

Tidings

April 2017

COMING EVENTS

Sat. April 1 - Men's Square @ 9 AM

Sun. April 9 - Palm Sunday

- Children's Palm Processional
- Kid's Easter Party
- One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
- Pancake Breakfast @ 11 AM
- Messy Church @ 4 PM

Mon. April 10 - Deborah Circle @ 10:30 AM

Tues. April 11 - Ruth-Naomi Circle @ 10 AM

Wed. April 12 - Book Review Grp @ 11 AM

Thurs. April 13 - Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 PM

Sun. April 16 - Easter Service @ 10 AM

Sun. April 23 - Food Sunday

Sat. May 13 - Walk for Hunger @ 9 AM



HOLY WEEK Services



On Palm Sunday, April 9, our youth will participate in the Palm Processional at morning worship. The children should meet in the library at **9:45 AM**.

Following the Palm Processional, our young adult group will be hosting a kids' **Easter Celebration** during the service. This will be an "EGGtraordinary event," not to be missed!

Also on Palm Sunday, we will receive the *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering during the worship service.

On Maundy Thursday, April 13th at 7 PM, we will gather around the communion table to hear once again Jesus' last words to his disciples before the cross.



Rev. Mark will preach from Matthew 26 and the sermon title will be, "It Can't Be Me!" Come join us as we approach the cross and worship the Christ who gave his life for all.



On Easter Sunday, April 16th, we will celebrate the pinnacle of the church calendar. History itself is forever changed as we celebrate our risen Lord in hymn and word. Rev. Mark will be preaching from Matthew's version of the resurrection.



If you are interested in a small group experience that quickens your faith, why not consider one of our three 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 leads a Life Group which 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.
- John Lahl leads a new Life Group which meets Sundays in the church Parlor at 11:30 AM.

New people are welcome. Please contact the church office for further information and interest.

“For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”
1 Corinthians 1:18



Three months ago I attended the funeral of my brother-in-law's father. He had been ill for some time so it was not a complete shock. The man was Roman Catholic, and services were held in the sanctuary at Holy Family in Stow. The sanctuary is fairly modern looking and yet it includes the tradition's ancient symbols of Mother Mary, baptismal font and Stations of the Cross. However, what always captures my attention is the church's cross. It is set against a copper tone mosaic wall, front and center in the sanctuary. Your eyes are instantly drawn to this cross. The thing is massive, as is the figure of the suffering Christ nailed to it.

Many of us Protestants have cleaned up the cross by removing Jesus from it. We like to emphasize the risen Christ and the glory that is open before us. We want to move quickly past the events of Good Friday, as attested to our lack of observing it, and get to the empty tomb. Who wants to observe suffering and spending time in graveyards, anyway? I think we have made a big mistake.

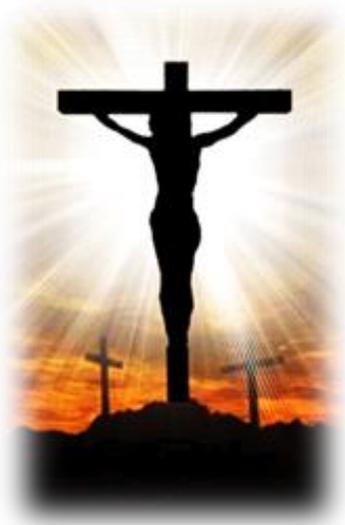
The Gospels and the writings of Paul did celebrate Easter Sunday, but their emphasis is more on the cross and the suffering Jesus. Why? Notice also, that Jesus didn't die and then immediately rise from the dead. Why did he wait at least 36 hours? Why put his disciples through all the agony and fear and confusion? Why not instantly appear to them? Why indeed!

The Apostle Paul gives us a few clues to these questions in his letter to the church in Corinth. In the eyes of the world, the idea of God dying on a cross was absolutely ridiculous. How could God suffer and die and still be God in the first place? Most people thought God was beyond such an experience. What would be the point, even if such a thing were possible?

But Paul rightly sees the glory and power of God on full display in the cross. It is at the foot of the cross that we witness both the depths of human sinfulness, in our complete rejection of God, and the depths of God's love and grace for humanity. In his suffering and death, Jesus participates with us in the full extent and limitations of our humanity. The cross bridges the gap between the human and divine in his person so that we might be empowered to participate in Christ's nature.

I am so grateful to my Roman Catholic brothers and sisters who remind us that the power of Easter can only be truly experienced through the suffering on the Cross. Let us approach all the events of Holy Week that we might behold the fullness of God's work.

By God's Wondrous Grace,
Rev. Mark Juengel





ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Palm Sunday, April 9, during the worship service. A gift to this special offering enables the church to be a witness to Christ around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

The theme of this year's One Great Hour of Sharing is, "**You shall be called repairers of the breach,**" taken from Isaiah 58. Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations.

This special offering, received during the season of Lent, makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. OGHs is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need.



FOOD SUNDAY

April 23rd is FOOD SUNDAY. Spring is in the air, and so is the aroma of Spring Cleaning! How about helping someone who doesn't have the benefit of cleaning supplies, by purchasing and donating extra products?

Our Mission Team will be accepting donations of spring cleaning supplies such as window cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, multi-purpose cleaner, dish soap, laundry detergent, etc. Diapers and formula are always a 'must have', especially for little ones. As always, thank you for your continued support!

