



Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Parma Heights, Ohio

Rev. Arvid Whitmore

Ed Walker, Lay Reader

Gwen Beyer, Music Director

Laurie Archibald, Organist/Pianist

Chris Kurka, A/V Coordinator

April 14, 2024

10:00 AM

Welcome

The Church Life and Ministry

Prelude In Christ There Is No East or West arr. M. Hayes

***Call to Worship**

God has created us with hearts capable of love.

May we cherish each other as gifts of God. May we encourage each other, believe in each other, rejoice with each other and wipe the tears from each other's eyes.

May our life together be woven with gratefulness and praise, with patience and with understanding.

May God fill us with grace and goodness that in humility and faithfulness we may worship God, who is our strength and redeemer.

***Hymn #612** We Praise You, O God

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, your word challenges, heals, convicts and redeems us. We admit that we are hard of hearing your word, especially when its truth cuts across the grain of the truth that we have chosen to follow. We admit that it asks too much of us sometimes....To love our enemies when we can scarcely love our friends, to give when we want to take so much of what the world has to offer, to forgive when we want to nurse bitterness. Open our ears, our minds, our hearts to receive your word of forgiveness, that in hearing, we might become a forgiving people, and your love and hope become flesh in us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Announcements and Events

Sunday, April 14, 2024



PARMA-SOUTH
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Church Office Hours: M – F 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, April 14

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

4:00 PM – Life Group – Online

Monday, April 15

7:00 PM – Life Group – Parlor

Tuesday, April 16

7:00 PM – Scout Troop 263 – Social Hall

Wednesday, April 17

5:30 – Session Meeting – Parlor

Thursday, April 18

4:00 – Grief Group – Online

5:30 PM – Pastor Nominating Committee – Parlor

Saturday, April 20

5:00 PM – Family and Friends Game Night – Gym and Dining Room

Sunday, April 21

10:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary

- Welcome Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher, Gap Pastor

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

12:30 PM – April Hike – Lake to Lake Trail – Meet at Lake Isaac

4:00 PM – Life Group – Online

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests can be submitted by entering on the back of the attendance sheet or completing a Prayer Request card. Cards are in a holder at each pew. Please place it on the offering plate.

LIFE GROUP – an opportunity to discuss today's lesson and look deeper into today's scripture. Join the live Zoom feed Sundays starting at 2:45 PM. Contact John Lahl (440) 725-3239 or Ed Walker (440) 552-2998 for more information.

CARE TEAM - The Care Team has a supply of stamped and addressed cards in the Narthex for our friends and members. Please take a few and sign, add a short message if you'd like, then mail. Let's stay connected.

GRIEF GROUP - Rev. Dr. Debbie Cerra holds a Grief Group, online via Zoom, every 1st and 3rd Thursday, from 4:00-5:00. Debbie can be reached at (856) 912-1202 for more information.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Please share your announcements to post in the weekly bulletin, by 10:00 AM on Wednesdays. Send to: officeadmin@parma-south.org. Many thanks and blessings.

MEETINGS - Please notify Nicole at officeadmin@parma-south.org and Mary Sue Murphy at msmgrandma@gmail.com when a meeting or event is scheduled or cancelled. Thank you.

CONTACTING OUR NEW "GAP PASTOR" -- Hi, I'm Jon Fancher, and I'm looking forward to ministry in your midst for the next few months beginning this Tuesday, April 16. For future reference, I encourage you to save this page or make note of this number: in the event you become aware of a pastoral emergency and need to reach me quickly, please call or text my personal cell phone at **(440) 263-8872**. That is the fastest and most certain way of contacting me. Looking forward to seeing you all on the 21st!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Name Tags – Please remember to wear your name tags for our new gap Pastor Jon, who begins on Sunday, April 21st.

Presbyterian Women of the Western Reserve will gather at St. Marks Saturday, April 27. Matt Gesicki from the National Alliance on Mental Illness will provide an overview of common mental health conditions, myths and misconceptions, and outline strategies for communicating with individuals with mental illness. General Presbyter, Sharon Core, will tackle the topic of dealing with change. Her perspective will inform and guide our churches to new attitudes and approaches.

The Per Capita for 2024 is \$38 per person. Please make this payment as soon as you can. Thank you!

Ongoing Prayer Concern: Pastor Blake's wife, Megan, has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. Please keep the Severson family in your prayers.

Cards can be sent to:

Blake Severson, 420 Cherry St., Anchorage, AK 99504

Welcome - Rev. Dr. Jon Fancher



Effective April 16, 2024 we welcome Rev. Dr. Jon M. Fancher as our new Gap Pastor replacing Rev. Bill Hudson upon his resignation effective April 15th, 2024.

As we have completed most of our transitional work, Parma-South does not require another transitional pastor. Rev. Fancher's key job elements are: Preach at our Worship services; oversee church operations; provide committee support; moderate Session meetings. and most importantly, promote a vision of hope and promise for the congregation in anticipation of the arrival of Parma-South's next called pastor.

Rev. Fancher is Pastor Emeritus of Rocky River Presbyterian Church where he served from 1991 until his retirement in 2022. Jon and his wife Mary were married in 1979 at Parma-South. Mary is the daughter of Rev. Bob Bates, our Associate Pastor from 1968 to 1984. Rev. Jon comes to us with a number of Parma-South connections and we are blessed to have his leadership at this time in our transitional process.

Town Hall Meeting



Your Invited!

Please plan to attend, following the Worship Service.



Parma-South Presbyterian
Town Hall Meeting

Presentation by:
The Fellowship
Committee

Sunday
May
5th

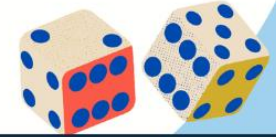
A stylized tree with yellow leaves and a brown trunk on a green background.

Family and Friends Game Night



YOU'RE INVITED!
**FAMILY AND FRIENDS
GAME NIGHT**

**APRIL 20
5 - 8:00 PM**



**MEET IN THE GYM AND
DINING ROOM.**

Please come join us for food, fun and games.
Nursery care is available.

Please **RSVP** to the church office **by Monday,
April 15th.**

April Hike

Join us: Lake to Lake trail in
Middleburg Heights on
Saturday, April 21 at 12:30 PM.
Meet up Spot: Lake Isaac.
Contact Katie: 216-386-7741



Our Solar Eclipse Event



Dick Salisbury watching the Eclipse on April 8. Photo credit: Kathy Demoss.

Our Solar Eclipse event was terrific with about 35 attendees.

Thank you to Yorktown Plaza for generously donating gift certificates.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers and planners: The Fellowship Committee (Cathy, Bob, Dick, Darlene, Katie & Audrey) plus, Lisa Profio, Karin Thompson, Claudia Jackson, Ed Walker, Mike Dory and Laura Dory. Thank you to Kathy Demoss for photography; to Becky, Andrew & family for all day help; and a special thank you to John Lahl for his engineering. The viewer was fantastic! **We have some AWESOME photos to share – Watch for those on our Facebook page!**

Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 27
9:30 AM

Location: Parma-South Front Lawn
*Bring a Lawn Chair.

The service will be led by our Pastor and the American Legion Post 703.

The Fellowship Committee will provide bottled water and donuts. The sanctuary will be open to the community; church members will greet visitors at the front doors.

Annual Strawberry Festival

Parma-South's Annual
**STRAWBERRY
FESTIVAL**

JUNE 2 | 11AM - 1PM

