



Tidings

October 2017

COMING EVENTS

- Sun. Oct. 1 - World Communion Sunday
-Peace and Global Witness Offering
- Sat. Oct. 7 - Men's Square @ 9 AM
- Mon. Oct. 9 - Deborah Circle @ 10:30 AM
- Tues. Oct. 10 - Ruth-Naomi Circle @ 10 AM
- Wed. Oct. 11- Book Review Group @ 11 AM
- Sun. Oct. 15 - Messy Church @ 4 PM
- Sun. Oct. 22 - Stewardship Sunday/Luncheon
- Food Sunday
- Sun. Oct. 29 - Annual Congregational Mtg.
- Wed. Nov. 8 - Book Review Group @ 11 AM



Youth Sunday

Corn Roast





During the month of October, we will be conducting our Stewardship Drive for the 2018 Church Budget. More importantly, we are asking how God is leading you to participate in the ministry and work of Parma-South Presbyterian Church.

We realize that our time, talents and treasures are gifts of God, thus making them very precious. What we do with these gifts bears witness to our faith and declares to the world what we truly value. God has given us the freedom to choose how we will use our resources, which includes wasting and hoarding them. However, our gifts were designed to be used, to be shared and to advance the Kingdom of God. Used in this manner, there will be blessing for all.

During the first week of October, you will receive a Stewardship Letter. It will include a brochure that speaks about stewardship and gives a financial picture of our church. Also, there will be two pledge sheets:

- One is for your 2018 financial pledge, which we will **collect on Sunday, October 22.**
- The second is a 2018 time and talent pledge, which we will **collect on Sunday, October 29.**

Stewardship Lunch:

On October 22, the Youth of our church will serve us lunch after worship, and we will hear more about our church's financial picture and ministry.

Thank you one and all for your generosity and discipleship.

"You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ..."

- Ephesians 2:1



My backyard is a deer sanctuary. Several times a day, the local herd moves on through. Sometimes they rest, other times they give birth, and most of the time they are munching on the shrubbery (my poor forsythia bushes). The deer are a little bit of a nuisance, but I don't mind because I really enjoy watching them. They truly are magnificent animals and are a reminder of God's creative life giving power.

However, last week I found a large female deer in my backyard that was no longer moving. It was dead, apparently having choked on a branch. After a phone call, the city department came and hauled the carcass away. Later, I reflected on what a strange contrast that event was, to what I usually witness. One moment there is a living, breathing, running, bush eating mammal and the next, everything stops. We call this death. One of the results of this death state is that all future options for the mammal are ended.

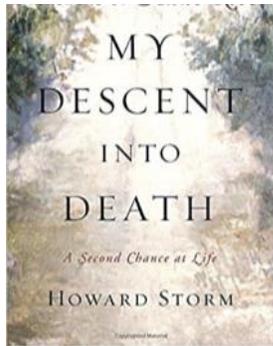
"Dead" is what the Apostle Paul claims our state of being was. Of course, he wasn't speaking about physical death. But when our choices, words and actions move out of God's will, we limit our future life giving options. A lie begets a lie which begets a lie, which can result in broken relations, loss of a job and pain. Paul tells us we used to live in this death state, imitating the world's violence and brokenness. In doing so, we limited our options for abundant life.

But the good news is this death state did not have the last word. God's love and mercy broke through and sought us out even in our death state. Instead of retribution, we were made alive through God's forgiveness. New possibilities and options are opened up. We can live again because we can live in a different way with the God who loves and leads us! Praise the Lord!

By God's Wondrous Grace,
Rev. Mark Juengel



BOOK REVIEW GROUP



Please join us in the Parlor on Wednesday, November 8 at 11:00 AM, when Mary Walker will discuss the book, *My Descent into Death*, by Howard Storm. This book describes the author's harrowing near-death experience and his redemption by God's grace and the love of Jesus Christ. This is a book Mary has shared with many friends and acquaintances. It is a story you will want to hear and share with those you love. Hope to see you there!



OCTOBER 15

Our Messy Church program is off and running. We have a great line-up for the fall themes. In October we will be speaking about being "**Prepared to meet Jesus along the way**". Our Music Director, Gwen, leads us in lively singing and our Craft Lady, Gina, always has great ideas to go along with our theme. Our Chef, Michell, whips up a special meal each month as we gather around the table and share fellowship.

The next Messy Church will be held on October 15th at 4 PM. Come and enjoy an evening with your friends and family.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS



Offering - October 1

The country of South Sudan is one of the places in which the church is working to bring peace. After their 2011 independence, that country's hope and celebration turned to violent political infighting. Millions of people fled their homes and villages to survive.

Rev. John Khamis is a trauma specialist working in a refugee camp to train youth peer counselors in peace building and reaching across the ethnic groups. Rev. John also works with RECONCILE, an ecumenical organization that works towards a peaceful and democratic society in South Sudan.

