

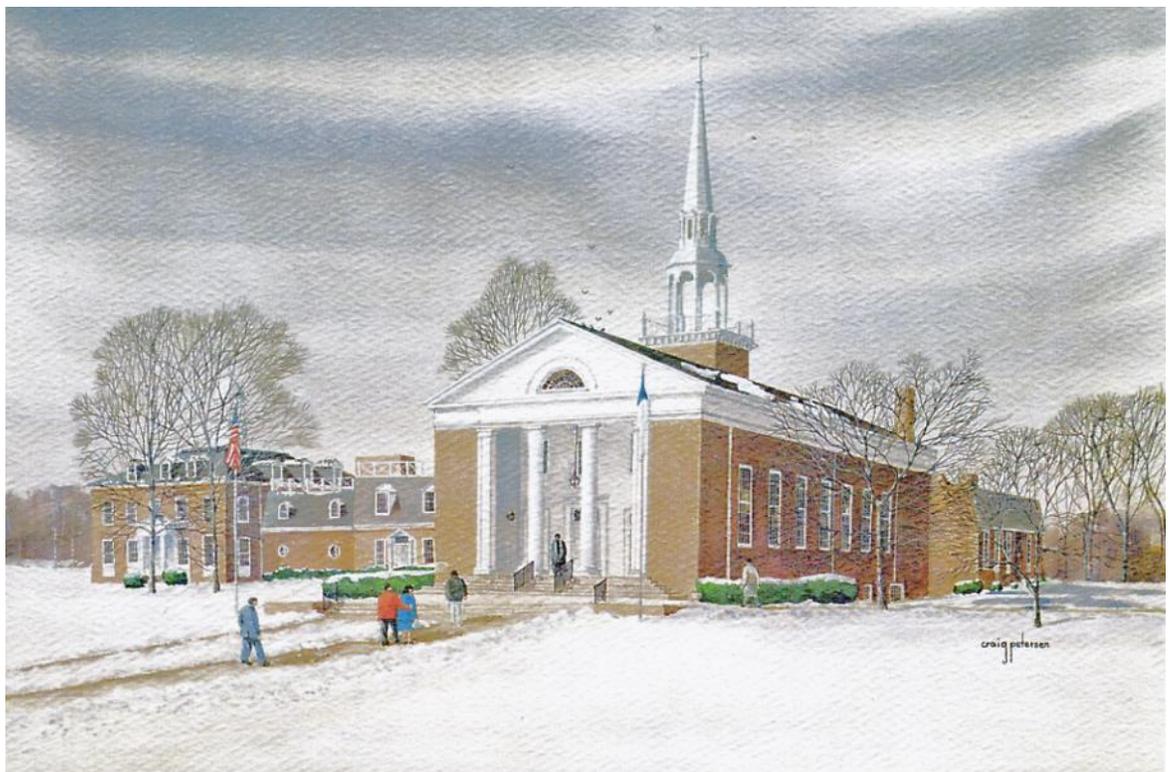
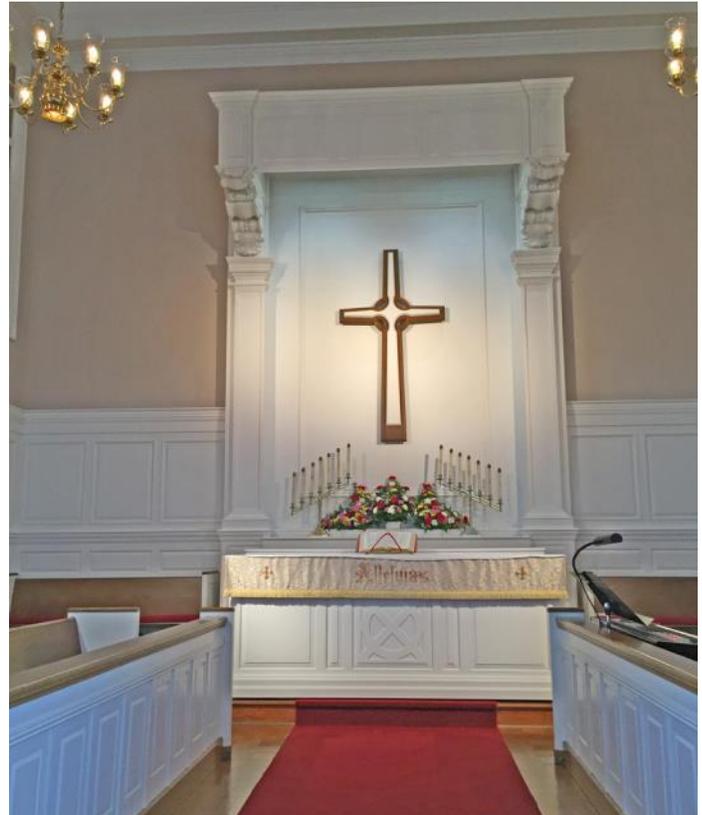


