

Tidings

April 2022

Current COVID Guidelines: The wearing of face masks is now optional. Social Distancing will continue when seated. If you feel ill or unable to attend, please join us for online worship at www.parma-south.org

COMING EVENTS

Sat. April 2 —Men’s Square
@ 9 AM (Pappou’s Restaurant)

Sun. April 3—Worship/Communion
@10 AM

Mon. April 4 —Church School
(Zoom) @ 7 PM

Sun. April 10—Palm Sunday Service
@ 10 AM

Mon. April 11 —Church School
(Zoom) @ 7 PM

Thurs. April 14—Maundy Thursday
Service @ 6:30 PM

Sun. April 17—EASTER Service
@ 10 AM

Mon. April 18—Church School
(Zoom) @ 7 PM

Tues. April 19—Esther Circle
@ 10 AM in Parlor

Thurs. April 21—Tidings deadline

Sun. April 24—Worship @ 10 AM

Mon. April 25—Church School
(Zoom) @ 7 PM

HOLY WEEK Services

(Also viewable online at www.parma-south.org)



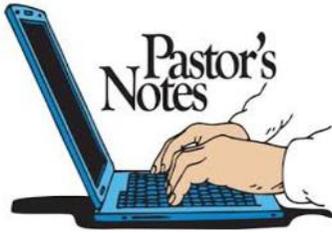
Palm Sunday is April 10. Come and wave the palms as we celebrate the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem. The morning message is entitled: “A Lasting Impresssion”.

Our Maundy Thursday Service will be at 6:30 PM on April 14. Remember the Last Supper with the Sacrament of Communion. The evening message is entitled: “Servanthood.”



On Sunday, April 17th, join us for our Easter Service at 10 AM. “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!” Let’s embrace the Resurrection! “The Details are Important” is the title of the Easter message.





The month of April leads Christians to the culmination of the life of Jesus. Holy week is filled with awe and mystery, pain and suffering, dying and death, resurrection and great promise. Think for a moment about Holy Week.

It starts with a parade. Many people, gathered for Passover, knew about Jesus. When they heard He was coming to Jerusalem, excitement grew. Even those who didn't know or hadn't heard of Him gathered along the way. A great jubilation broke out and Jesus, riding on a donkey, entered the gates of the city, hailed in a king-like fashion. Shouts of hosanna could be heard and waving palms intensified the atmosphere. The path before Jesus was covered with fronds and even the cloaks of many. His entrance into the city was majestic and choked with emotion.

But the tenor of the crowd changed quickly. There were whispers and shouts about Jesus. The priests were challenged by His teachings; the Romans were obsessed with shutting Jesus up. And Jesus knew all this. He knew what was coming. Jesus knew his impending suffering and death was at hand.

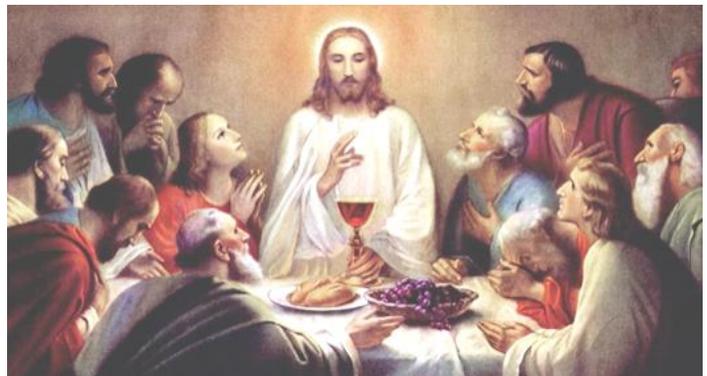
But many of us don't want to remember the Passion of Christ. From Palm Sunday, we jump right to Easter, with its alleluias and white lilies. What we remember is that Mary found the empty tomb and when she told the disciples, two of them ran to the tomb to see for themselves. We remember Mary saw two angels and then called out to who she thought was a gardener. We remember that the Risen Christ spoke her name "Mary" and she responded with "Teacher." We even remember that Jesus appeared to two men on the road to Emmaus and to the other disciples. We remember the mystery of the resurrection...but we don't understand how we got to Easter...

Friends, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are paramount to understanding the love of Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for us. We must enter into the pain and passion of Holy Week. Remember that Jesus gathered with his faithful followers for what He knew was his last supper with them. Even when He talked about what was going to happen, the disciples did not understand. With resolve and with compassion, Jesus gave His followers something that would never be forgotten. He humbled Himself and washed their feet. Then, with bread and cup in hand, Jesus gave them His life. "This is My body; this is My blood." The disciples had no idea what it all meant.

Sisters and brothers, we must remember the Last Supper and we must think about what Jesus suffered on Good Friday: his back torn to shreds by the flogging; his head covered with deep lacerations from the crown of thorns; His hands and feet driven through with six inch spikes; His body wracked with pain as He hung on that cross; and His final words: "Father, into your hands I commit My Spirit," and then, before His last breath, "It is finished."

We cannot jump from Hosannas to Alleluias and understand the power of Christ's sacrifice. This year, make a commitment to walk with Jesus during Holy Week. Start with Palm Sunday service as we sing and wave our palms. Then attend Maundy Thursday service at Parma-South. It will be held at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary where we will remember the Servanthood of Jesus and celebrate the sacrament of Communion. Finally, we will celebrate Easter as we proclaim, "Christ is risen. He is risen indeed." Together, let's remember the love of Jesus Christ throughout Holy Week and beyond.

