Zoom @ 6:30 PM
- Sat. March 8—Men’s Square
- Sun. March 9—Move clocks forward!  
-Worship Service @ 10 AM
- March 11, 18, 25—Lenten Supper @ 5:30 PM
- Tues. March 11—Esther Circle @ 10 AM
- Sun. March 16—Worship Service @ 10 AM
- Wed. March 19—Session Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- Thurs. March 20—Tidings article deadline  
Grief Group Zoom @ 6:30 PM
- Sun. March 23—Worship Service @ 10 AM
- Sun. March 30—Worship Service @ 10 AM
- April 1, 8, 15—Lenten Supper @ 5:30 PM



Dear Parma-South Family,

The season of Lent is probably my favorite season in the Church calendar. That may sound odd to you, but hear me out. For too long Lent has been viewed as a somber time to focus on how awful we are as human beings. And it just lasts for SO. LONG. Six weeks. Forty days (+6 Sundays) to dwell on how we can never measure up to God’s expectations. I may have had that understanding of Lent at one time, but over the years I’ve come to see Lent more as... an opportunity.

A lot of folks will “give something up” for Lent. That’s not a bad idea, but the point of Lent isn’t to make yourself (and those around you) as miserable as possible by giving up caffeine and chocolate! Rather, Lent is a time to think about intentionally growing in your relationship with God. Is something hindering your ability to talk or listen to Jesus? Lent just might be the time to try letting it go. On the other hand, maybe there isn’t anything keeping you separated from Christ, but you feel the relationship is a little... stale. In these cases, some people will *add* a daily practice. Reading/reflecting on a devotion, practicing “random acts of kindness”, doing something creative, taking a walk outside, or writing thank you letters are all things that can help us grow in our faith journey.

With all of that in mind, we’ll journey through Lent together using the theme of “Cultivating and Letting Go”. As we walk through the Gospel of Luke together, we’ll think about the attitudes and practices that need planted and nourished, as well as those things that need to be released, so we can foster a closer relationship with Christ.

Maybe you’re wondering what all of this looks like for you on your Lenten journey. Have I got a deal for you! During our Lenten Soup Suppers (Tuesdays, 5:30 – 7 pm; don’t forget to sign-up to bring soup!), we’ll have prayer stations available for you to “experiment” with different spiritual practices. You may find right away that some prayer stations are just not for you. And that’s ok! My hope is that you’ll find something that **does** speak to you and helps you experience the Holy Spirit in a new way.

This is what I love about Lent. It’s a time to discover (or rediscover) those things that help you understand where Christ is leading you. May we, as a faith community, support and encourage one another throughout this Lenten season.

Peace and Light,  
Pastor Christin



## Pancake Dinner



Let's join together on Tuesday, March 4th at 5:30 PM, to enjoy 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 Pancake Supper is open to the public, and all ages are encouraged to attend! Please call the church office to RSVP or drop the RSVP slip into the Sunday offering plate.



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, so invite your friends! Please RSVP to the office, and 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 at 7 PM on Wednesday, March 5th to commemorate Ash Wednesday.

Also available from noon—2 PM will be **"Ashes to Go"/"Drive-Thru Ashes"**. Swing by our parking lot to receive a blessing, a prayer and ashes.



Articles for our monthly Tidings newsletter are normally due the day after the regularly scheduled monthly Session meeting. Note that articles for the April Tidings will be due **no later than Thursday, March 20th**.

Articles for Tidings can be emailed to the editors at:

[pstidings@hotmail.com](mailto:pstidings@hotmail.com)

or placed in the TIDINGS mailbox located in the Church Workroom.



### 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, the liturgical color for Ordinations and Installations. Following the service, come down to the social hall to enjoy some cake and snacks.



### 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

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.



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.



## SPRING FORWARD on March 9

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 AM on **Sunday, March 9**. To avoid being late to church, remember to "spring forward" and adjust your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.



## 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](mailto: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.)



Our collection for the "Souperbowl" was a huge success again this year. Thank you for your generosity and help, raising \$303 to be donated to the Parma Heights Food Pantry.

## Women's Circle

Tues. March 11 - Esther Circle

10 AM in Parlor

This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

## MEN'S SQUARE

The next meeting of our Men's Square group will be on **Saturday, March 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.





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### MEMORIAL CARILLON

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

#### March 2

Wilbur P. Henninger  
Marilyn Weiss

#### March 9

Jack E. McGuff

#### March 16

Mr. & Mrs. Walter T. Cubbison

#### March 23

Mr. & Mrs. Frantz Dickerson  
Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Horrigan  
Betty French Wisch

#### March 30

Clinton L. Goode



- 1 Lisa Profio
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