



Tidings

May 2025

COMING EVENTS

Thurs. May 1—Grief Group Zoom, 6:30 PM

Sun. May 4—Worship Service @ 10 AM

Sun. May 11—Worship Service @ 10 AM

Tues. May 13—Esther Circle @ 10 AM

Thurs. May 15—Grief Group Zoom, 6:30 PM

Sat. May 17—Men's Square @ Dunkin Donuts

Sun. May 18—Worship Service @ 10 AM

Wed. May 21—Session Meeting @ 5:30 PM

Thurs. May 22—Tidings article deadline

Sun. May 25—Worship Service @ 10 AM

Mon. May 26—Memorial Day Service
@ 9:30 AM

SAT. June 28—Strawberry Festival, 4-6 PM



Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

-Mark 2:27-28

Shortly after starting my call here at Parma-South, I attended a retreat for pastors who had been ordained within the last five years. The CREDO retreat, offered by the Board of Pensions, had been on my calendar since before I knew Parma-South existed. Several colleagues who attended shared positive feedback about their experiences, including meeting people, collecting resources, and engaging with nature. I was excited to go, but it seemed like terrible timing. My role here started less than 6 weeks before traveling to Ferncliff Camp in Little Rock, Arkansas. There were still numerous tasks to complete related to moving and learning about this new church and community. Could I really justify taking time off so soon after starting this new call?

As it turned out, it was the perfect time for a retreat. One of the things the retreat emphasized was that Sabbath shouldn't be seen as a reward, but rather as a necessary time for reflection and preparation; Something that can **precede** periods of hard work.

This concept comes to mind again as I approach taking some time off. Honestly, I realized a little too late that it might have been beneficial to take a little rest **before** Lent began. But I was having fun and the calendar was already full. So I continued to run full steam ahead! Wouldn't you know it, eventually everything caught up with me – it always does – and I got sick during Holy Week and Easter!

Some lessons are difficult for me to learn. Especially lessons like, "You can't do everything all the time. Sometimes you have to stop, or at the very least slow down." My prayer is that this 2-week Sabbath will both ground and refuel me with the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love integral to ministry; That a little bit of time away will provide new perspectives and remind me of the genius of the basics.

If I forget again, please remind me that Sabbath is given to us. Rest is not something that we can earn through our own efforts. God made the earth in 6 days, not man. Yet, God gave US the Sabbath. Let's honor God through rest.

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Christin





Parma-South is pleased to join with the City of Parma Heights again this year, as we host the city's 158th Memorial Day Service on our front lawn. The service will be on Monday, May 26th, beginning at 9:30 AM. Parma-South has been the site of Memorial Day Services since 1867. We are recognized as having the longest continuing Memorial Day Services in the state of Ohio.

Our Fellowship Committee will again provide bottled water and donuts for those attending. Our Sanctuary will be open to the community, and church members will be at the doors to greet visitors.

The service will be led by our Rev. Christin Moreland and American Legion Post 703. It will include a welcome by Mayor Gallo, singing of patriotic hymns, music by the Valley Forge Marching Band, and brief messages from local veterans. The thirty minute service will be followed by a parade on Pearl Road to the Parma Heights Cemetery, where departed veterans will be honored.

Please bring your own lawn chair, and plan to be a part of this service of recognition and remembrance.



Spring has sprung and so have the weeds in our P-S Mission Garden! Did you know that our church has a 16-raised bed vegetable garden located behind the main church building? It was started over 10 years ago by a young adult group with a mission to grow fresh produce for the Parma Heights Food Pantry and church members in need. The goal is to grow easy to prepare produce such as peppers, lettuce, green beans, tomatoes, peas, carrots, cucumbers, eggplants, zucchini and squash.

We need your help! We are looking for volunteers of all ages and abilities to help with spring clean-up, planting, watering, harvesting, and delivering produce. We need interested people to join our group and help to keep this productive ministry alive. Garden season runs May through late September. We welcome any help, from one day of watering a week, to dropping off produce at the food pantry, and everything in between! We do ask that you bring your own pair of garden gloves.

The Mission Garden is a church-wide effort and can't happen without time and labor. Our church garden has been identified as a mission priority. Please consider helping us in God's garden, serving our community, and also having some fun while enjoying time in nature!

Please contact Tony Indovina at 216-701-0880 to sign up, or for more information.





STRAWBERRIES & ICE CREAM

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 28 from 3-5 PM, for a new event, **Strawberries & Ice Cream**, in lieu of our usual Strawberry Festival. This event is free, and open to the community, so spread the word and bring your friends and neighbors. Since it will be held outdoors on our front lawn, please bring your own lawn chair. (Rain location will be in our social hall.) Sit and relax to the musical entertainment provided, while you enjoy your delicious, free ice cream. Who says ice cream will spoil your appetite???

Women's Circle

Tues. May 13 - Esther Circle

10 AM in Parlor

This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

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.



HIKING

Now that the weather is improving, our hiking group is resuming. We are starting a series of monthly hikes, "Views of Cleveland", with these next 4 hikes offering us beautiful views of the Cleveland Skyline.

The next hike will be on **Saturday, May 31 at 10 AM** at Lakewood Park, 14532 Lake Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107. We will meet at the main pavilion.

Members, family and friends are encouraged to join us for these family friendly hikes. Please reach out to Katie Kolthoff if you have any questions.



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.)

MEN'S SQUARE

NOTE: NEW LOCATION! Our group is now meeting for breakfast at Dunkin Doughnuts, 6317 Pearl Rd., Parma Heights (corner of Pearl & York). Our next meeting will be on **Saturday, May 17th**, at 9:00 AM. We normally gather in the conference room on the right side of the door as you enter. Our usual agenda is to have the group discussion following breakfast and then head over to the Church for our current project. Anyone needing more information, please contact Ed Walker. Hope to see you there.



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 June Tidings will be due **by Thursday, May 22nd**.

Articles for Tidings can be emailed to the editors at:

pstidings@hotmail.com

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

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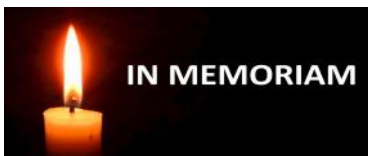
Carillon music during May will be played in loving memory of:

May 4 Mr. & Mrs. Adam R. Kroehle
Marilyn Weiss

May 11 Maud C. Dexter
Maxine Abbott

May 18 LaVerne Mackert
Laura Elva French

May 25 Fred Heise
Marilyn Weiss



3/6/2025 Janice M. Colbert

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