In Christ's service,
Rev. Debbie





HELP UKRANIAN REFUGEES

Our Mission Committee voted to raise funds for Samaritan's Purse as it sets out to help the millions of Ukrainian refugees who have and will continue to flee across the border to safety in Poland and Moldova. Several DC8 planes have already flown to eastern Europe with medical supplies, hygiene supplies and equipment for a 60 bed emergency hospital in Lviv, Ukraine. Its Disaster Assistance Response Team is hard at work helping the exhausted refugees, mostly women and children. Some have walked miles with only the clothes on their backs. We are asking for monetary donations through the month of April. Our plan is to raise the money for Samaritan's Purse so they can continue to provide the needed medical, food, clothing and hygiene supplies as well as assist with housing for these refugees. An anonymous donor has offered to match the amount of money we raise up to \$50,000. Please help! Make your check out to Parma-South Presbyterian Church and note on it that it is for Samaritan's Purse/Ukraine relief. Thank you and God bless.



One of the annual special offerings of the Presbyterian Church USA is the **One Great Hour of Sharing**. This collection is given to three large denominational programs:

- the Hunger Fund
- the Disaster Relief Fund
- the Self-Development of People Fund

Your offering boxes have an envelope for the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering, but we will receive the gifts throughout the Lenten Season.



If you plan to apply for one of the three college scholarships offered annually for members of Parma-South, call the church office for forms. The completed forms should be returned to the church office no later than May 1st.



Parma-South now has a brand new website! You can see it at www.parma-south.org (same address, but a totally re-done site.) Go and check it out, on either your PC or your mobile device!



We have extended the deadline to submit articles for our Tidings newsletter until the day after the regularly scheduled monthly Session meetings. This will enable our Clerk of Session and Committee Chairs to submit timely information arising from the Session meeting.

Therefore, please note: Articles for the May Tidings will be due **no later than April 21**.



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Clerk's Parma-South Action News

Quarterly coverage of your Session at work

Here is your 2022 first quarter Session news recap. I'm Audrey, your Clerk of Session.

January's Session meeting welcomed the Rev. Dr. Arvid Whitmore, and Cindy Oviatt, representing the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. They are our advisors as we (a) seek and select a transitional pastor (formerly called an interim pastor), (b) self-reflect and work with the transitional pastor to define our course, and (c) eventually select a new called pastor. A transitional pastor search team was named, and they began the process of writing a job description. Session approved purchases to upgrade live streaming, learned that a new website update is underway, and hired an audio-visual coordinator.

In February, the transitional pastor position was posted locally via the Presbytery. The Transitional Search Team will interview applicants as well as complete another form that will enable the position to be posted nationally. Our Properties Committee continues to 'fight fires' with the boiler work, roof repairs, and the building lessee. Website re-design was underway, an email blast system was being developed, and some office equipment purchase/fixes were taken care of.

March brings the joys of Spring, and the inevitable building maintenance: tree/shrub care, roofing, drainage cleanout/repair, etc. The new updated website went live! The annual Memorial Day Service will be scheduled, officiated by two "newbies" - our GAP Pastor and Parma Height's new mayor. The annual Strawberry Festival will hit refresh this year with a later date and end of summer theme. Volunteers are needed for all roles. Mission Committee is actively working on Afghan and Ukrainian relief efforts. The transitional pastor search is ongoing - Session approved the search team's job description (called an MIF) for national release. The document needs approval from Presbytery's Committee on Ministry to then be posted for applicants.

Every Session meeting is, of course, begun and closed in prayer. We pray for the joys and challenges of our entire congregation. Prayer needs and praises can be shared with Rev. Debbie, or an elder. Please pray for your Session members, and their governance of your church. Tune in again next quarter for more Session news.



34th Annual Run/Walk for HUNGER



Saturday, June 4

Join hundreds of anti-hunger advocates united for the 34th Annual Walk for Hunger & 5K Run! There will be a hybrid Walk and 5K run in 2022. Those who are comfortable are encouraged to meet at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo for a safe, socially-distanced event! Parking at the zoo is FREE.

Check-in begins at 7:30 AM; 5K Chip-timed Run begins at 8:30 AM; Walk begins at 9:00 AM. They will be monitoring all Ohio Health Department recommendations.

For those who aren't comfortable to join in-person, there are ample opportunities to participate virtually! Go to: give.hungernetwork.org

The Walk for Hunger & 5K Run raises awareness about hunger and funds to support Hunger Network's mission to feed our communities' future. Last year, through your support, they raised over \$100,000 to provide healthy meals to our neighbors in need across Cuyahoga County.

Hope to see you all at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo on June 4th!



MEN'S SQUARE

Our next meeting of Men's Square will be Saturday, April 2, at 9 AM. We will gather for breakfast at Pappou's Restaurant located on the corner of Snow and Pearl Road as usual. At our last meeting we decided to renew our group discussion on the book from last year, "Jesus Before Christianity". If you still have your book, we left off at the beginning of chapter 16.

Any members having suggestions for group projects or anyone needing more information, please contact Ed Walker.



ESTHER CIRCLE MEETING

Tuesday, April 19

10 AM in Parlor

OFFICE NOTES

- Please call the office to request that you receive your monthly Tidings newsletter via email. We would love to accommodate you with this request!
- Please let Sara Ekkens in the office know when your meetings are scheduled so that they can be entered onto the Church Calendar. Equally important is letting us know when you cancel or reschedule meetings.
- Please call the church office to confirm that you and your family have an emergency contact card on file.



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

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April 10

Janice Kay Petruska

April 17

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