# Tidings

January 2017

## COMING EVENTS

- Mon. Jan. 2 - Building & Office closed
- Sat. Jan. 7 - Men's Square, 9 AM
- Sun. Jan. 8 - Holy Communion
- Mon. Jan. 9 - Deborah Circle, 10:30 AM
- Tues. Jan. 10 - Ruth-Naomi Circle, 10 AM
- Sun. Jan. 15 - Reception of New Members
- Mon. Jan. 16 - Building & Office closed
- Sun. Jan. 22 - FOOD SUNDAY
- Tues. Jan. 31 - Year End Reports due to office





In the month of January *only*, the Lord's Supper will be held on the second Sunday of the month. The date is January 8.

### BOOK REVIEW GROUP



The Book Review Group is taking a break for the winter and will resume in March.



If you are interested in a small group experience that quickens your faith, why not consider one of our two life groups? Life groups set a fellowship atmosphere where people reflect on scripture, share their faith journey, pray for each other and demonstrate care. It is an opportunity to stretch your faith and grow deeper in friendship with God and others.

Bob Schomer is leading a Life Group that meets Mondays at 7 PM at the church. Susan Rhee leads a Life Group which meets on Wednesdays in the church Parlor at 10 AM. The groups resume on January 9.

New people are welcome. Please contact either Bob (440-884-9268) or the church office for further information and interest.

**“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For, we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”  
Matthew 2:2**



Terry Brooks is one of my favorite science fiction authors. His most famous body of work is the *Shannara* series, which involves 27 books that were recently made into a 10 part mini-series. All of his *Shannara* books are stories which contain themes of personal growth, friendship, salvation and good versus evil. Each one is a tale of “going on a journey.” These journeys are arduous and dangerous, forever changing the characters involved.

The Gospel of Matthew's story of the wise men has some similar elements to it. They, too, undertake a difficult journey. They, too, are guided and sustained with nothing but faith in a star and one another. They, too, have to deal with a deceptive, evil king. They, too, encounter a child who will forever change their lives and that of all who believe in him. Their journey story calls us to examine our own.

If we pause to think about it, each New Year is the beginning of a new journey. We plan our taxes, our calendars, and indeed live our lives in the time frame of each year. There is a beginning and an end to it. We will set goals, plan for vacations, pay off bills, eat meals and visit friends and family during the course of the year. But like any journey, we don't know exactly what will happen along the way. There will be surprises which both delight and grieve us. We will experience losses and gains. Our health may change, our learning may increase and new people may enter our life. Try as we might, we can't possibly control all the events that will take place around us. We will probably not be at the same place at the end of 2017 as we are at the beginning.

Like the wise men, it will take some faith to travel through the year, not knowing exactly where we are going all the time. But the good news is that we know the one who travels with us, who sustains us, and the same one who shows us the way. If we dare to take the journey of faith, we will not only encounter, but come to know Jesus in a deeper and more meaningful way, the result of which will change our lives. May the events of the coming year wrap you in the grace and arms of Christ! Amen.

