

Tidings

April 2026



Last month, we had a significant visit from the director of *Building for Hope*. Rev. Phil Faig came to our campus, walked the halls, and sat with our leadership. The intention was to see our space and ministry with fresh eyes. His assessment was encouraging: we have

a good building (a lot of building, actually) with solid bones and real potential. But the most important thing he said had nothing to do with square footage or renovation costs. It wasn't even what we might DO with our building. The most important thing, he said, is to understand our *WHY*.

Why does Parma-South exist? Why are we here in this community, at this time? Why would we want to collaborate with our neighbors? And why would our neighbors want to collaborate with *us*? Why does Parma-South matter? It's very easy to get stuck in the "how" questions: How will we afford needed updates? How will we find the right tenants/partners? How will we manage a building of this size? We can't begin to address those questions until we're clear about our "why".

I've been sitting with those questions ever since, and I think they're exactly the right ones. Our mission statement says we are "a community formed by God... called to bless others." That's a beautiful statement. But I want to be honest with you. I think we have an opportunity to grow in how well we actually know the people around us: the neighborhood and community, the folks who **don't** walk through our doors on Sunday mornings. You can't bless people you don't know. And right now, I think part of our work is simply to listen and learn. To wonder and to dream.

That's where you come in! We're placing a suggestion box in the narthex, and we're putting cards in the pews to help spark your thinking. The cards ask things like: *What could Parma-South do to help in the community? Who could we partner with? How might our space be transformed to serve others?* There are no wrong answers. This is an invitation to brainstorm.

The "why" of Parma-South isn't something one person or one committee decides. It's something we discern together, as the body of Christ, listening for where God is already at work in our community and how we're being invited to join in. Your voice matters here. So, pray about it. Fill out a card during worship, take one home to reflect upon it, or drop a thought in the box at any time. You can include your name, or not. Let's discover *together* what it means to be a blessed people right here, in Parma, for our neighbors. I can't wait to hear what you have to say!

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Christin

COMING EVENTS

Thurs. April 2—Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 PM

-Grief Group @ 6:30 PM (Zoom)

Fri. April 3—Good Friday Service at 7 PM

Sat. April 4—Men's Square @ 9 AM

Sun. April 5—Easter Service @ 10 AM

-Easter Potluck Luncheon @ 11 AM

Mon. April 6—Church offices closed

Sun. April 12 —Worship @ 10 AM

Tues. April 14—Esther Circle @ 10 AM

Thurs. April 16 - Tidings article deadline

- Grief Group @ 6:30 PM (Zoom)

Sun. April 19—Worship @ 10 AM

Sun. April 26—Worship @ 10 AM





EASTER Potluck Luncheon

Please join us for fellowship and an Easter meal immediately after worship on Easter Sunday, April 5th in our Dining Room. Please bring a side dish to share, and RSVP using the QR code below (or call the church office). We hope to see you there!

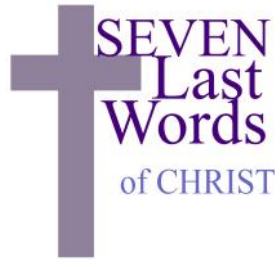


Articles for our monthly Tidings newsletter are normally due the day after the regularly scheduled monthly Session meeting. Note that articles for the May Tidings will be due **by Thursday, April 16th**.

****NEW EMAIL**** Articles for Tidings can be emailed to the editors at:

newsletter@parma-south.org

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



WHEN: Service on April 3rd @ Noon

WHERE: Divinity Lutheran Church
11877 Blossom Ave
Parma Heights, OH 44130

Come for this special GOOD FRIDAY service, "Seven Last Words of Christ", featuring various ministers from area churches, including our own Pastor Christin Moreland.



REMEMBERING HIS SACRIFICE



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



Holy Week Services

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.



There will be **no Sunday School** on Easter Sunday. We invite all children and families to join us for our worship service to celebrate the Resurrection together as a church family.

