Tidings

October 2026

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 1—Grief Group Zoom @ 6:30 PM

Sunday, October 4—Worship Service @ 10 AM

Tuesday, Oct 6: — Care Team Meeting @ 11:00 AM
- Bible Study @ 6:00 PM

Saturday, October 10: Men's Square @ 9 AM

Sunday, October 11: Worship Service @ 10 AM
— Town Hall Meeting (in gym, after worship)

Tuesday, October 13: Esther Circle @ 10:00 AM
— Grace & Grounds at Love Coffee @ 4-6 PM
—Bible Study @ 6:00 PM

Thursday, October 15: Grief Group Zoom @ 6:30 PM
— Endowment Committee Meeting @ 6:00pm

Saturday, October 17— Allie & Kurt Lehman's
WEDDING 4:00pm - 6:00pm (Sanctuary)

Sunday, October 18: Worship Service @ 10 AM

Tuesday, October 20: - Bible Study @ 6:00 PM
— Grace & Grounds at Love Coffee @ 4-6 PM

Wednesday, October 21: Session Meeting @ 5:30 PM

Thursday, October 22: — Tidings articles due

Saturday, October 24— Josh & Tori's WEDDING:
12:00pm - 3:15pm

Sunday, October 25: Worship Service @ 10 AM
- CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (after Service)

Tuesday, October 27 —Bible Study @ 6:00 PM
— Grace & Grounds at Love Coffee @ 4-6 PM

On **Saturday, October 24**, Parma-South will be participating in "**Parma Heights Frights",** a community sponsored event held at Greenbriar Commons from 1-4 PM. We are asking YOU for Halloween candy donations for Parma-South to hand out at the "Parma Heights Frights" Trunk or Treat. **"Parma Heights Frights"** draws thousands of people, and includes the Trunk or Treat, pop-up shops, food trucks, locally crafted beer, a petting zoo, DJ & music, fun costumes and all sorts of Halloween fun. Please support Parma-South's presence at this popular event by dropping off your candy donations in the drop box by the church office by **Monday, October 19**.

We are also looking for volunteers to represent Parma-South at our Trunk or Treat space at "Parma Heights Frights". If you have questions or are interested in volunteering for the event, email cec@parma-south.org . Thank you!

Dear Parma-South Saints,

I've often heard that summer is the "slow season" in the church. Apparently, nobody told Parma-South!

We kicked things off with our Memorial Day service and parade, the oldest continually running in Ohio, and we haven't really stopped since. We cheered on the Parma Heights Girls' Softball players through 11 games and set up at 12 Farmers Markets. We hosted the Strawberry Festival and marched in the Cleveland Pride parade.

We also spent the summer caring for our neighbors. Our rummage sale raised $1,800 for the Parma Heights Food Pantry, and our Mission Garden delivered more than 200 pounds of fresh produce to the same pantry. Week after week, volunteers planted, weeded, harvested, hauled, set up, tore down, greeted people, sold things, directed traffic, and did approximately 47,000 other jobs I'm forgetting.

Meanwhile, we did some work at home too. We welcomed Noa as our new Christian Education Coordinator and launched a new adult Bible study. We moved our member management system from ACS to REALM – a project that may not sound particularly exciting unless you've ever had to convert a church database. And after a long wait, we've made real progress toward getting our organ fixed.

None of this happens on its own. All of this happened because YOU showed up. You volunteered, planted vegetables, and weeded. It took a *lot* of you, and every one of you who baked, weeded, hauled, greeted, set up, tore down, or showed up made a difference for our church and our community. Thank you!

And we're not done! Keep your eyes and ears open for what's coming this fall:

- **Grace and Grounds returns** to Love Coffee on Tuesdays from 4 to 6 p.m.
- **Two weddings and a baptism** to celebrate
- **A New Member Class** for anyone curious about making Parma-South their church home (dates coming soon)
- **A new online member directory.** We'll need your photo! You can submit your own or join us on one of our soon to be scheduled "picture days" after worship.
- **Stewardship season**, followed by **Advent**

There is also more ahead with **Building for Hope**, including building tours and town halls where we can have conversations, ask questions, share ideas, and dream together. The question before us isn't just, "What should we do with this building?" but something bigger. **"How might God be calling us to use what we have to love and serve our neighbors?"** This discernment needs ALL of us. Including YOU! Your ideas, questions, imagination, and prayers.

If this summer has taught us anything, it's that Parma-South is capable of doing quite a lot when we show up together. If THAT was our slow season… well, I can't wait to see what God has in store for us next! I'm so grateful to be on this journey with you.

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Christin

BUILDING FOR HOPE

What Can Happen Here?

Parma-South has been participating in the Building for Hope process for about a year. The team has interviewed local leaders and business owners. Our building spaces have been carefully measured and documented. Team representatives attended Building for Hope learning sessions in Virginia. At the heart of the program is a big question: **How can our building become an asset that supports both our ministry and our financial future?** And when we say building, we really mean the building.

Building for Hope asks congregations to look beyond traditional ideas such as renting classrooms, providing storage space to another organization, or finding occasional users for the meeting rooms. Those are useful, but Building for Hope is about thinking much bigger — exploring uses that can generate sustainable, ongoing revenue. Walls can move. Spaces can be combined. Entrances can change. Underused areas can be redesigned. The education wing could have an entirely different purpose than classroom use.