By Christ's Wondrous Grace,  
Rev. Mark Juengel





We are delighted to welcome five new members into the fellowship of Parma-South Presbyterian Church. During the worship service on January 15th, Kathleen Rice, Andre Ziem, Judith Ziem, Sophie Njoh, Catherine Lane and Glenn Hess will be presented by Session for membership. Following the service there will be a small reception in the Dining Room. Please come and introduce yourself and welcome these faithful to our church family.

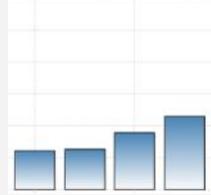


**Rev. Sharon Core**  
**New General Presbyter**

We welcome to our Presbytery a new General Presbyter who was elected at the November 2016 Presbytery meeting. Rev. Sharon Core received her M.Div degree from Columbia Seminary and she has a B.A. in International Relations from Agnes Scott College. She has served churches mainly in the South and enjoys grits, BBQ and southern cooking. Sharon has a wealth of experience in social justice and church transformation.

Sharon will begin her journey with us in mid-February.

## 2017 Per Capita



Per Capita Funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. It is how Presbyterians...

- are trained to become better elders and ministers
- participate in the life of the wider church by serving Committees, Commissions, & the biennial General Assembly
- discern God's call to service
- preserve our heritage
- participate in the life of the Church universal as we commit ourselves to share the Gospel
- work and live in fellowship with "all persons in every nation." (*Book of Order, G-4.0101*)

Per Capita is a fundamental way in which all of the nearly 11,000 congregations and governing bodies of the PCUSA are connected and allows its members to participate in the work of the wider church. It binds us in a covenantal relationship with one another in our church. It is the responsible way of sharing costs that equitably belong to the whole Presbyterian community.

The apportionment for each church for ecclesiastical expenses for the next fiscal year is based upon the membership of the church as reported as of December 31st of the previous year.

The 2017 Per Capita is **\$29 per member**. Please help your church and contribute to our total, since the balance has to be paid from our general fund. You may use the offering envelope found in your envelope box to help with this fund. Thank you.



## **IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION!**

Notice! To insure the deductibility of your Church contributions, do not file your 2016 Income Tax Return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from Parma-South. Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible.



## OFFICE NOTES

**BUILDING HOURS:** The Office and Building will be closed on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>; Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> (MLK Day).

**FLOWERS:** We will be sending a letter to parishioners who place flowers on the chancel during the year, that will document when you have requested flowers be placed, and in whose memory you want them placed. Please review the placement to make sure we have the correct information. If you need to make changes, please email the office ([vkosarik@parma-south.org](mailto:vkosarik@parma-south.org)), or call the office to make the necessary updates.

**YEAR END REPORTS:** Just a reminder that year end reports for the Annual Report are due to Vickie by January 31, 2017. You can email them ([vkosarik@parma-south.org](mailto:vkosarik@parma-south.org)), or put them in her mailbox in the workroom .

**COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:** Those of you who chair a committee, please check the online calendar to make sure that your meetings are listed for the correct dates, time and place. Please let Vickie know if there are any updates or changes you would like to make, and also let her know if any of your meetings are **changed or canceled** so she may update the online calendar.



**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** For those who use the offering envelopes, they can be found in the Narthex. For your convenience, they are in alphabetical order. If you don't find a box with your name on it, but would like a set of envelopes, please contact Jan Fritzsche at the church office to request a set. If you find envelopes with your name but do not wish to use them, also contact Jan to let her know, so she can remove your name from this list. The amount of the initial offering is \$2 and covers the cost of the envelopes.

**2016 PLEDGES:** All gifts and pledge payments received in the office until noon on December 30<sup>th</sup>, or anything mailed and postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup> will be credited to your 2016 giving statement.