*** Nursery Care will still be available.**



MEN'S SQUARE

The next Men's Square group meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th 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. April 14- 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.



SAVE THE DATE!


Presbyterian Night @ The Akron Rubber Ducks

Friday, June 19th
7 17 Credit Union Park in Akron
First Pitch at 7:17 pm

Tickets: \$18.83
Purchase tickets at:
<https://www.gofevo.com/event/PresbyterianDay2026>

All congregations, along with their friends, from Eastminster, Western Reserve and Muskingum Valley Presbyteries are invited. Wear your church t-shirt. Meet folks from other congregations. Show some Presbyterian Pride.

It's Akron Cream Stick Donuts Night
Stay after the game for Friday Night fireworks.



Sponsored by the Presbytery Partnership Task Force

Come enjoy a fun evening of baseball, fellowship, and community with fellow members of the Presbyterian community. This special offer allows you to purchase discounted tickets and sit together as a group while cheering on the Akron RubberDucks. Purchase tickets at: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/PresbyterianDay2026> Ticket purchase deadline: June 12. All ticket purchases are final. Children 3 and under are free if they sit on your lap. Tickets at 717 Credit Union Park are digital for the 2026 season; Please head to their website <https://www.milb.com/akron/tickets/digital-ticketing-help> for information on how to access your electronic tickets.



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

MEMORIAL SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



Malcolm K. Shields

February 11, 1938 - March 31, 2025

A Memorial Gathering
for our former Associate Pastor
will be held at

Parma-South Presbyterian Church
6155 Pearl Road
Parma Heights, OH 44130

Saturday, April 4, 2026
1:00PM - 3:00PM

A reception will follow the service



PASTOR CHRISTIN MORELAND FEATURED!

The City of Parma Heights recognized our very own Pastor Christin Moreland recently, in their Facebook's "Feature Friday" of Community Leaders!

"Pastor Christin Moreland – Bringing Warmth & Energy to Parma Heights" -

A fresh breeze blew into Parma Heights 18 months ago when Pastor Christin Moreland arrived at Parma-South Presbyterian Church, bringing her warm, infectious personality and a knack for putting people at ease.

She was encouraged by many along the way to pursue ministry – a calling she now embraces with heart and purpose. Known for her intuition, humor, and loyalty, she genuinely loves people and helping them feel seen. "My theology is about love. Love as a verb," she said. A natural-born leader, she brings a fresh perspective to all she does. She helps uphold one of Parma Heights' most storied traditions: the city's annual Memorial Day service on the church lawn, one of Ohio's longest continuous veterans' observances since 1867. When she's not serving the community, you might find her exploring museums, enjoying the theatre, or working on pottery and art projects.

We're proud to feature Pastor Moreland – she has become a Parma Heights treasure in record time!



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MEMORIAL CARILLON

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

April 5

Mr. & Mrs. John E. Cantwell
Marilyn Weiss
Laura Elva French
Dr. Frederick Ells
Ruby Alford

April 12

Richard Kitchen & Phyllis Kitchen

April 19

Gilbert E. Calderwood & Ruth Calderwood

April 26

Janice Kay Petruska



April
BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Shelby Topor
- 2 Carolyn Jeremiah
- 3 Norman Alford
- 3 J Robert Schomer, Jr.
- 5 Timothy Joseph
- 6 Leigh Anne Best
- 6 Margaret Hale
- 7 Patricia Moncol
- 8 David Kane
- 9 Beverly Marton
- 11 Donna Loeb
- 14 Robert Jelinek
- 14 Kathryn Prestien
- 14 Sarah Rodriguez
- 15 Janet Fritz
- 19 Rev. Christin Moreland
- 20 Gary Suhadolnik
- 21 Dakota Reinhart
- 22 Amanda Cheng
- 22 Emily Cheng
- 23 Jean Pfister
- 23 Ann Kasner
- 28 Clark Weaver
- 29 Renea Schomer
- 30 Mike Fanous