



Tidings

September 2017

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, September 9:

- Men's Square @ 9 AM

Sunday, September 10:

- Youth Sunday @ 10 AM

- Corn Roast (after Worship Service)

Monday, September 11:

- Deborah Circle @ 10:30 AM

Tuesday, , September 12:

- Ruth-Naomi Circle @ 10 AM

Wednesday, September 13:

- Book Review @ 11 AM

Sunday, September 17:

- Messy Church @ 4 PM

Saturday, September 18:

- Coffee with "The Word" @ 11 AM

Sunday, September 24:

- Food Sunday

Sunday, October 1:

- World Wide Communion Sunday

Wednesday, October 11:

- Book Review



Joan Stapp 90th
Birthday
Celebration



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FROM THE



Pastor

“And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds; not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”
Hebrews 10:24-25

Last month Channel 5 News featured a segment on the problem of loneliness as a health risk. The study concluded that loneliness might be a greater health risk than even obesity and can increase one's chance of death by 45% over people who are not lonely. Isolation from others affects both our mental and physical health. Lonely people produce more stress hormones, have a higher risk of dementia, and can actually have tissue damage to the heart. We were made to function best in community.

While there are some spiritual benefits to practicing solitude and taking time to break out of our regular routines, God always calls us back to community. In fact, the first “not good” in the Genesis creation story comes when God says, “**It is not good that man should be alone.**” There are many heroes of the faith found in the scriptures but almost every one of their stories place them in the context of a community. Perhaps, it is time to relearn and practice being a people of community.



One of the great struggles of the American church is we have deemphasized the importance of community in favor of our individual spirituality. Even though we live in a time of multiple communication devices and mass media, I can't help but wonder if we aren't a very lonely society. Judging from the suicide rates, marital break ups, hate rhetoric, and violence, we seem to have a difficult time being together even though we feel the need for fellowship.

Oh, we may know a lot of people for years, even many years, but do we really know them? What are their interests, passions, perspectives, struggles, hopes, dreams, gifting, and how is God at work in their lives? How much time do we really spend on developing relationships? My guess is not much. My fear is we don't know how. My impression is we spend more time on entertainment, personal interests, and working, than we do spending time with others.

The Church has the great opportunity and calling to bring people together through worship, small groups, and one on one listening. No one person is the church; rather we are the church together. It is a joy and a privilege to share life with one another. And who knows, we might just live a little longer.

By God's Wondrous Grace,
Rev. Mark Juengel

New Members August 27



We are excited and blessed to receive 4 more new members on Sunday, August 27. Our four new members are from Cameroon. They have a variety of gifts, a heart for God, and are Presbyterian. Please welcome into our fellowship:

Lydia Ndasi
Godlove Mbah
Mary Ewokolo Molua
Thomas Kine Molua

Self Development of People Committee



The Presbytery of the Western Reserve sends its grateful thanks to Dr. Yung-Tse Hung for serving as Moderator of the Self Development of People Committee. “Dr. Hung has exhibited grace, passion and energy for the ministry of this committee for a total of 12 years. The range of work and advocacy of this group has offered has increased by the time and attention he has given to it.”

Thank you, Dr. Yung-Tse Hung, for working and representing Parma-South at the Presbytery and community levels.

Parma South's Annual

Old Fashioned
Corn Roast



And Picnic 

Please join the CE Team as we celebrate the start of the new school year.

Sept. 10th, after the service

Meal includes: Corn, Hot Dog, Side Dish and Dessert.

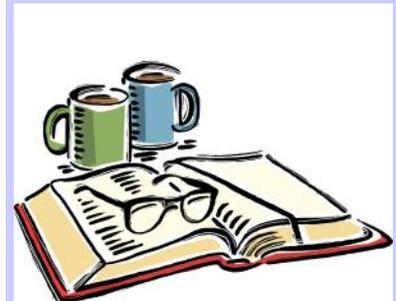
A goodwill offering will be gladly accepted for future youth programs.