For many good reasons, you may not have completed your 2016 pledge payments by the end of the 2016 calendar year. If you find you are still able to complete your pledge, we ask that you do so early in the year 2017. If you identify your gifts as 2016 pledge payments, they will appear on your 2017 giving statement as last year's pledge and will not be applied to your 2017 pledge amount.



There are three scholarships offered annually for members of Parma-South.

**Daryl Laing Scholarship** – in memory of Daryl Laing, awarded to members enrolled or planning to enroll in a two-year or four-year college or university degree program the year of the application.

**Pardee Scholarship** – in memory of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Pardee, awarded to members enrolled in the College of Wooster with an effort to provide sufficient financial assistance to make the cost of attending Wooster comparable to the cost of state universities in Ohio.

**Howard and Estelle Withers Scholarship** – in memory of Reverend and Mrs. Withers, awarded to members enrolled in approved graduate schools or theological seminaries in preparation for full-time professional service to the Presbyterian Church.

These are awarded annually and are renewable for subsequent years of study. The criteria for awarding these scholarships include active participation in the worship, stewardship, and mission at Parma-South; financial need; and academic achievement. The award for each scholarship is based on the amount available in the endowment funds each year.

Scholarship Application Forms can be obtained in the church office. Please return them no later than May 1, of the year that you will be attending.



### GROUPS

**Deborah Circle (Dining Room)**  
Mon. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 AM

**Ruth-Naomi Circle (Parlor)**  
Tues. Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM

### MEN'S SQUARE

Men's Square is now meeting at Pappou's Family Restaurant, 8320 Snow Rd. (corner of Pearl and Snow). The next meeting will be at 9 AM on Saturday, Jan. 7th.

Come have breakfast with us, followed by our group discussion. Afterward, we will head over to the Church for the group project.

All Parma-South men are invited to attend, as well as any guests. If you are planning to attend for the first time, please let Joe Schwartz (216-524-4975) or Ed Walker (440-882-6437) know in advance, for head count purposes. Hope to see you there.



Messy Church will **not** meet in the month of January. It will begin again on Sunday, February 12 at 4:00 PM.



Help!!! The Parma Heights Food Pantry needs your help in restocking their shelves. The holidays placed a large demand for food, and all non-perishable food items are needed.

**FOOD SUNDAY is Jan. 22.** Please help them with either food or cash donations.

### IN MEMORIAM

Gayle Barnes 12-16-16  
*(wife of former pastor Bob Barnes)*



### MEMORIAL CARILLON

Carillon music during the month of January will be played in loving memory of:

#### January 1

Marilyn Weiss

Gilbert E. Calderwood and  
Ruth Calderwood

#### January 8

Janice Kay Petruska

#### January 15

John W. Kuhn and  
Dorothy and William Kuhn

#### January 22

Courtney Kromer and  
Peggy Kromer

Esther Jones

Norman T. Lischer and  
Ferne Lischer

#### January 29

Elizabeth Ashmus

### SNOW BIRDS



Are you migrating South for the winter? Please be sure to notify Parma-South with your new address. Also, let the church know when you will be available at that address, so that we can send appropriate mail to you in a timely fashion.



### BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

- 1 Richard Salisbury
- 2 Ruth Fay
- 5 Karen Giguere  
Sandy Kardamis
- 6 Michael Germani
- 7 Shirley Arnold
- 8 David Topor
- 9 Kaylie Kostura
- 13 Joanne Coleman
- 15 Judith Cardillo
- 16 Walter Burgdorf
- 17 Tom Kidd  
William McDiarmid  
Priyanka Thomas
- 18 Shirley LeViseur
- 19 Bruce Shimell
- 20 Kelly Gajewski  
Tyler Stapf
- 22 Paul Blackwelder
- 23 Robert Abbott  
Joshua Kidd
- 26 Lois Buchholz  
Don Kostura  
Lori Kowel
- 29 Brittany Dye  
Bryan Hale  
Mary Sue Murphy
- 31 Cynthia Cubbison



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