



Tidings

April 2024

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 4:

Grief Group via Zoom, 4 PM

Sunday, April 7:

Worship @ 10 AM (Communion)

Monday, April 8: Eclipse @ 1:30 PM

Tuesday, April 9: Esther Circle @ 10 AM

Saturday, April 13:

Men's Square @ Denny's

Sunday, April 14:

Worship @ 10 AM

Wednesday, April 17:

Session @ 5:30 PM

Thursday, April 18:

Grief Group via Zoom, 4 PM

Tidings article deadline

Saturday, April 20:

Family and Friends Game Night

@ 5-8 pm

Sunday, April 21:

Worship @ 10 AM

Sunday, April 28:

Worship @ 10 AM

Sunday, May 5:

Worship @ 10 AM (Communion)

Coffee Hour (Town Hall Meeting)

WELCOME OUR NEW GAP PASTOR



Effective **April 16, 2024** we welcome Rev. Dr. Jon M. Fancher as our new Gap Pastor replacing Rev. Bill Hudson upon his resignation effective April 15th, 2024.

As we have completed most of our transitional work, Parma-South does not require another transitional pastor. Rev. Fancher's key job elements are : preach at our worship services; oversee church operations; provide committee support; moderate Session meetings. and most importantly, promote a vision of hope and promise for the congregation in anticipation of the arrival of Parma-South's next called pastor.

Rev. Fancher is Pastor Emeritus of Rocky River Presbyterian Church where he served from 1991 until his retirement in 2022. Jon and his wife Mary were married in 1997 at Parma-South. Mary is the daughter of Rev. Bob Bates, our Associate Pastor from 1968 to 1984. Rev. Jon comes to us with a number of Parma-South connections and we are blessed to have his leadership at this time in our transitional process.

Welcome
Spring





Thank you for letting me sojourn among you. This is a time of transition in our world, our nation and in your congregation. Let those who come to minister among you to lead you, to care for you and to know you. Each will bring their different gifts to you. Delight in their gifts. It is my prayer that you follow them to where God is leading you to go.

God Bless,
Pastor Bill



A second round of interviews has transpired over the last few weeks. Please pray for your PNC during this time as they are making the most thoughtful choices for our church.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

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. We are pleased to work with the City of Parma Heights again as we host this 157th service on Monday, May 27th. The service begins at 9:30 AM on our front lawn. Your church Fellowship Committee will again provide bottled water and donuts for those attending. The 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 pastor and American Legion Post 703. It will include a welcome by Mayor Gallo, singing of patriotic hymns, music by the Valley Forge Marching Band, and brief messages from two local veterans. The thirty minute service will be followed with a parade on Pearl Road to the Parma Heights Cemetery, where departed veterans will be honored.

Dust off your lawn chair, and plan to be a part of this service of recognition and remembrance.



Please come join us for food, fun and games on Saturday, April 20th from 5-8pm in the Gym and Dining Room. Nursery care will be available. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, April 15th. Walk ins are welcome and please bring some friends! Hope to see you there!



Join us for our Eclipse Event at Parma-South on **Monday, April 8**, from **1:30-4 PM**. Our event is free, and open to the public. Bring your own lawn chair and enjoy eclipse-related movies, snacks, crafts and eclipse viewing glasses.



Articles for our monthly TIDINGS newsletter are due the day after the regularly scheduled monthly Session meeting. Therefore, please note: Articles for the April Tidings will be due **no later than Thursday, April 18th**.



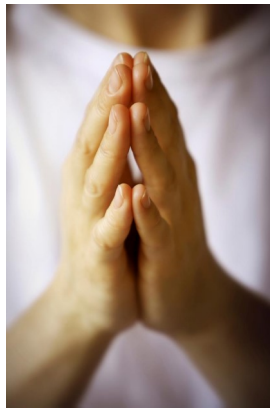
Save the date and plan to attend our next P-S Town Hall Meeting, to be held **Sunday, May 5**, immediately after worship. The topic will be: **SUMMER!**

Fellowship Committee is seeking input and presenters – what topics do you think should be added? So far we have:

- Mission Garden**
- Youth baseball sponsorship**
- Strawberry Festival**
- Memorial Day at P-S**
- Hiking**
- Properties update (building/ grounds maintenance)**

Contact Cathy Sinko or the church office (phone or email) to share your thoughts.

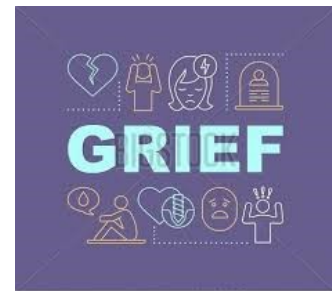
ONGOING PRAYER CONCERN



Pastor Blake's wife, Megan, has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer.

Please keep the Severson family in your prayers. Cards can be sent to:

Blake Severson
420 Cherry St
Anchorage AK 99504



Rev. Dr. Debbie Cerra holds a Grief Group online, via ZOOM. This group is open to anyone who has experienced a significant loss. It meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday, from 4:00 – 5:00 PM. For more information, Pastor Debbie can be reached at (856) 912-1202.

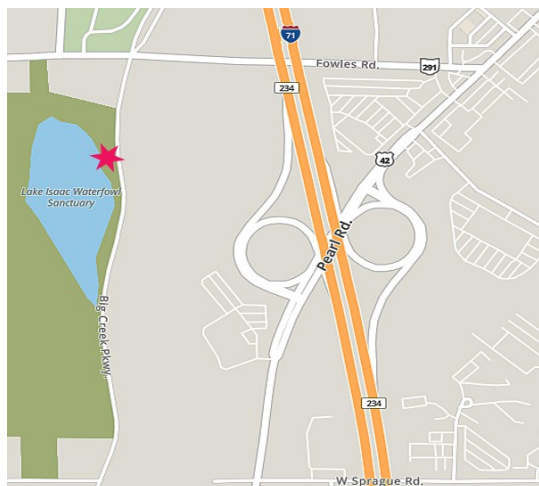


STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars for our annual Strawberry Festival, to be held on Sunday, June 2 from 11 AM–1 PM! More details will be forthcoming.

Attention HIKERS!

Our April Hike will be at the Lake to Lake trail in Middleburg Heights on **Saturday, April 21** at 12:30 PM. Meet up at Lake Isaa, at the parking lot on Big Creek Parkway. Call Katie Kolthoff with any questions.



Men's Square



Men's Square now meets on the **SECOND** Saturday of the month. Their next meeting will be on **Saturday, April 13th**, gathering for breakfast at Denny's in Parmatown at 9 AM.

Anyone needing more information, please contact Ed Walker.

Hope to see you there.

MEMORIAL CARILLON

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

April 7

M/M Andrew Migala
Marilyn Weiss
Laura Elva French
Dr. Frederick Ells
Ruby Alford



April 14

M/M William Yurcheshen
and Michael Yurcheshen

April 21

Alfred M. Schilens

April 28

Pearle Thiele

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8	David	Kane
9	Beverly	Marton
11	Donna	Loeb
14	Robert	Jelinek
14	Kathryn	Prestien
14	Sarah	Rodriguez
15	Janet	Fritz
20	Gary	Suhadolnik
21	Harold	Mitchhart
21	Dakota	Reinhart
22	Amanda	Cheng
22	Emily	Cheng
23	Jean	Pfister
23	Ann	Kasner
28	Clark	Weaver
29	Renea	Schomer
30	Mike	Fanous



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PALM SUNDAY