

SILENT MEDITATION

“Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?”
Isaiah 40:12

GREETINGS AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign Attendance Pad)

PRELUDE *Give Me Jesus* arr. P. Drennan

INTROIT *Awake My Soul* R. Summers

CALL TO WORSHIP Renea Schomer

Leader: God remembers and visits us and restores us to the Community of faith.

People: In our pain, suffering and loss, we know the assurance of God's presence.

Leader: When we have opposition and hopeless situations, God bears us up on eagles' wings.

People: In the loneliness of our firm idealism, God grants healing and transformation.

Leader: Whatever we need as we gather to worship, a merciful and loving God meets us here.

People: We assemble with high expectations that God has much good in store for us.

Leader: The good gifts God bestows on us here are for our use in reaching out to others.

People: We want to use our talents in the service of Jesus Christ. Amen. Lavon Bayler.

+*HYMN #12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

+*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Jesus Christ, God of our mothers and fathers, you are a God who acts in history. Yet we confess that we are too busy with our own lives to perceive you at work in our time. We fall into fear and despair about our troubled world as if you have no care for us. Forgive our lack of faith and help us to join you as you labor to bring new life on earth; in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life Group Picnic – We celebrate everyone who has participated in the Life Groups of our church during this past year. We especially thank our Leaders – Bob Schomer, Jack Lahl and Susan Rhee. We will celebrate our fellowship together with a closing picnic to be held in the church dining room after service this morning. All Life Group members are welcome. We will begin at 11:30 AM.

Messy Church: The Team decided to CANCEL this month's Messy Church. Thank you to everyone who has participated and helped during the past year.

Church Garden: We are always looking for ways to involve more people and bless those around us. This year the Mission Garden Team would like to “rent” some of the garden boxes to members of the congregation. The agreement would mean you take care of your box and you donate 10% of the produce to the Parma Heights Food Pantry and you give 10% away to a neighbor, friend, family or even a fellow church member. The rental cost of a whole box is \$25. If you are interested please see Pam Wilkins, Tony Indovina or Rev. Mark.

At least two of the boxes are reserved exclusively for the Parma Heights Food Pantry. Planting day will be Saturday, May 27 beginning at 10:30 AM. There will be a watering and harvesting schedule on the Narthex bulletin board for volunteers to sign up. Thanks for your support.

Annual Tea Party: Saturday, May 27th at Noon in the Dining Room, the Parma-South Presbyterian Women will be holding their annual tea party. Please bring tea sandwiches on Pepperidge farm bread with no crusts! While we dine, Kathy Kraus will be doing a demonstration of painting a picture from scratch. This should be a fun meeting. Please join us. If you have any questions, please speak with Amy Schwartz at 216-524-4975.

Memorial Day: On Monday, May 29th at 9:30 AM we will celebrate the 150th year of hosting a community Memorial Day Service and parade. This is a very special occasion! To celebrate it, we will have some special guests along with our regular participants. Our own **JuBellation** youth hand bell choir will be there to share a few rings. It is important to have a good representation of our congregation. Please show Parma Heights we care about our community and especially our Veterans!

New Member Class: Beginning June 4th, Reverend Mark will hold a New Member Class from 8:30 – 9:30 Sunday Mornings in the Parlor. Please See Rev. Mark with any questions.

Strawberry Festival: MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Parma-South's annual Strawberry Festival and Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, June 11th following Morning Worship at 10:00 AM. Proceeds from the Bake Sale support the Caring Team in its work with our shut-in members. The Festival proceeds as used by the Fellowship Team for support of church programs.

Love Inc Golf Outing - On Monday, June 26, Love INC is sponsoring a golf fund raising tournament at the Pine Hills Golf Club. Sign-in begins at 8:00 AM, with a shotgun start at 9:00AM. The cost is \$100 per person which includes 18 holes, riding cart, breakfast, lunch at the turn and a steak dinner. If you would like to form a foursome, let either Dick Cooper or Rev. Mark know and they will get you signed up. The proceeds of this event fund the crisis fund.

THINGS TO NOTE

Memorial Day: The office will be closed in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, May 29th.

Prayer List: A list of people who are in the hospital, etc. who could use your prayers, is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Coffee Hour: We will resume coffee hour after the service after Labor Day. Enjoy your summer!

Door Alarm: Just a note, the door is open when the GREEN Light is on. Even though the handle may be locked the door will open if you pull it.