- Your Mission Team



BOOK REVIEW GROUP

Join us in the Parlor at 11 AM on Wednesday, May 10th, when Susan Rhee will review the book, The Nightingale, by Kristin Hanna.

This historical fiction tells of two sisters- one in Paris, one in the countryside- during WWII. Each plays a part in the French Underground; each finds a way to love and forgive. The book is a novel, but was inspired by a real life woman who led Allied soldiers over the Pyrenees on foot to safety. It is narrated by one of the sisters, but you don't know which one until the end.

We hope you will join us on May 10th!



Saturday, May 13 is the Cleveland area's main fund raiser for hunger. People, churches and organizations gather together on this Saturday morning to walk through the downtown area raising awareness and funding for all the Cleveland area food banks.

Participants will meet at the Great Lakes Science Center at 9 AM. There is both a 5K run and a 5K walk. Come help make a difference in our community. For those unable to join us, please consider making a donation to help us support this great cause! If you have questions, please talk to Michell Adam.

Church members can register online for the Parma-South Church Team:

1. Go to www.hungernetwork.org
2. Under **Upcoming Event**, click on *29th Annual Run/Walk for Hunger*
3. Click on *Register Now*
4. Click *Walker*
5. Click on *Join team*
6. Click on *Team- Search*
7. Scroll down and select *Parma South Presbyterian Church*
8. Fill in requested information





Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars now! This year's VBS will be held from June 26th - 30th. The theme for the week will be *Maker Fun Factory*, and we will need lots of help. Please let Gwen, Michell or Pam know if we can count on you. Keep your eye out for future training information and a list of supplies we'll need. Thank you!



Sunday, April 9

Our next Messy Church program will be on Sunday, April 9, from 4-6 PM. It will focus on the story of the woman who anointed the head of Jesus with expensive perfume. We will be thinking about the ways in which we honor Jesus. All are welcome to join us as we make crafts, worship and break bread together as Christ's family. Please come join us for this special form of Worship and wrap up a great day of fun!



PALM SUNDAY Kids' Events

Palm Processional: The Christian Education team is looking for youth to pass out palms during the Palm Sunday service on April 9th. All available kids should meet in the library at 9:45.

Easter Celebration: Our young adult group will be hosting a kids' Easter Celebration during the Palm Sunday Service, April 9th. (It will begin after the conclusion of the Palm Processional.) This will be an "EGGtraordinary event," not to be missed.



Sunday, April 9

Our youth attending New Wilmington Mission Conference this summer will be holding a PANCAKE BREAKFAST after the Palm Sunday service, April 9th. Please plan to attend with a huge appetite, for they will be serving up pancakes, sausage, eggs and fruit. Drinks will also be provided. Cost of the breakfast will be \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.



Calling all Graduates!

We would like to honor all Parma-South students who will be graduating this year, whether it be from high school, trade school, or college. Please submit to the church office, a photo and a brief summary of graduation details, as well as any future plans. We would like to honor our grads in the June Tidings newsletter, as well as personally recognize them on Sunday, June 11th. The office must receive info by May 1st in order to be included in Tidings. Thank you!



Please note that there will be no Sunday School on the following dates:

Palm Sunday
(kids' Easter Party, instead)

Easter Sunday
(Worship with family)

May 28th
(Memorial Day weekend)



If you plan to apply for one of the three scholarships offered annually for members of Parma-South, the completed forms should be returned to the church office no later than May 1st.



GROUPS

Deborah Circle (Parlor)

Mon. April 10 @ 10:30 AM

Ruth-Naomi Circle (Parlor)

Tues. April 11 @ 10 AM

MEN'S SQUARE

Don't be fooled, Men's Square is meeting April 1st!

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 the restaurant, 9 AM on Saturday, April 1st (no fooling).

All Parma-South men are invited to attend, as well as any guests you would like to invite. 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.

Come have breakfast with us, followed by our group discussion focusing on the book, "Toxic Charity" (we are now on Chapter 8). Afterward, we will head over to the Church for the group project. We can use everyone's help for a number of challenging new projects coming up this year.

Hope to see you there.



Weddings

Erica Aber and Kevin Cameron
February 25, 2017



MEMORIAL CARILLON

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

April 2

Marilyn Weiss
Edna N. Galitz

April 9 (Palm Sunday)

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Horrigan
Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schinman
and Agnes Michak

April 16 (Easter Sunday)

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Michak

April 23

Mr. and Mrs. Adam R. Kroehle

April 30

Laura Elva French
Maud C. Dexter



- 2 Shelby Topor
Carolyn Jeremiah
- 3 Norman Alford
Frederick Ells
Jack Robert Schomer
- 5 Timothy Joseph
- 6 Margaret Hale
Leigh Anne Best
- 7 Patricia Moncol
Emersyn Korecky
- 8 David Kane
- 9 Beverly Marton
- 10 Beverly Will
- 11 Donna Loeb
- 13 John Germani
- 14 Robert Jelinek
Kathryn Prestien
Sarah Rodriguez
- 15 Janet Fritz
- 16 Matthew Climer
- 20 Gary Suhadolnik
- 21 Harold Mitchhart
Dakota Reinhart
- 22 Amanda Cheng
Emily Cheng
- 23 Neal Fechter
Jean Pfister
Ann Kasner
- 24 Emily Godenswager
- 25 Jill Kalista
- 28 Clark Weaver
- 29 Renea Schomer
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- 30 Mike Fanous



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