



Tidings

May 2026

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 2nd:

- Men's Square (Parma-South Dining Room)

Sunday, May 3rd—Worship @ 10 AM

Thursday, May 7th:

-Grief Group @ 6:30 PM (Zoom)

Sunday, May 10th—Worship @ 10 AM

Tuesday, May 12th —Esther Circle @ 10 AM

Sunday, May 17th—Worship @ 10 AM

Thursday, May 21st:

-Grief Group @ 6:30 PM (Zoom)

- Tidings article deadline

Sunday, May 24th—Worship @ 10 AM

Monday, May 25th (Memorial Day Worship Service @ 9:30 AM on Parma-South front lawn

Sunday, May 31st—Worship @ 10 AM



Parma-South is pleased to join with the City of Parma Heights again this year, as we host the city's 159th Memorial Day Service on our front lawn. The service will be on Monday, May 25th, beginning at 9:30 AM. **NOTE: Pearl Road will be closed by 9 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 includes a welcome by Mayor Gallo, a keynote address, singing of patriotic hymns and music by the Valley Forge Marching Band.

The thirty minute service will be followed by a parade on Pearl Road to the Parma Heights Cemetery, where there will be a wreath laying and dedication ceremony to honor departed veterans.



There's something energizing about being in a room full of people who believe that the church still has something meaningful to offer the world.

This month, on May 14-16, a small team from Parma-South will travel to Alexandria, Virginia, for a Building for Hope gathering. We'll be joining other congregations from across the country who are doing exactly what we've been doing: asking hard questions about their buildings, their neighborhoods, and their calling. Over those three days, we'll move from the visionary into the practical. We'll hear from lawyers, realtors, social scientists, and community development professionals. We'll dig into datasets, explore models, and start to understand

more concretely what it might look like for Parma-South to use our building in ways that are both missional *and* sustainable.

Nearly a year into our Building for Hope journey, I want to be honest with you: we haven't arrived at a decision. We haven't landed on a direction. And that's okay! Truly, I'd say that's *faithful*. Big questions deserve unhurried discernment. The congregation has gathered for one town hall and our B4H team has met many times. The work has been thoughtful and deliberate. We are not spinning our wheels. We are doing the slow, necessary work of figuring out *why* before we decide *how*. That sequence matters.



More town halls are coming. We'll gather again to brainstorm, to think creatively, to listen to each other and to God. There is more conversation to be had, more imagination to exercise, and more discernment to do together before any decisions are made. This is not a process happening *to* you, but a process happening *with* you. Your voice matters enormously!

In the meantime, here's a glimpse of something exciting already taking shape: a group of leaders is actively working toward launching a **farmers' market at our church this summer**. Details are still coming together, but this feels like a beautiful first expression of what *Building for Hope* is really about: opening our doors, serving our neighbors, and discovering that our building can be a place of life and community beyond Sunday mornings. Stay tuned!

Ultimately, we are a congregation in motion. Not recklessly, not impatiently – but *faithfully*. One step at a time. I am genuinely grateful to be on this journey with you, and I can't wait to share what we learn in Alexandria!

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Christin



Over 10 years ago, a core team of volunteers created the Parma-South Mission Garden. Our 12-raised bed garden, located behind the main building, with the goal of providing fresh, local produce to our neighboring food pantries and help serve those in need who reside in our community. After a brief hiatus last year, we are starting up the garden again for this 2026 summer season! We welcome all volunteers in any capacity. If you are interested in being apart of the core Garden Team, we will have a virtual Planning Meeting on **Tuesday 4/28 at 6:30pm**. Our garden Clean Up Day is scheduled for **Saturday May 2nd 10:30-1:30pm (with a rain date of Sunday May 3rd after church 11:30-2pm)**. Please plan to wear appropriate clothing and bring some garden gloves- we will supply all tools and water. Contact Tony Indovina 216-701-0936 with any questions.

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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.

Women's Circle

Tues. May 12 - Esther Circle
10 AM in Parlor

This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

Men's Square Group

The next Men's Square group meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, May 2, at 9:00 AM**. The group is now meeting at the Church in the Dining Room. We park in the main lot and enter through the side door. Our usual agenda is to have fellowship and a group discussion before we on start our current project.

Anyone needing more information or attending for the first time, please contact Ed Walker or Tony Indovina. Hope to see you there.



WEEKLY E-Blast

We want all members and friends of our church to stay informed of our Parma-South current announcements and events. If you are not currently receiving **our 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.)

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 21st**.

****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.



Memorial Carillon

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

May 3	John W. Kuhn and Marilyn Weiss Dorothy & William Kuhn	May 24	Phyllis Goode Marilyn Weiss
		May 31	Martin Bowman
May 10	Courtney Kromer and Peggy Kromer Esther Jones Norman T. Lischer & Ferne Lischer Maxine Abbott		
May 17	Elizabeth Ashmus Laura Elva French		

Survey – Lenten activities

Please answer the following questions honestly, and either leave your completed form on the Holy Communion table in the church narthex or use the QR code to submit your answers online. Your responses will help us plan for next year.



FAT TUESDAY Pancake Supper (5:30 PM on 2/17)

1. Were you aware that Parma-South held this event? (How did you hear about it?)

Did you attend this event in 2025 or 2026? (If not, why not?)

What could be changed to improve the Pancake Supper?

Should this event be offered again in 2027?

Would you attend this event in 2027?

LENTEN SOUP/SALAD SUPPERS (5:30 PM on six Tuesdays during Lent)

Were you aware that Parma-South held these suppers? (How did you hear about them?)

Did you attend any of our Lenten suppers in 2025 or 2026? (If not, why not?)

What could be changed to improve the Lenten Suppers?

Should these suppers be offered again in 2027? Should the number of suppers be reduced?

Would you attend these suppers in 2027?



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