



# Tidings

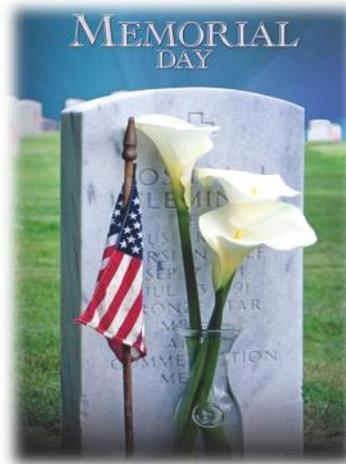
May 2022

## COMING EVENTS

- Sunday, May 1:**  
Worship/Communion @ 10 AM
- Monday, May 2:**  
Church School (Zoom) @ 7 PM
- Saturday, May 7:**  
Men's Square @ 9 AM (Pappou's Restaurant)
- Sunday, May 8 Mother's Day:**  
Worship @ 10 AM  
John Lahl preaching
- Monday, May 9 :**  
Church School (Zoom) @ 7 PM
- Sunday, May 15:**  
Worship @ 10 AM
- Monday, May 16:**  
Church School (Zoom) @ 7 PM
- Tuesday, May 17:**  
Esther Circle @ 10 AM (Parlor)
- Wednesday, May 18:**  
Session @ 7 PM (Zoom)
- Thursday, May 19:**  
Tidings Deadline
- Saturday, May 21:**  
Coffee With The Word (Dining Room) @ 11 AM
- Sunday, May 22:**  
Worship @ 10 AM
- Sunday, May 29:**  
Worship @ 10 AM
- Monday, May 30:**  
Memorial Day Service @ 9:30 AM on Front Lawn

*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](http://www.parma-south.org)*

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE



The Session has approved holding our annual Memorial Day Service. In consultation with The Honorable Marie Gallo, Mayor of Parma Heights, the Commander of American Legion Post 703 and others, Parma-South will host the 155<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Service on our front lawn. The Valley Forge Marching Band directed by Evan Campus will perform before and during the service, the Memorial Day Address will be given by Mark Arnold, Brigadier General (retired), United States Army, Special Forces.

The Legion will have a wreath ceremony and the Historical Society will have a dedication ceremony at the **Parma Heights Cemetery** following our Memorial Day Service.

If you are attending, please remember to bring your own lawn chair, and sit with some social distance.



## Classes by Zoom

Scripture commands us to worship God. We are to exalt God’s name and offer up praise. The act of worship can conjure up a time of praise and prayer, a time of quiet surrender and overt joy, a time of reverence and adoration, a time of love and respect. Our worship of God can take on a variety of postures. We can worship while sitting or standing, while walking, biking or meditating, while singing or playing an instrument, while speaking or listening. And there are many ways that we can express our praiseful worship. We can clap and shout for joy (Psalm 47:1). We can bow down or kneel (Psalm 95:6). We can lift up holy hands (1 Timothy 2:8). And, we can sing and make music (Ephesians 5:19).

I must confess that I do all of the above. Worship is the food that feeds my soul. It is my way of connecting with the Lord and offering up myself, body, mind, and spirit. I may shed tears or be filled with elation. I sometimes fold my hands near my heart or raise them heavenward. I may sing in a whisper or maybe a bit too loudly. To me, worship is offered to God, for God, and with God. Worship is the backbone of my faith in Jesus Christ.

*Have  
Faith  
in  
GOD*

Ok, I know that I am Presbyterian, but that doesn’t preclude me or anyone from being totally engaged in worship. Try it sometime. Let go and let God (as the saying goes)! If you are a bit weary of what others might think (I can assure you that God doesn’t care about that!), try it in your “closet,” where only God can see. Or, if you are moved by the Holy Spirit to do something like raise your hands in worship, or speak an “amen”, or maybe shed a tear or two, GO FOR IT! You may be surprised at how great it is to worship our amazing, awesome, and accepting God in different ways. With open or closed eyes, silently or verbally, reserved or exuberant, “let everything that breathes, PRAISE THE LORD!” (Psalm 150:6) Praise the Lord! Amen!!

In Christ’s service,

Rev. Dr. Debra May Cerra

Happy Spring! We have been continuing to do our Monday evening Church School Zoom sessions from 7-7:30 Our students received 2 packages 1 for Lent and 1 for Easter.

If you know of anyone interested in joining us please contact me at 440-237-2782.

Thanks!  
Lisa



Thank you my church friends for the cards.

Lisa Profio



In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers. Since that time we, as churches and families, have paused to thank God for the women in our lives. We have birth mothers, but we also have special women we consider “mothers” who helped raise us and gave us their love. Even if we can’t be with our mother on May 8, we can take time to offer a prayer. Here is one that covers it all:

### **A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS**

Most Gracious God,

We thank you for all Mothers to whom you have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb. You have given to women the capacity of participating with you in the creation of new life. Grant that all women may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives unlimited capacity for selfless love for all your children.

To Mothers you have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth, and other women who follow Christ. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge to their children, and to all who depend upon them.

Assist all "Spiritual Mothers" who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others. Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling, which recognizes and fosters the true dignity of every human being created in your image and likeness.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all Mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving Mothers to rely on your tender mercy and love.

We ask your blessing on all women. May your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they receive your grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in your presence in the life to come.

We ask this through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

# PREACHING FOR MAY

**Rev. Dr. Debra May Cerra, GAP Pastor**

May 1, 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
John 21:1-19, “Come As You Are”

May 8, 2022 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Mother’s Day  
John Lahl preaching

May 15, 2022 – 5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Easter  
John 13:31-35, “Love One Another”

May 26, 2022 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easer  
John 14:23-29, “Peace”

May 29, 2022 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
John 17:20-26, “We are One in the Lord”



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.