This is just one area in the world that our denomination's *Peace and Global Witness Offering* goes to support. There are many others, including our own country, where the Church is showing that there is another way to live which can bring blessing to all.

We will receive this special offering **on Sunday, October 1.**



October 29

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, October 29th, following the 10 AM worship service. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect officers. Your participation is welcomed and encouraged.



The Nominating Committee presents the following slate for election at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 29, 2017.

Elders for a three-year term:

Robyn Bryson
Katie Kolthoff
Brad King
Lisa Profio

Endowment for a three-year term:

Ed Walker
Clark Weaver

Nominating Committee for a one-year term:

Carol Werner
Ginny Swift
Norma Fink
Dick Salisbury
Tony Indovina
Mary Sue Murphy



Thank You!

THANK YOU for your generous response to Y-Haven, with donations of household goods. Our congregation's donations filled two vehicles! The donations will be used by recovering opiate addicted men and women in the transitional housing units being prepared at the Carl Stokes Mall. The Center at 55th and Woodland was scheduled to open on September 11. For more information about services offered at the Carl Stokes Social Services Mall, go to <https://www.cmha.net/news/docs/newsletters/CarlB.StokesMallBooklet.pdf>



One (of two) loads, delivered to the Carl B. Stokes Mall



Nancy Indovina, Office Assistant

The Personnel Team is very happy to announce the addition of Nancy Indovina as Office Assistant at Parma-South. She works Monday through Thursday from 9am until Noon, having started on Sept. 5th. Please join us to wish Nancy the best of luck as this wonderful addition to our Church staff family.

PAST OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

A big THANK YOU to all the past office volunteers for their time and efforts, answering the church phone and helping in the office. Your past service is greatly appreciated!

Coat Drive



It's that time of the year... Time to clean out those closets and donate your new or gently worn coats and jackets to **Love In the Name of Christ**. (If purchasing coats, please purchase size xx and larger). Please bring your coats to church during the first FOUR Sundays of October. The coats will be cleaned and given to the homeless and poor throughout Cuyahoga County. We are expecting a colder winter this year, so please help us reach out the hand of hope in a practical way as we extend Love In the Name of Christ. Thank you for partnering with us.



MEN'S SQUARE

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 Rd.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, Oct. 7, at 9 AM. Come and join us at Pappou's for some great fellowship.



GROUPS

Deborah Circle (Parlor)
Mon. Oct. 9 @ 10:30 AM

Ruth-Naomi Circle (Parlor)
Tues. Oct. 10 @ 10 AM



FOOD SUNDAY - October 22

On Sunday, October 22, the Mission Team will accept donations of non-perishable beverages (hot chocolate, tea, coffee, non-dairy creamer, sugar, etc.), snack bars, personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, paper products, one-dish/side dish items, school supplies, non-perishable breakfast foods or non-perishable baking items.

Sometimes forgotten, but often needed are baby diapers and infant formula. Thanks always for your continued support!

- Your Mission Team



MEMORIAL CARILLON

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

October 1

Marilyn Weiss
Thelma Hale
Martin Bowman

October 8

Wilbur P. Henninger

October 15

Jack E. McGuff

October 22

Mr. & Mrs. Walter T. Cubbison

October 29

Mr. & Mrs. Frantz Dickerson



YOUTH SUNDAY SERVICE :

THANKS to everyone who supported our youth by attending the worship service on September 10th. It was conducted by our youth who attended the New Wilmington Mission Conference in July. They did a great job! Thank you to our youth for their enthusiasm and inspiration!

CORN ROAST:

A big THANK YOU to everyone who attended the Education Team's Corn Roast on September 10th. We appreciate your support of the youth of Parma-South. Also, Thank You to everyone who helped set up, cook, serve, and clean up. We couldn't do it without you!



- 3 Betty Handlin
- 3 Martin Moosman
- 4 Tony Pisaneschi
- 8 Rose Djukic
- 9 Marge Astler
- 10 Carol Werner
- 11 Cathy Sinko
- 11 Susanna Schwab
- 12 Don Adanitsch
- 13 Hal Calaway
- 14 Dick Price
- 15 Phil Beyer
- 16 Nancy Suhadolnik
- 16 Nancy Toghill
- 17 William Vineyard
- 18 David Cheng
- 19 Bonnie Thompson
- 19 Karen Stapf Walters
- 20 Charles Murphy, Sr.
- 20 Alexander Topor
- 20 Judy Martin
- 23 Pam Murawski
- 23 Clarissa Csuti
- 24 Kirk Bowersox
- 25 Debbie Binder
- 25 Sarah Reinhart
- 26 Gwen Beyer
- 27 John Marton
- 30 Ken Hale
- 31 Pauline Stoffers



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