Seeds of Literacy: If you want to volunteer in helping adults who are trying to improve their opportunities in life by obtaining a GED high school diploma, call the Volunteer Coordinator, Alexandria Marshall, at 216-661-7950 x115. The west side location is at W. 25th and Clark. Volunteer hours are very flexible. You usually work with people on math or grammar, and they give you the answers! Teachers and non-teachers are welcome.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Sentence

Offertory *Thank You for the Valleys* C. Berry

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #317 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 17:22-34 N.T. p.137

SERMON "Not So Far"

*HYMN #835 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Go to the World!

GTG 295

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE *Build Your Kingdom Here* R. Collective

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Today's Ushers: Pat Moncol, Sally Moncol,
Ron Shaffer, Glenn Hess

"NOT SO FAR"

May 21, 2017 Acts 17:22-34

Life Group Study Guide

Notes from Worship Service

1. It doesn't surprise me that most of us don't like to talk about our faith. We can come off sounding rather vague and naïve and filled with platitudes that don't seem to connect with real life.
2. Paul is definitely a man with Jesus on his mind. He makes the most of every opportunity to share the good news. Why? Because he believed Jesus was for everyone.
3. The first step of evangelism is using the things people know to connect them with the things they don't know. Often we have to become a learner of people before we can become their teacher.
4. A second key to effective evangelism is to find common spiritual ground.
5. To be an effective teller of the good news we need to know something about how our faith works and what we believe.
6. Expect a variety of reactions. Paul knew it was his task to share the good news but it was God who changed the heart.

Life Group Homework

1. What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. Would you rather fly or drive to a vacation destination? Explain your reasoning.
3. What are some of the questions you have about God?

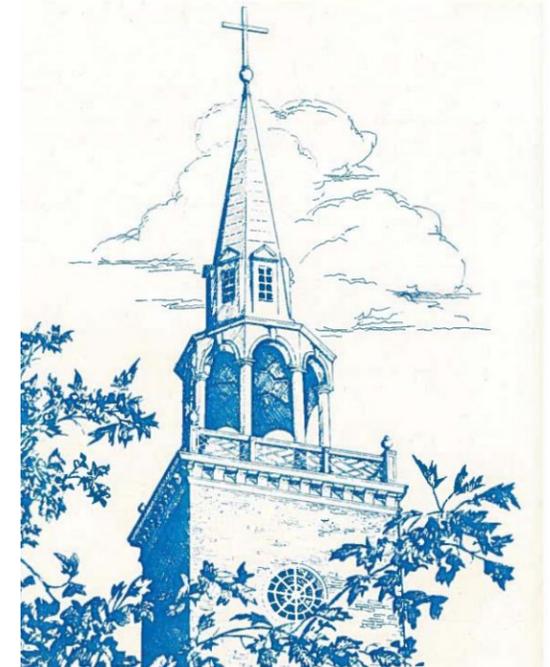
Read Acts 17:16-34

4. How would you respond to the question found in Verses 19-20?
5. Describe Paul's image of God.
6. Who is God placing in your path to share the good news with?

Life Practice: Write down a method this week of how you might tell others about Jesus. Share it with the group.

Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Changing lives through Christ



May 21, 2017

2017 Theme Verse

"But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." – Isaiah 40:31

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+Appropriate time for the Ushers to seat latecomers

Calendar of the Week

Sunday, May 21

10:00 AM – Worship Service
11:30 AM – Life Group Potluck – Dining Room

Monday, May 22

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library
7:00 PM – Life Group – Parlor

Tuesday, May 23

8:30 AM – Men’s Bowling – Brookgate Lanes
5:00 PM – Discipleship Committee - Parlor
7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – MPR

Wednesday, May 24

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library
10:00 AM – Life Group – 2nd Floor
10:30 AM – Al-Anon – MPR

Thursday, May 25

8:30 AM – Men’s Bowling – Brookgate Lanes

Saturday, May 27

12:00 PM – Presbyterian Women Spring Tea – Dining Room

Sunday, May 28

10:00 AM – Worship Service
11:30 AM – PW Coordinating Team - Parlor

Monday, May 29

9:30 AM – 150th Memorial Day Service
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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The Memorial Carillon is played this week in memory of

Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Gibbs

Chancel Flowers are placed in Loving Memory of

Marilyn Weiss by Cal Weiss

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ingendorf by Heidi Ingendorf

James & Betty Decker and Earl L. Meltz

by The John Decker and Robert Decker Families

Herman E. Vacha, Husband, Father and Grandfather

by The Vacha Family

Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It “will pay” to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven’t already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct.

The Church Office number is 440-885-2652, or you can email Vickie at vkosarik@parma-south.org

Thank you for your help!

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