Youth Sunday
September 10



We had 19 people from Parma-South attend the 112th New Wilmington Mission Conference this past July. Thank you for supporting all the youth fundraisers throughout the year. To celebrate our week and let you know what we learned, the young people will lead us in worship on Sunday, September 10th. Following the service will be our annual Corn Roast. You won't want to miss this very special Sunday.

**Men's Square
Saturday, September 9**



Men's Square is a small group gathering for the men of our church and community. We meet the first Saturday of each month to share breakfast, to pray and study, and to engage in a service project. Our meals are held at Pappou's Restaurant, at the corner of Snow and Pearl Roads.

This September, we will meet on the **second Saturday, September 9**, due to the Holiday Weekend. After September, we will return to meeting on the first Saturday of each month.

Come and join us for some great fellowship.

Life Groups: Begin September 11



Life Groups are a special name for a small group ministry here at Parma-South Presbyterian Church. The groups are designed to deepen our relationships with each other and God. We share our stories, wrestle with the scriptures, and lift one another in prayer. The previous Sunday's message serves as the "curriculum" for the group. The groups meet each week for around ten weeks, and then we take a break.

This September we will begin our third year of Life Groups during the week of September 11. Currently, we have three groups lined up:

Monday Evenings – in the Church Parlor at 7 PM

Sunday Mornings – in the Church Parlor at 11:15 AM

Wednesday Mornings – in the Church Parlor at 10 AM

If you would like to learn more about the Life Groups or attend, please contact Robyn Bryson at 440-623-9409 or Bob Schomer at 440-884-9268.

Music Opportunities



Music is one of the many ways we give praise to God. Here at Parma-South, there are many ways to participate in worship through the gift of music. Consider joining one of our music groups.



Chancel Choir: The Chancel Choir is a singing group that meets weekly from September through the beginning of June and leads the congregation in the singing of hymns, provides an anthem, and offers special music at holidays. We meet Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 PM. in the Sanctuary starting September 14.

Carillon Choir: The Carillon Choir is a Handbell Choir. They play in church approximately once each month and for special services. You do not need to be proficient in music reading, just have the willingness to learn. We meet on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Bell Room starting on September 14.

Bell Choir



JuBELLation Choir: The JuBELLation Chior is our Youth Bell Choir. Any child in grades 6-12 can participate. We meet most Sundays after Sunday school and try to play in church once each month. Our first meeting will be September 24 at 11:00 AM. in the Bell Room.

If you are interested in any or all of these groups and want to join, feel free to come on the first rehearsal date or call Gwen Beyer 440-886-4152 for more information.

Messy Church September 17



If you are looking for something a little different, come and try Messy Church. This is a ministry open to the community and church members that they might interact in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. We use crafts, worship, and meal time as a way to build relationships and explore our faith.

Messy Church meets **from 4 PM to 6 PM** on the **third Sunday of each month beginning September 17.**

At our first gathering, we will see how God is the best foundation for our lives, and how the church is a people who build their lives on that foundation. Come and join us as we learn to be church together.



CIRCLE MEETINGS



Monday, September 11:
Deborah Circle @ 10:30 AM
(Parlor)

Tuesday, , September 12:
Ruth-Naomi Circle @ 10 AM
(Parlor)

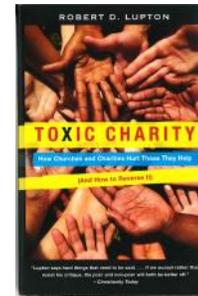
Food Sunday September 24, 2017



Our Mission Team will be accepting donations for the Parma Heights Food Pantry on September 24, 2017.

Suggested items for donations include non-perishable breakfast foods – cereal bars, pancake mix, syrup, waffle mix, hot/ cold cereals, etc. Anytime donations for infants/ babies include diapers, formula, etc. Remember, your donations help others who are less fortunate. As always, thank you for your continued support!

Book Review – October 11



The October book review will focus on Robert Lupton's book, "Toxic Charity", which will be reviewed by Rev. Mark Juengel. Food pantries, clothes closets, and mission trips have become unquestioned bastions of America's charitable landscape. But do these well-intended services – many of them run by religious organizations – really help the poor?

