



Tidings

March 2026

COMING EVENTS

- Sunday, Mar. 1 –Worship @ 10 AM
-Adult Study @ 11:30 AM
- Tuesday, Mar. 3—Lenten Supper, 5:30 PM
- Thursday, Mar. 5 - Grief Group @ 6:30 PM
(Zoom)
- Saturday, March 7—Men’s Square @ D.D.
-New Member Class @ 10 AM
- Sunday, Mar. 8 –Worship @ 10 AM
-Adult Study @ 11:30 AM
- Tuesday, Mar. 10—Lenten Supper, 5:30 PM
-Esther Circle @ 10 AM
- Sunday, Mar. 15—Worship @ 10 AM
-Adult Study @ 11:30 AM
- Tuesday, Mar. 17 - Lenten Supper, 5:30 PM
- Thursday, Mar. 19 - Tidings article deadline
- Grief Group @ 6:30 PM (Zoom)
- Sunday, Mar. 22—Worship @ 10 AM
-Adult Study @ 11:30 AM
- Tuesday, Mar. 24—Lenten Supper, 5:30 PM
- Sunday, Mar. 29—Worship @ 10 AM
-Children’s Easter celebration
-Adult Study @ 11:30 AM
- Tuesday, Mar. 31—Lenten Supper, 5:30 PM



Dear Parma-South Family,
Lent has a bit of a reputation. We often think of it as a season of giving things up, solemn reflection, and quiet repentance. And, yeah, those things have their place in Lent. It IS a time for honest reflection. A time to examine our hearts and to tell the truth about the world as it is. But this year, alongside that honesty, we'll ask one simple thing from you each week: Tell me something good!

We live in a world where discouraging news comes to us 24/7 from virtually every direction. So we're choosing to train our eyes – and faith – to notice goodness. This doesn't mean we walk around like Pollyanna, ignoring tragedy and heartbreak. Rather, we're looking for the kind of goodness that grows quietly, like seeds in the soil. The kind of goodness that Jesus proclaimed and embodied even in the most difficult of times.

Each Sunday you'll be invited to **tell me something good**, by writing it on a paper leaf (found in a basket on the Communication Table) and attaching it to one of the trees at the front of the sanctuary. Week by week, we'll watch those bare branches fill with color and testimony. This practice will help us name, together, where God is at work. In the small mercies, unexpected kindnesses, and courageous acts, moments of beauty, or simple daily grace.

And, every Tuesday evening, we'll gather around tables for our Lenten Soup Suppers. The Fellowship Committee got a lot of compliments on this last year. Each evening is intentionally simple, yet deeply meaningful. We share homemade soup, conversation, a brief devotion, and interactive meditation stations for all ages. The prayer and reflection stations are self-guided and accessible, whether you're eight or eighty. The goal isn't perfection or theological expertise, but presence. This time together is about building community in the middle of an ordinary week. So, I encourage you to come. Come hungry. Come curious. Come tired if you must! And consider inviting someone to come with you: Your neighbor, a friend, a family member. Your invitation to soup and good news could be an entrance into something deeper.

Lent is a journey we take together. Let's walk it around tables. Let's walk it around trees filling with leaves. Let's walk it by practicing the art of noticing grace. I'm looking forward to seeing what goodness grows among us this Lenten Season!

Peace & Joy,
Pastor Christin





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! Hope to see you there!

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 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.



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 **by Thursday, March 19th**.

Articles for Tidings can be emailed to the editors at:

pstidings@hotmail.com

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



Come and join in our new adult book study, to be held in the parlor following Sunday worship, now through March 29. We will be using Adam Hamilton's book, **Why Did Jesus Have to Die?** for our discussions. See Pastor Christin if you would like a copy of the book.



Sat. March 7 from 10 AM—1 PM
(Lunch included)

If interested, please email Pastor Christin at pastor@parma-south.org or call the church office.



OFFICE HOURS: Mon. – Thur. 9—3

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please submit them by 10 AM on Wednesdays.

MEETINGS: Please notify the office of meetings, including scheduling requests or cancellations.

EVENTS: All upcoming events should be communicated to the church office. Please send them to the office administrator at: officeadmin@parma-south.org



On **Palm Sunday**, March 29, our children will pass out palms during the service. Following that, they are invited to our annual egg hunt and Easter celebration. Come and wave the palms as we celebrate the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem.

