

# THE CONNECTION

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## *Greetings from Pastor Paul*

Hello Everyone,

Thank you to everyone who gave gifts for the Family Promise adult gift bags. By the time you read this they will have been packed and delivered. You have shown the love of God to people who may be feeling as though the world has turned its back on them. Your gift may be what helps them through this Holiday Season.

Christmas Eve candle light service will be at 7:00 pm here at Westside and I hope you will join us as we celebrate the birth of the Savior. We will be concluding our Journey through Advent as we look at our world today and the world around Mary and Joseph on the night Christ was born. I believe many of us see our world as a weary place where hope seems to be lost. But like that night so many centuries ago, Hope was born in a stable in Bethlehem.

I am looking for 5 people to read scripture during the Christmas Eve service, please let me know if you are willing. Please come this Christmas Eve and join us in the celebration of Hope found in Christ Jesus. 7:00 pm doesn't work for your schedule? Then come to Elida St. Paul's at 9:00 pm for their candle light service. The message will be the same and make sure you say hi and let me know you are there.

Sunday we will continue our Journey through Advent as we explore the journey of Elizabeth the cousin of Mary and the mother of John the Baptist. Too old to give birth but pregnant with her first child a miracle to give witness to the miracle of Jesus. Join me this Sunday in person, or online, (if I can get the sound back) as we Journey through Advent.

Yours in Christ

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul is in the Westside Church Office from 10:00 – 4:00 each Tuesday. He can be reached at the church office phone (419.223.2881) his cell (734.660.1984) or email [4PastorPaul@gmail.com](mailto:4PastorPaul@gmail.com).

## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Worship Liturgist  
Song Leader  
Pianist  
K.I.D.'s Connection

Communion Sunday

Gene Aufderhaar  
Pam Ditto  
Eileen Hartles  
Sally Leidy

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Worship Liturgist  
Song Leader  
Pianist  
K.I.D.'s Connection

Lonnie Pedersen  
Pam Ditto  
Eileen Hartles  
Michelle Cole

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Worship Liturgist  
Song Leader  
Pianist

Phil Osmon  
Pam Ditto  
Eileen Hartles

*\*Note: Pastor Paul needs five persons to assist in reading the scriptures for Christmas Eve Service. Be sure to talk with Pastor if you can help in this service.*

### **Sunday, December 28, 2025      10:30 a.m. service at Westside Sanctuary**

Westside will be the host of our sister churches (Trinity, Forest Park, Shawnee, and St. Paul Churches). We need to be prepared to greet our guests and serve them with refreshments and hospitality. Can you serve? Please offer your service to Pastor, Sally Leidy, or any member of the Leadership Team. One way to show our hospitality, if you are able, to safely park in the back of the church and enter through the Family Life Center to the sanctuary it would allow more parking to be available for our guests.

***THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE NARTHEX*** needs hats, mittens, gloves for children and adults added to its bare branches. The gifts will be shared with Family Promise and the community schools in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Delores Gossard  
Dave & Helen McElderry  
Dewey Taylor  
Pam Boedicker  
Tom Bodell

Ed Scannell  
Jack & Becky Crabtree  
Jerry Ditto  
Richard Gaberdiel  
Lois (Vanessa Lee's mother)

## ***CONNECTION CORNER***

### **LET'S CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS!**

December 24 Jim Briggs  
29 Larry Kirtland

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

December 7 Dewey & Connie Taylor

### **REMEMBER OUR HOME BOUND FRIENDS:**

Bruce & Loretta Hodges  
Peggy Beery

Beverly Shade  
Phyllis Snyder

**Greeting cards are in the Café for your use. Help yourself to the one you need.**

**FAMILY PROMISE MINISTRY AND THE C.U.P. (Church United Pantry) Ministry are both in need of a variety of items: Baskets are in narthex for you to place donated items.**

**C.U.P. needs**      December – Feminine Hygiene Pads & Bladder Control Products

**Family Promise needs** are: Cleaning supplies; paper products; bath towels and wash cloths; Men, women, and children shampoo; lotions; snacks for children.

### **Important Dates for your Calendar**

Dec. 10 9:00 a.m. Upper Room Gathering in the Cafe

Dec. 13 9:00 a.m. -12:00 Family Promise Christmas Shoppe

Dec. 14 9:00 a.m. Worship      Hospitality Sunday, Time to share your favorites  
Christmas treat with the church family

Dec. 17 9:00 a.m. Upper Room Gathering in the Cafe

Dec. 18 5:00 p.m. Dinner with Family Promise Families

Dec. 24 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at Westside

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at Elida St. Paul Church

Dec. 28 10:30 a.m. Combined United Methodist Church service at Westside

## **Westside's Financial Report**

The Leadership Team will publish the monthly report in the Connection each month. Our mortgage on the building is \$174,493 as of November 30, 2025. Mortgage monthly payment is \$4,606.

To meet the church budget the average monthly income needed is \$12,667.

For the month of November, 2025:

Westside Offerings	\$ 9,068
Family Promise	2,549
Total Income for November	\$11,617 (short 1,050)