



# Tidings

July 2024

## COMING EVENTS

Sun. July 7—Worship Service @ 10 AM

Sun. July 14—Worship @ 10 AM  
Hike @ 12:30 PM

Thurs. July 18—Grief Group via Zoom, 4 PM  
-Deadline for Tidings articles

Sun. July 21 -OUTDOOR Worship @ 10AM

Sun. July 28 -Worship Service @ 10 AM



*"I let people walk all over me."* That could be someone's exhausted lament. But it also could be the silent cry of the sandstone steps leading up to our sanctuary's main entrance. For nearly 75 years those grand steps have had thousands upon thousands of shoes tread up or down them. Worshipers. Ushers. Ministers. Brides and grooms. Pallbearers. And probably no one took notice of them. The stairs were, well... they were "just there."

But decades of use caught up. The sandstone had worn away in some places, chipped and cracked in others. There were hazards that needed to be addressed. So in recent months our Properties team arranged to have the steps repaired. They didn't replace the steps—that easily could have cost ten times the cost of repair. Plus, it would have looked a little out of place: gleaming brand-new steps leading into a well-maintained but "mature" building? Not a good look. So they opted to have the steps repaired. The sandstone steps may be blemished by age, wear, and repair, but once again they are sturdy and safe.

To me, the restoration of the stone steps is symbolic of what we as a church are trying to do: we seek to offer an open, expectant invitation to the community in which we live. We want to make the way easy for the newcomer. We want to be welcoming and encouraging to the stranger. We want others to journey with us, just as in biblical times the faithful joined together as they pilgrimaged to the holy city of Jerusalem. Psalm 24 includes some verses that pilgrims sang as they approached the holy precincts:

*<sup>3</sup> Who has the right to go up the Lord's hill? Who may enter his holy Temple?*

*<sup>4</sup> Those who are pure in act and in thought, who do not worship idols or make false promises.*

*<sup>5</sup> The Lord will bless them and save them....*

Yes, we can be agents of God's blessing upon our community. And whether the community ascends the grand front stairs to our sanctuary, or they use the mobility-friendly bell tower entrance, or they come in through the office portal or some other entry, let's be sure to offer a sincere welcome to the stranger in our midst. See you in church.

—Jon Fancher, Gap Pastor





### Garden Volunteers Needed

Our church's **Mission Garden** provides much-needed fresh produce for the Parma Heights Food Pantry. Volunteers of all ages and abilities are needed to help with watering, harvesting, and delivering produce to the Food Pantry. For more information, please contact Tony Indovina at 216-701-0880.




Join Us for  
**OUTDOOR  
WORSHIP**

It's back! On the third Sunday during the summer months, we will once again have our 10 AM worship **OUTSIDE**, weather permitting. Mark your calendars for these dates:

July 21  
August 18  
September 15

Please bring your own lawn chairs and Bible. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Do you or your committee have information that you need to publicize (in Tidings, bulletins, on our outside sign, etc)? In an effort to make church communication requests more uniform and consistent, a "**Communication Request Form**" has been created. (See *sample form on next page.*)

Please use this form to submit any announcements that you would like to publicize. A digital copy of this 'Communication Request Form' is available 24/7 on our church website ([www.parma-south.org](http://www.parma-south.org)) on the CONTACT page. On the page, click the link, fill in the info, and email the form as indicated at the bottom.

If you prefer a hard copy, pick up a copy of the form in the "Communications / Tidings" mail slot in the church work room, fill it out, and return it to the same mail slot. Thanks for your cooperation.



### CASSIDY THEATRE OUTING

Twenty-six people from Parma-South attended the June 9th matinee of **School of Rock** at the Cassidy Theatre. They were treated to an entertaining afternoon and got to see Rev. Fancher perform. There were many requests to attend more Cassidy Theatre productions, so Katie will look into getting group tickets for **Guys and Dolls** in August.



### JULY HIKING

Our next monthly hike will be on Sunday, July 14 at 12:30 PM in Big Creek Reservation. We will meet at the Cassidy Theatre parking lot (behind the Parma Heights Pool). After our hike, we will stop for some cool refreshments at East Coast Custard. Hope to see you there!



## Communications Request Form

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee/Group: \_\_\_\_\_

1- Description about activity/event as you would like it posted:

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2- Type of communication/target audience:

- Internal (church members)       External (community outreach)

3- Which platform(s) are you requesting to broadcast this information:

- Website
- Weekly Email Blast
- Weekly Bulletin
- Church Online Calendar
- Facebook
- Outside Digital Sign
- Tidings
- Sanctuary Screens prior to start of service

After completing this form, please save a copy (upper right corner  icon) on your computer and then attach the document to an email. Send the email to [info@parma-south.org](mailto:info@parma-south.org)



# MEN'S SQUARE

Our Men's Square group will not meet in June, July and August. They plan to resume their regular meetings on the second Saturday of the month, starting in September. Anyone needing more information, please contact Ed Walker.



**Esther Circle** will not meet in July or August. The group will resume their meetings in the fall, on the second Tuesday of each month.



Articles for our monthly Tidings newsletter are normally due the day after the regularly scheduled monthly Session meeting. Note that articles for the August Tidings will be due **no later than Thursday, July 18th.**



## ONGOING PRAYER CONCERN

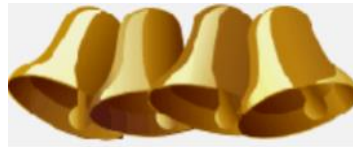
Pastor Blake's wife, Megan, has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. Please keep the Severson family in your prayers. Cards can be sent to:

Blake Severson  
420 Cherry St  
Anchorage AK 99504



## In Memoriam

Harold Mitchhart  
5/9/2024



## MEMORIAL CARILLON

Carillon music during July will be played in loving memory of:

### July 7

Martin Bowman  
Marilyn Weiss  
M/M Arthur W. Kruse  
M/M Warren C. Jones & Robert A. Kruse

### July 14

Wilbur P. Henninger  
George H. Hennemuth  
Edward A. & Abbie Graff

### July 21

Jack E. McGuff

### July 28

M/M Walter T. Cubbison



# BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Ken Pfister
- 5 Emma Downard
- 9 Gretchen Moorhead
- 9 Ried Zulager
- 10 Kathy Zietlow
- 12 Roxane Cooper
- 12 Becca Sivik
- 13 Jean Williamson
- 13 Valerie Summers
- 15 John Decker
- 21 Aiden Rodriguez
- 22 Kathy Smith
- 22 Lois Stone
- 22 Gina Zietlow
- 22 Sunny Eyali
- 25 John Dye
- 25 Gina Diedrich
- 26 Sophie Njoh-Eyali
- 27 Darlene Miller
- 27 Robert Bochar
- 27 Emily Juengel
- 30 Ellie Reiff
- 31 Jan Naples

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



Rev. Debbie Cerra continues to hold her Grief Group via ZOOM. This group is open to anyone who has experienced a significant loss. It meets online every 1st and 3rd Thursday, from 4:00 - 5:00 PM. Pastor Debbie can be reached at (856) 912-1202 for more information.



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