



Tidings

January 2018

COMING EVENTS

- Sat. Jan. 6 - Men's Square, 9 AM
- Sun. Jan. 7 - Holy Communion, 10 AM
- Mon. Jan. 8 - Deborah Circle, 10:30 AM
- Tues. Jan. 9 - Ruth-Naomi Circle, 10 AM
- Sun. Jan. 14 - Youth Pasta Luncheon, 11 AM
- Mon. Jan. 15 - Office Closed (MLK Day)
- Sat. Jan. 20 - Coffee w/"The Word", 11:00 AM
- Homeless Stand Down
- Sun. Jan. 21 - Food Sunday
- Sun. Jan. 28 - Youth Sledding, Noon
- Sun. Feb. 4 - Souper Bowl of Caring
- Sat. Feb. 10 - Valentine's Dinner, 6-8 PM





“So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!”

- II Corinthians 5:17

Every day we use items that have to be replaced. For instance, every morning we use toothpaste, shaving cream, shampoo, make-up, razors and soap. Eventually, each of these items becomes empty, dull or used up. We then proceed to a particular store and purchase more toothpaste, shaving cream, shampoo and so forth. We throw out empty containers, dull blades, and that last remaining tab of soap. We inform the rest of the household that we bought new products so they can confidently step into the shower and know there will be shampoo in the bottle, not like the one that they have been struggling to squeeze the last remaining drop from for the past three days. This is a new bottle, fully loaded with those cleansing suds.

What is interesting to me is how we use the word “new.” True, a fresh batch of shampoo has been provided, but is it really new? Unless we switched brands or got the “new and improved” version, it’s still the same old stuff we have always used. Nothing has really changed; we just bought more of the same something.

I often feel the same way about New Year’s celebrations. Other than changing the date on my checks, what has really changed? What is new? We will certainly be a little older; we may anticipate a life change or a special event. But more often than not, we will be going through the same routines and yearly events that we always have. So, what is new?

Paul’s answer to the question was, WE ARE! *“So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!”*

Paul tells us “in Christ” our perspective has changed. We see ourselves, our world, others and our future through Christ’s eyes. We receive a new set of standards we measure the world by. Also, we are being recreated in the image of Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, God is changing our nature. We are in the process of becoming new, something different than before.

To be honest, I don’t always feel new. But as I walk closer with Christ, that newness comes out in small but important ways. We see it in the way we treat others, how we forgive, our growth in compassion and generosity, our openness to the Spirit’s movement and the depth of our love for God and God’s Word. Yes, indeed the world is new because we are new.

May God’s Spirit continue to bless and shape you in this New Year!

By God’s Wondrous Grace,
Rev. Mark Juengel

Office Notes



It is that time of year again to begin preparing your year-end reports. Following are the teams that have their reports included in the Year End Report for the Annual Meeting in February. **Please don’t wait until the last minute to get reports in to the office.**

- Caring Team
- Education Team
 - Sub Report: Book Review Group
- Fellowship Team
- Finance Committee
- Endowment Investment Committee
- Men’s Square
- Mission Team
- Music Team
- Nominating Committee
- Personnel Team
 - Sub Report: Terms of Call
- Presbyterian Women
- Properties Team
- Ushering Team
- Worship Team

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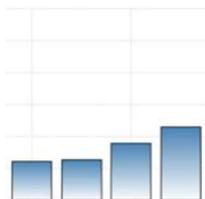
Please remember to let Vickie in the office know when your meetings are scheduled so that they can be entered onto the Church Calendar. Equally important is letting her know when you cancel or reschedule meetings.

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.

2018 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, and 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."

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 31 of the previous year.

The 2018 Per Capita is \$30.23 per member. Please use the offering envelope found in your envelope box to help with this fund. Thank you.

Offering Envelopes



For those who use the offering envelopes, they can be found in the Dining Room. 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, please contact Jan Fritzsche at the church office (between 1-5 PM any weekday except Thursday) to request them.

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.

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION!

Notice! To insure the deductibility of your Church contributions, do not file your 2017 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.



2017 PLEDGES



All gifts and pledge payments received in the office until noon on December 29th, or anything mailed and postmarked by December 31st will be credited to your 2017 giving statement.

For many good reasons, you may not have completed your 2017 pledge payments by the end of the calendar year. If you find you are still able to complete your pledge, we ask that you do so early in the year 2018. If you identify your gifts as 2017 pledge payments, they will appear on your 2018 giving statement as last year's pledge and will not be applied to your 2018 pledge amount.





PASTA LUNCH Jan. 14

Please join us in the Dining Room for an all-church Rigatoni Lunch on Sunday, January 14th, right after Worship. Cost is \$7, which includes pasta, salad, bread and dessert. Proceeds will help to pay for our Youth attending NWMC this summer.

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Movie Matinee



During the Rigatoni Lunch after Worship on January 14, our Christian Education team will be showing a movie in the gym for those that would like lunch and a show. Movie title TBD.



The Souper Bowl of Caring is Sunday, February 4. Be Super Bowl ready and show your "Souper" game talent by donating a can of food or monetary donations to our Youth "Souper Bowl" Team. They will be in the doorways with soup pots to receive your gifts. This is a simple way of caring for the needs of our community. All of the donations will go to our local Parma Heights



We begin the New Year with our Messy Church Service meeting on January 21 (the third Sunday of the month) at 4 PM. We will hear about Jacob's ladder dream in Genesis and think about how we see God's messengers today. All ages are welcome to share in our time of crafts, worship and a meal.