## COFFEE WITH THE WORD FOR ALL WOMEN!



On, **Saturday, May 21, 11 am-1 pm**, Rev. Debbie Cerra will be the guest speaker at Coffee with the Word, in the Dining Room of Parma-South Presbyterian Church. All women of the church and their female friends are invited to attend. Rev. Debbie’s program is entitled, “The ACTS of Prayer.” Come out and learn something about prayer, meet other women, and enjoy a delicious lunch. RSVP to the church office so there is plenty of food for everyone. (But you can come even if you don’t RSVP.) Here’s a peek at what the program will cover:

Have you ever heard yourself say, “Oh no, I can’t pray in front of people;” or thought, “He prays so much better than I could ever pray;” or heard someone confess, “I can’t pray out loud.” If you answered “Yes” to one or more of these, you’re not alone. Many, many people are intimidated by the thought of praying when someone is listening.

Well, you guessed it. There is always someone listening to our prayers. God hears all prayers and the Bible tells us that all prayers are answered...maybe not in the way we would like, but answered they will be. Using the acronym ACTS, Rev. Debbie will lead the group in some fundamentals of prayer and give some pointers on how to construct a prayer that is more than the obligatory “laundry list” of prayer requests. It’s going to be informative and fun! Mark your calendar now! Questions: see Rev. Debbie or Fran Marvel.



Our Caring Team at Parma-South serves the elderly, home-bound, and any members unable to attend church in person, through regularly scheduled and individual personal contacts.

Our purpose is to bring cheer, especially to the elderly and alone, and maintain a strong connection to all in our Parma-South church family. We serve the home-bound, hospitalized, and those in assisted living or extended care facilities by means of visits, phone calls, cards, and seasonal flower deliveries. Meetings are held monthly to share updates on visitees.

Our ministry of caring includes serving as the **Prayer Group**.

New team members are always welcome. Call or email the church office for more information.

## Sermon Streaming Videos



Parma-South Presbyterian Church started live streaming our Worship Services last year late in September. We have continued doing so now for a little over 6 months. This means people may watch the worship service via the internet at the very same time as worship is happening within the sanctuary. This can be done by going to: <https://www.parmasouth.org/worship.html>

You may find these facts interesting:

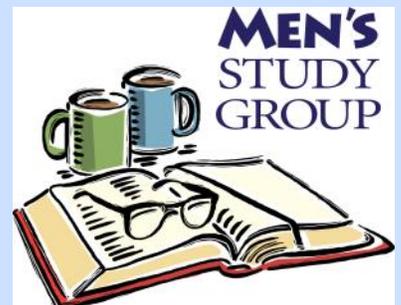
There have been 36 broadcasts watched by people from 7 countries and 36 states. The most distant is Guam, and Ohio is, of course, number one in viewers. According to our service provider, we have had 2,198 views. The average viewer watches for 15 minutes (14 minutes, 58 seconds to be precise). 41% watch live, 59% watch recorded.

Thank you for your support which allows our worship service to be accessed live and 24/7 by those for whatever reason cannot attend in person.

Our next meeting of **Men's Square** will be **Saturday, May 7, at 9:00 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 continue the group discussion on our book from last year, "**Jesus Before Christianity**". If you still have your book, we left off at the beginning of chapter 17.

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



## HELPING UKRANIAN REFUGEES



The 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 May. 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.



**NEW**   
**WEBSITE !**

Parma-South now has a brand new website! You can see it at [www.parma-south.org](http://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!



**DEADLINE EXTENDED**

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. Articles can be sent electronically to our Tidings e-mail address: [pstidings@hotmail.com](mailto:pstidings@hotmail.com).

Therefore, please note: Articles for the June Tidings will be due **no later than May 19**.

## Home Pictures in May

By John Clare



The sunshine bathes in clouds of many hues  
And morning's feet are gemmed with early dews,  
Warm daffodils about the garden beds  
Peep through their pale slim leaves their golden heads,  
Sweet earthly nuns of Spring; the gosling broods  
In coats of sunny green about the road  
Waddle in ecstasy; and in rich moods  
The old hen leads her flickering chicks abroad,  
Oft scuttling 'neath her wings to see the kite  
Hang wavering o'er them in the spring's blue light.  
The sparrows round their new nests chirp with glee  
And sweet the robin Spring's young luxury shares  
Tootling its song in feathery gooseberry tree  
While watching worms the gardener's spade unbares.



### ESTHER CIRCLE MEETING

Tuesday, May 17

10 AM in Parlor



- 5/01 Tony Indovina
- 5/03 Austin Csuti
- 5/04 Connor Diedrich
- 5/06 Elaine Yonek
- 5/08 Jim Topor
- 5/09 Katie Kolthoff
- 5/10 John Summa
- 5/11 Jerry Nagy
- 5/12 Linda Tresise  
Thelma Reinerth  
Jackie Mayer  
Linda Knable
- 5/18 Pam Nash
- 5/19 John Lahl
- 5/22 Mark Para
- 5/23 Helen Salisbury  
Mateo Rodriguez
- 5/24 Judith Ziem
- 5/25 Ed Walker  
Stephen Castor
- 5/26 Melissa Evans
- 5/28 Kathy Pepera
- 5/29 Liz Garcia
- 5/30 Victoria Schwab



#### Memorial Carillon for May

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

##### May 1

Elizabeth Ashmus  
Marilyn Weiss

##### May 8

Phyllis Goode  
Maxine Abbott

##### May 15

Martin Bowman  
Laura Elva French

##### May 22

Wilbur P. Henninger

##### May 29

Jack E. McGuff

#### In Memoriam

03/17 Daniel Profio

04/11 Frank Kuhn





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- 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.