The goal is to identify bold, sustainable uses that respond to genuine needs in Parma Heights and the surrounding community while creating ongoing revenue that can help sustain Parma-South and its ministry.

That might mean creating a program ourselves. It might mean partnering with another organization or business. It might involve renovating part of our building for a use that doesn't look anything like "church space" today.

No idea is too big at this stage. In fact, big ideas are exactly what we need. Pew cards are still available for you to share your thoughts.

What could happen here?

That is the question we want everyone to help answer.

- What does our community need that it doesn't have?
- What service, program or business would people actually use?
- What have you seen somewhere else and thought, Parma Heights could use one of those?
- What could we do if we stopped assuming our spaces have to stay the way they are?

Tours will be given Sundays after worship through October 4. Come see just how much space we have to work with. At an October 11 town hall, we'll update the congregation on Building for Hope's progress and share some of the many ideas that have already surfaced, explain more about the process, and provide another opportunity for you to add your own thoughts.

TOWN HALL - OCTOBER 11
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—OCTOBER 25

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** after the service on Sunday, October 25.

One agenda item for the meeting will be the election of the following list of candidates to be presented by Nominating Committee.

Session (3 Year terms):
1. Cathy DeMoss
2. Nate Bugenhagen

Endowment Committee (3 Year terms):
1. Darlene Ells
2. John Decker
3. Ed Walker

Nominating Committee (1 year terms):
1. Wendy Hart
2. Susan Geers
3. Claudia Jackson
4. Pam Murawski
5. Sandy Kardamis
6. Kathleen Rice

Greetings, theologians!

Our **Tuesday night Bible Study**, Two Big Questions, is off to a great start. The students have requested that I share with you one of the lessons we enjoyed together, so here it is!

What is the Bible?
First of all, the Bible is not:
-a history book. It contains selective historical remembrances meant to help in telling important stories.

-a science book. Natural descriptions in the Bible may or may not be accurate, but they are there to add to the story, not for us to focus on in terms of reliability.

-a medical book. No matter how many fad diet or self-help books based on the Bible are out there, they are no substitute for modern medicine.

-a single ethical framework. The Bible shows many ways of living and people who conduct themselves differently. Some are good and helpful to learn from, others are not at all.

So what is the Bible?

The Bible is a collection of writings written by different people across hundreds and hundreds of years, all inspired by God but limited by human error and translation. Its purpose is to preserve and pass down the faith traditions of the people of God.

If you enjoyed this lesson, come join us for Bible study at **6 pm on Tuesday evenings**. We hope to see you there!

Peace,

Noa Weatherwax
Christian Education Coordinator

The next **Men's Square** group meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, October 10th** , 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 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.

Sue Rhee is living the life at her new facility in Westlake. After her husband, Sang, passed away she downsized and moved. She now has time to attend the many programs and classes offered at Concord Reserve. She has a lovely patio to grow her plants, too. If you'd like to keep in touch or just say hello, her mailing address is:

Concord Reserve
2116 Dover Center Rd.
Westlake OH. 44145

Articles for our monthly Tidings newsletter are normally due the day after the regularly scheduled monthly Session meeting. Note that articles for the November Tidings will be due ***by Thursday, October 22nd.***

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.

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 at:
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.)

GRACE & GROUNDS @ Love Coffee

—Resumes Tuesday, October 13TH ***(* Note change in time!)***

Cheryl "Cookie" A. DeSouza
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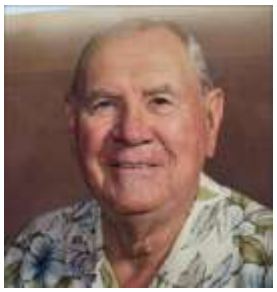

Clark B. Weaver, Sr.
April 28, 1934 - Sept. 13, 2026

Clark was a long time member of Parma-South. He passed away in Chicago at the age of 92, and his obituary is posted on the Busch Funeral home website. Clark's daughter, Kim Weaver, can be reached at: 2003 Maple Avenue; Evanston, Illinois 60201.

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Karen	Stapf Walters	19
Bonnie	Thompson	19
Judith	Martin	20
Martha Ikome	Molua	20
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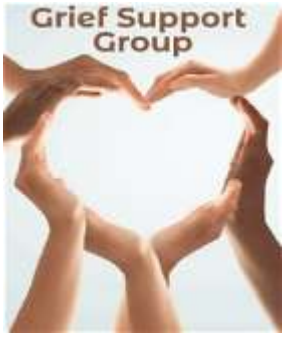

Rev. Debbie Cerra continues to hold her Grief Group via ZOOM. This group is open to anyone who has experienced a significant loss. It meets online every 1st and 3rd Thursday, from 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

Please contact Pastor Debbie (856-912-1202) for more details or to get the Zoom link.

Memorial Carillon

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

Oct 4 Arthur Thiele
Marilyn Weiss
Thelma Hale

Oct 11 Josephine M. Folvarsky
James M. Presley

Oct 18 Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Migala

Oct 25 Mr. & Mrs. William Yurcheshen
Michael Yurcheshen

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The Wizard of Oz at Cassidy Theatre

Nicholas Sivik, son of Becca & Nick Sivik and grandson of Nancy & Tony Indovina, is performing in *The Wizard of Oz* at Cassidy Theatre in October. For tickets and performance dates, go to cassidytheatre.com or click the link below.
https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=299849

Returning this November!

Coffee Hour Pies!

Pie donations welcome

Every Sunday in November.

Watch for the signup sheet

in the narthex