



Tidings

August 2024

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 4—Worship Service @ 10 AM

Sunday, August 11—Worship Service @ 10 AM
Hike @ 12:30 PM

Sunday, August 18 -OUTDOOR Worship Service @ 10 AM

Thursday, August 22
Deadline for Tidings articles

Sunday, August 25 -Worship Service @ 10 AM ("Blessing of the Backpacks")

MISSION GARDEN





Along with Cleveland's Bethany Presbyterian Church, this congregation has a dedicated scholarship program for members who wish to attend The College of Wooster about an hour south of us. The College of Wooster is one of fifty-eight colleges and universities which has historical roots in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Additionally, the P.C. (U.S.A.) claims twelve seminaries and theological schools in the U.S. and Puerto Rico for the training of pastors and educators, plus it sponsors six secondary schools (mostly in the South and West) for student in historically underserved racial-ethnic communities.

What prompted average, everyday Presbyterians like you and me to go to all that trouble of establishing dozens of schools and universities? Why did Presbyterians start up our first college (Princeton) in 1746, adding a seminary (Princeton) in 1812, and continue the practice as the footprint of our new nation expanded across the continent, so that now there are Presbyterian-related schools from Florida to Alaska, and from Puerto Rico to Montana?

The Bible.

No, the Bible didn't tell us to establish schools and colleges and seminaries. But the Bible did reveal God's history and God's plan. But what good was that if people couldn't read it?

So, for as long as Presbyterians have been in this country, we have been strong supporters of education. We believe in the importance of readily-available, high quality public education. We encourage persons who want to advance their education through university studies. We support people who seek theological education to prepare for service to the Church. No matter our personal education level or experience or age, we Presbyterians hold education in high regard.



That's one reason our Worship Committee has decided that the Sunday worship service on August 25th will be a day honoring education by featuring what we are calling a **"Blessing of the Backpacks."** On that Sunday all students are encouraged to bring their bookbags with them to church. The worship service will include a time of prayer asking God's blessing on the students, their families, their teachers and administrators and bus drivers and cooks and coaches and tutors... prayers for everyone engaged in the education of today's youth. We will pray for the future of our youth, which is the future for all of us.

And, each child will receive a custom-made tag to hang on their bookbag. The little gift will be a reminder of you, their sisters- and brothers-in-Christ at their church!

See you in church.
--Jon Fancher, Gap Pastor



UPDATE



Mission Committee and Session has approved having a partnership with CarePortal.

CarePortal will connect Parma-South with a local child in need who is living near Parma-South. The goal is to assist families to keep the children out of foster care. Information on children needing help will be sent to **Love INC**. Love INC will forward the information to the contact person of the respective church.

The six members of Parma-South's **Pastor Nominating Committee** and the two Committee on Ministry members from the Presbytery of the **Western Reserve** continue to meet weekly. The church's thorough and professional **Mission Study** remains the committee's guide as well as a clear indication to candidates of our congregation's hopes and willingness to enter into the next chapter of church life with emphasis on engaging our community, growing in faith and nurturing young people. Candidates consistently remark on our mission study results showing the **people's willingness to reach out to our community**.

Parma-South is blessed with wonderful, kind, caring people and it shows. **Please continue to pray for God's plan for Parma-South**. The next called pastor will be both led to us and found by us through your prayers and those of the candidate's.

A contact person is needed for Parma-South. A short training session will be conducted by Love INC. Susan Rhee has agreed to be a mentor for the contact person. We need someone to volunteer to be the contact person in order for Parma-South to participate. If you want to volunteer to be that person, please call the church office. More information is available on their website: <https://www.careportal.org/how-careportal-works/>

PUBLICITY and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

If you or your committee has an announcement or articles to be publicized (in Tidings, Bulletins, on the Outdoor Sign, etc.), please submit a **Communications Request Form**. This new form is available for download on our website's Contact page: www.parmasouth.org/contact. Please fill it out completely and email it back as indicated on the form.



*Prefer to submit a hard copy instead? The forms are available in the **"Communications/Tidings"** mail slot in the church work room; fill it out and return it to the same mail slot. Thank you.



AUGUST HIKING

Our Last Summer Hike will be **Sunday, August 11** at **12:30 PM** at Brecksville Reservation - Salamander Loop Trail, Brecksville, Ohio 44141. We will meet at the large parking lot near Oak Grove picnic area.

For more information, contact Katie at 216-386-7741.



Articles for our monthly Tidings Newsletter are normally due the day after the regularly scheduled monthly Session meeting. Note that articles for the September Tidings will be due no later than **Thursday, August 22.**



Attention: Parents

During the summer months kids should seat with their parents during the Sunday worship service after which they will be escorted to class.



In Memoriam

Joseph W. Schwartz

June 22, 2024



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

MEMORIAL CARILLON



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

August 4

Mr. & Mrs. Frantz Dickerson
Marilyn Weiss
Lydia Boehmer Zurfleh

August 11

Clinton L. Goode
Adolph & Hilda Schinman

August 18

Walter W. Schilke
Merril Swan

August 25

Edna N. Galitz
Al & Lena Weiss, Ed & Greta,
Marv & Peg
Gene & Ruth Taano

1	Marjorie	Miller
2	Louisa	Hung
3	Amanda	Stapf
3	Trevor	Stapf
9	Craig	Smith
11	Kenneth	Diedrich
15	Kaitlin	Zietlow
15	Audrey	Adanitsch
15	Mary Lou	Wright
16	Robert D.	Miller
17	Elaine	Decker
17	Barbara	Karse
17	Linda	Fanous
18	Mary	Diedrich
22	Sharon	Gavala
22	Katherine	Schwab
24	Johanna	Glover
24	Jerilyn	Tahsler
26	Judith	Grigas Aungst
26	Amelia	Schwartz
26	Janice	Colbert
27	Joseph	Ferencz
27	Eric	Juengel
28	Kathleen	Rice
31	Maxwell	Sinko



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4-H BLESSING BOXES

On June 23rd the Homestead Hoofers 4-H Club along with Parma-South Presbyterian Church dedicated a Little Library and Food Blessing Box to the community. This project was a combined project which began under Rev. Blake and the 4-H Club. The boxes were built by a 4-H member and her grandfather as her wood working project and then donated to the church. The boxes provide both books and non-perishable food items/toiletries to the community. The 4-H group was honored to dedicate these in honor of Ruth Fay and Carol Werner for their many years of service to Stearns Homestead, the church and the educational community.

If you would like to add items to the boxes, you are more than welcome to, or if you would like to utilize them for yourself, please do. Donations to keep the boxes stocked, may be put in the Church Workroom, Attention: Andrew Koranda.