SLED RIDING

Grab your gloves, hat, and sled and join us for our annual Sled Riding outing on Sunday, January 28th — weather permitting! The location will be announced at Worship that morning, so the safest place can be determined per the weather. If the weather does not cooperate, we'll go ice skating!

MEN'S SQUARE

Men's Square invites all the men of our church to a time of fellowship, study and labor. We meet at Pappou's Family Restaurant (8320 Snow Rd.) for a good meal and time to catch up with each other. We have a biblical based study and discussion, and often return to Parma-South to do a particular project.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, **January 6th @ 9:00 AM**. Come and join us at Pappou's for some great fellowship.

Coffee With "The Word"



Please mark your calendars for Saturday, January 20 to attend Coffee With "The Word" from 11 AM - 1 PM. Fran Marvel will give a testimony referring to Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again. Rejoice." There will be a free-will offering. See you then!



The annual "Cookie Drive" for the USO is coming up. Please leave your pre-packaged cookies in the church kitchen on January 20th or 21st. Thank you.
- Fran Marvel

BOOK REVIEW GROUP



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



GROUPS

Mon. Jan. 8 - Deborah Circle
10:30 AM in Parlor

Tues. Jan. 9 - Ruth-Naomi Circle
10:00 AM in Parlor

THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who donated a winter coat for the Love INC Coat Drive. There were 1515 coats donated. The coats were dry cleaned, covered with plastic and put on hangers. They were distributed to needy families from various churches and welfare agencies. Thank you again for your support.

FOOD SUNDAY Jan. 21



Help!!! The Parma Heights Food Pantry needs your help to restock their shelves. The holidays placed a large demand for food, and all non-perishable food items are needed. FOOD SUNDAY is January 21. Please help them with either food or cash donations.



Ugandan Gold COFFEE

Ugandan Gold Coffee is grown on a farm in Wambabya, Uganda, which employs 38 full-time workers during the harvest. Ugandan Gold uses sales revenues to help improve healthcare, enhance education, create jobs and provide clean drinking water for Ugandan children and families. Ugandan Gold packages, ships and markets all its products. With the help of many dedicated volunteers, Ugandan Gold Coffee is able to minimize costs and maximize the revenues for the farmers, their families and their villages.

Why Ugandan Gold, why now? In the Ugandan Region:

- One out of every five children die before their fifth birthday because of AIDS, malaria, or malnutrition.
- Outside the major cities, less than 12% of the population has reliable electricity or access to clean water. Water-borne disease is the primary obstacle to a healthy, hope filled life.
- Aids has orphaned 1 out of every 22 children.

How you can get Ugandan Gold Coffee:

- See John Lahl with your request of the following flavors: Regular, Whole Bean, French Vanilla, Hazelnut, Decaf, Cinnamon, Sticky Bun, Carmel Pecan
- Or order online at www.ugandangold.com, or call 412-889-6642

Homeless Stand Down



Saturday, January 20

The Homeless Stand Down is a one-day event providing access to resources for individuals and families facing poverty and homelessness. The Homeless Stand Down provides homeless individuals, families, and veterans a day of respite from the elements, renewal of the human spirit, and reconnection to needed services that assist in the totality of human wellness and sustainability.

An estimated 1,500 guests enjoy access to social service providers, haircuts, medical screenings, live entertainment, professional portraits, breakfast and lunch, and free winter clothing, personal care kits, bus passes and much more.

For the past two years, Parma-South has sent volunteers to welcome and register the guests. We are putting a team together once again. If you are interested, please see Susan Rhee for the details. Our Mission Committee also gives \$1,000 for boots, a large need during the winter months.



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 & 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 may be obtained in the church office. Please return them no later than May 1, of the year that you will be attending.



Memorial Carillon

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

January 7

Marilyn Weiss
Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Gibbs

January 14

Wilbur P. Henninger

January 21

Howard Ziel

January 28

Paul R. Hoobler and
Phyllis Hoobler



- 1 Richard Salisbury
- 2 Ruth Fay
- 5 Cassandra Kardamis
- 7 Shirley Arnold
- 8 David Topor
- 13 Joanne Coleman
- 13 Godlove Mbah
- 14 William Keene
- 15 Judith Cardillo
- 16 Walter Burgdorf
- 16 Idi Milliken
- 17 William McDiarmid
- 17 Thomas Kidd
- 18 Shirley LeViseur
- 20 Tyler Stapf
- 20 Kelly Gajewski
- 23 Robert Abbott
- 23 Joshua Kidd
- 23 Ashton Grant Czech
- 26 Lori Kowel
- 26 Lois Buchholz
- 29 Mary Sue Murphy



Cub Scout Spaghetti Dinner

On Saturday, January 13, Cub Scout Pack 263 presents "A Night in Italy" from 5-8 PM in the Parma-South Gym. Adults \$12, kids \$6, children 3 and under are free. Tickets for this fundraiser will be available in the Church Office.

Happy New Year

Author: Catherine Pulsifer

Happiness depends upon your outlook on life. - Find the good in all situations

Attitude is just as important as ability.- Keep your attitude positive

Passion: find yours this year! - Do what you love and you will never work

Positive thoughts make everything easier.- Stay focused and stay positive

You are unique, with special gifts; use them. - Never forget you have talent

New beginnings with a new year.

Enthusiasm a true secret of success.

Wishes may they turn into goals.

Years go by too quickly, enjoy them.- Wisdom from your elders, listen

Energy may you have lots of it. - Take care of yourself

Appreciation of life, don't take it for granted. - Live each day

Relax: take the time to relax in this coming year.- Keep a balance in your life





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