Our **Maundy Thursday** Service will be at 7:00 PM on April 2. Communion will be served, to commemorate Jesus Christ's Last Supper with his disciples.

On **Good Friday**, April 3, we will have a Tenebrae service at 7 PM.

On Sunday, April 5, join us for our **10 AM Easter Service**. Communion will be served. There will be Nursery care, but no Sunday School that day. Come and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On Palm Sunday, March 24, we will be having our annual kids' **Easter Egg Hunt** and Easter celebration during the worship service. We may have it upstairs for more hiding places, but we'll let you know.

There will be **no Sunday School** on Easter, but the Nursery will be open.

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We would like to thank you for your generous donations collected on **Souper Bowl Sunday** for the Parma Heights Food Pantry! We collected \$443!

MEN'S SQUARE

The next Men's Square group meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th at 9:00 AM. The group meets for breakfast at Dunkin Doughnuts, 6317 Pearl Rd, Parma Heights, (corner of Pearl and York). 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.

Women's Circle

Tues. March 10 - 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.



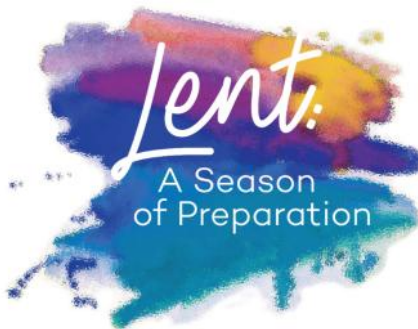
SPRING FORWARD on March 8

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 AM on **Sunday, March 8.** 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.



Pastor Blake's wife, Megan, is recovering from a liver transplant. Please keep the Severson family in your prayers. Cards can be sent to:

Megan Severson
1912 Arbor St., Unit 1
Houston, TX 77004



CARING CORNER



Have you missed seeing Sue Rhee in church? She has moved to a lovely assisted living facility in Westlake. Sue is a long time member of our church and served on Session, Mission committee and participated in numerous other projects. She watches our Sunday service online. If you'd like to send her a note, her address is:

Concord Reserve
2116 Dover Center Rd #125
Westlake OH 44145



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.)



Presbytery of the Western Reserve

News, Updates & Announcements

There are lots of good things happening at the Presbytery!



Interested in attending a Presbytery meeting? The March Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve will be Monday, March 23 at Korean Central Presbyterian Church, 8220 Brecksville Rd, Brecksville, OH 44141. It starts at 5:30pm with a tasty Korean meal, and the Stated Meeting starts at 6:30. Parma-South gets 2 commissioners. If you've ever been ordained as an elder (you don't have to be currently serving), YOU can attend as one of our commissioners! You can attend in-person or via Zoom. Even if you aren't an elder, or otherwise eligible to be a commissioner, you can attend as a non-voting member! Rev. Josh Kim will present the worship portion of the service, and Rev. John Wahl will assist in presenting communion. Please join us to engage in our open, ongoing conversations—grounded in relationship, prayer, and our shared union with Christ. There are lots of good things happening at the Presbytery.



MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS Workshop

WHEN: Saturday, March 21 from
9 AM - 1 PM

WHERE: in Bodwell Hall located in
the educational wing of Forest
Hill Church, 3301 Monticello
Blvd., Cleveland Heights, OH
44118.

This workshop will explore practices of active listening and respectful discussion that encourage mutual respect without expecting agreement. Braver Angels introduces methods to improve conversations and rebuild trust with those you may disagree with politically. InterPlay helps to connect body and spirit, and is a light-hearted vehicle to build community across differences through simple, accessible story-telling forms. Light refreshments will be provided. Register by March 16 at:
<https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/efa222>

LENTEN SOUP & SPEAKER SERIES



Yes, Parma-South is having our own soup suppers, but why not take a look at what other churches are doing? Church of The Western Reserve, 30500 Fairmount Blvd., Pepper Pike, OH 44124 is having their Lenten Soup & Speaker Series on Thursdays from 6-7. Each week features a speaker from a different mission partner. The suppers are free, and all are welcome.



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MEMORIAL CARILLON

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

Mar 1 Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Migala
Marilyn Weiss

Mar 8 Mr. & Mrs. William Yurcheshen
and Michael Yurcheshen

Mar 15 Alfred M. Schilens

Mar 22 Pearl Thiele
Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Horrigan
Betty French Wisch

Mar 29 Gay Ellen Sargent



- 1 Lisa Profio
- 3 Margaret Betz
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