According to Robert Lupton, not really! His book, "Toxic Charity," draws on his 40 years' experience as an urban activist in Atlanta. He argues that most charitable work is ineffective or actually harmful to those it is supposed to help. "Toxic Charity" provides proven new models for charitable groups who want to help—not sabotage—those whom they desire to serve. It talks about how to start serving needy and impoverished members of our communities in a way that will lead to lasting, real-world change.

Come join us at the October 11th Book Review to learn some different ways of doing mission. We will meet in the Church Parlor at 11 AM and share some light refreshments afterwards.

**PEACE AND GLOBAL
WITNESS OFFERING
OCTOBER 1**



“So he came and proclaimed peace to those who were far off and peace to those who were near” Ephesians 2:17

The letter to the Ephesians tells us that Jesus came to proclaim a universal peace. While the earthly ministry of Jesus occurred in a specific age and place, the peace he shared is limited by neither time nor geography. As followers of Christ, our call to work for peace begins in our own neighborhoods and extends to the ends of the earth. It is a demanding call, but one that Presbyterians at all levels of the church are seeking to follow.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering supports the holistic and wide-ranging witness of the whole church. At the national level, this witness means supporting those working to heal the divisions in violent areas like South Sudan. It means bringing leaders together who have made a profound witness for peace around the world and deploying them to congregations like yours. It means creating materials that equip congregations to deal with important issues—from disagreements between members of session to bullying at schools to gun violence in our communities.

And it means using our seat at the United Nations table to speak up for the vulnerable around the world. This Offering strengthens the collaboration of the Peacemaking Program and the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations with the peace work of global partners through World Mission.

Yet the Offering is as much about your local congregation living out a commitment to peacemaking and as it is proclaiming Christ’s peace. Twenty-five percent of the Offering stays in your congregation and 25% is retained by your mid council, enabling you the freedom to provide support where you need it the most. It has meant two pastors in Texas starting an organization that seeks civility in political discourse. It has meant supporting the work of a mission co-worker in finding reconciliation in difficult international contexts. It has meant scholarships for students recognized as peacemakers, resettlement of refugees, and support for shelters where those who are abused may find refuge. This Offering sustains our witness in many forms and at all levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), but all are bound together in Christ. Together they are a living proclamation of the peace we know in Christ, who puts an end to hostility and speaks peace to all, near and far.

Our congregation will receive this offering on World Communion Sunday, October 1.

*Dorothy Allan
100th Birthday Celebration*





August 13
Adalynn Marie Cunningham
 Daughter of Abby and Eric Cunningham
 Born: February 8, 2017

August 20
Blake Ryan Herhuth
 Son of Nichole and Carl Herhuth
 Born: April 1, 2017

Memorial Carillon



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

September 3
 Marilyn Weiss
 John W. Kuhn and
 Dorothy & William Kuhn

September 10
 Courtney Kromer &
 Peggy Kromer
 Esther Jones
 Norman T. Lischer &
 Ferne Lischer

September 17
 Elizabeth Ashmus

September 24
 Phyllis Goode



August 26
 Sarah Dentz and David Bartlett

COFFEE with "THE WORD"



A new program for women of our Parma-South Church and the women of our community, inclusive of their affiliations with faith based messages and to hear some life changing messages touched by "The Word".

Starting Saturday, September 23rd, from 11 AM to 1 PM, and meeting every other month. We will have some delicious cheesecake, fruit tray, veggies, coffee, and tea.



The meetings will be held in the Church Dining Room. Please invite all your female relatives, friends, and neighbors.

Come and join us for some great fellowship!

Birthdays for September



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| 1 | Ellen | Snyder |
| 8 | Marjorie | Ackerman |
| 10 | Donald | Sinko |
| 11 | Linda | Topor |
| | Logan | Diedrich |
| 12 | Anna | Graham |
| | Frank | Kalista |
| 13 | Iris | Pusti |
| 16 | Anamarie | Godenswager |
| | Emma | Diedrich |
| 23 | Dennis | Loushin |
| | Allison | Coleman |
| | Joan | Stapf |
| | Sharon | Bible |
| 24 | Gregory | Sinko |
| 27 | Brandon | Smith |
| 29 | Arline | Ferencz |
| | Eileen | Marta |



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