# Tidings

August 2026

## COMING EVENTS

Sun. Aug. 2 —Worship @ 10 AM

Tues. Aug. 4—Farmer's Market, 4-7 PM
-Bible Study @ 6 PM ***(new!)***

Thurs. Aug. 6 - Grief Group Zoom@ 6:30 PM

Sun. Aug. 9 —Worship @ 10 AM

Tues. Aug. 11—Farmer's Market, 4-7 PM

Sun. Aug. 16-Worship OUTDOORS @ 10 AM

Tues. Aug. 18—Farmer's Market, 4-7 PM

Thurs. Aug. 20– Tidings article deadline
- Grief Group @ 6:30 PM (Zoom)

Sun. Aug. 23 —Worship @ 10 AM

Tues. Aug. 25—Farmer's Market, 4-7 PM

Sun. Aug. 30 —Worship @ 10 AM

Dear Parma-South Saints,

One of the great joys of the Christian life is that we never stop growing. No matter how long we have followed Christ, there is always another question to wrestle with, another insight to discover, another opportunity to deepen our faith together. Growth doesn't happen in isolation, but in community as we gather around Scripture, listen to one another, and remain open to where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

With that in mind, I am delighted to invite you to a new adult Bible study beginning **Tuesday, August 4, at 6:00 p.m.** We'll gather in the upstairs conference room, across from the staff offices. I hope you'll consider making it part of your weekly rhythm.

This new study, ***Two Big Questions***, will be led by our newly hired Christian Education Coordinator, Noa. Together we'll explore Matthew 16:13–20 through two questions that continue to shape the lives of Christians today: **Who is Jesus?** And, if that's who Jesus is, **what am I going to do about it?** These are questions that invite honest reflection rather than easy answers.

Noa's approach combines thoughtful teaching with lively discussion, creating space for everyone to participate, ask questions, and learn from one another. Drawing on insights from a religious studies course they studied extensively in college—and later spent years tutoring other students through—they'll offer perspectives that enrich our reading of Scripture while always bringing us back to the life of faith.

If you join us, bring a Bible in whatever translation you love. Noa will primarily be using the NRSVue and the Common English Bible (CEB), but every translation offers something valuable to our conversations. Whether your Bible is printed or on your phone or tablet, it's welcome. You may also want to bring something for taking notes if you enjoy writing through reflection questions by hand. Most importantly, bring an open and curious mind.

Each week there will also be optional reflection questions—shared during class and distributed afterward by email or text. These aren't assignments to complete or turn in, but invitations to continue thinking, praying, and engaging with the week's conversation between our Tuesday gatherings.

This study is also a wonderful opportunity for us to get to know Noa and for Noa to get to know our congregation. As they begin this new chapter

*(con'd)*

*(Pastor Message, con'd from p. 1)*

of ministry with us, I hope you'll help extend the warm welcome that is such a hallmark of our church by joining them around God's Word.

If you'd like a preview of the themes we'll be exploring together, be sure to join us for worship on **August 23**, when Noa will preach on Matthew 16:13–20, the very passage that serves as the foundation for this study. And, if you have more questions, you can always reach out to Noa directly: CEC@parma-south.org .

Whether you've been studying the Bible for decades or are just beginning to ask these questions, you are invited. I hope you'll come, bring your questions, share your perspective, and discover how God continues to shape us as disciples of Jesus Christ—together. See you there!

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Christin

Join us on the third Sunday of August & September, when we will have our 10 AM worship OUTSIDE, weather permitting. (Rain location will be in our social hall.) Mark your calendars for these dates:

August 16

September 20

Please bring your own lawn chairs and Bible. Looking forward to seeing you there!

If you haven't yet attended Parma-South's community Farmer's Market, you're missing out! It is held outside on our front lawn **every Tuesday @ 4-7 PM,** from now until Sept. 22. Come for the fun and browse the variety of local products!

We are continually looking for new **VENDORS!** For more information, email farmersmarket@parma-south.org or call 440-885-2652. Or you can go to the ACTIVITIES page of our website, parma-south.org to download the necessary documents.

**Volunteers are needed** to help on Market days, to welcome customers, etc. Please sign up in the Narthex or call the church office (440-885-2652) if you can help.

Parma-South's 2nd annual Yard Sale was a huge success, raising $1800 for the Ann George / Parma Heights Food Pantry. Thank you to Terry Tahsler and all the volunteers who donated items or volunteered their time to make it happen!

Ralph Moody
June 21, 20226

Jean Williamson
July 16, 2026

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.

Articles for our monthly Tidings newsletter are normally due the day after the regularly scheduled monthly Session meeting. Note that articles for the September Tidings will be due ***by Thursday, August 20th.***

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.

MEN'S SQUARE & Women's Circle

Both the Men's Square and Women's Circle groups are taking a break for the summer months. Look for them to resume in September.

**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

**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 venders.)

## Mission Garden

A big THANK YOU to all the garden helpers who are working hard to make our Parma-South Mission Garden possible. Over the last 3 weeks, we have delivered 96 pounds of fresh produce to the Parma Heights Food Pantry! These fresh vegetables, grown right here behind our church, are greatly appreciated by our neighbors in need.

***Garden volunteers are still needed*** to weed, water, harvest and deliver. If you are able to help even occasionally, please contact Tony Indovina or the church office.

1 Marjorie Miller
2 Louisa Hung
3 Mason Cuspard
Amanda Stapf
Trevor Stapf
9 Craig Smith
15 Audrey Adanitsch
Mary Lou Wright
Kaitlin Zietlow
16 Robert D. Miller
17 Elaine Decker
Linda Fanous
Barbara Karse
18 Mary Diedrich
22 Sharon Gavala
Katherine Schwab
24 Johanna Glover
Jerilyn Tahsler
26 Judith Grigas Aungst
28 Kathleen Rice

# Tidings

Rev. Christin Moreland
Email: pastor@parma-south.org
Phone: (440) 885-2652

**Parma-South Presbyterian Church**
**6155 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44130**
**Office Phone (440) 885-2652**
*Visit our website: www.parma-south.org*

*Thank you to our advertisers listed below, for their support.*
*If you would like to place an advertisement or become a Tidings sponsor, please call the church office.*

Busch
Cremation • Burial • Pre-Planning
www.buschcares.com

*(your business ad here)*

## MEMORIAL CARILLON

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

Aug 2 Mr. & Mrs. Alex Michak
Marilyn Weiss
Lydia Boehmer Zurfleh

Aug 9 Mr. & Mrs. Adam R. Kroehle
Adolph & Hilda Schinman

Aug 16 Maud C. Dexter
Merril Swan

Aug 23 LaVerne Mackert
Al & Lena Weiss
Ed & Greta, Marv & Peg, and
Gene & Ruth Taano

Aug 30 Ferdinand Heise