

THE CONNECTION

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Greetings from Pastor Paul

Hello Westside

I am writing this article in the middle of a mini vacation; Saturday was our Christmas in July/Family Reunion on the Scannell side. 40 people showed up for food, fun and catching up with one another. Church life is like that as well, we gather every week in person or online for worship, checking in on one another and sometimes we enjoy a snack or a meal together. Connection is one of the best things about being in church, of course the main thing is Jesus Christ freeing us from sin and making disciples of Jesus Christ. But the idea of our church family loving and supporting us makes church an even better place to be. I want to encourage you to share your story with others and invite them to experience our family here at Westside.

A few things to keep in mind in the coming weeks, we need to create a group of people who can help at the Media desk on Sunday. Don't know about computers or sound boards? No problem, we can train you and everyone is capable of doing these jobs.

Fair Cart sign up is coming soon, join us in driving around the fair and sharing the love of Jesus through action. Helping others is what Christianity is all about and this is a great chance to put God's love into action.

The monthly Family Promise meal is always only a month away at the longest and if I remember correctly the next date is August 21st. Be ready to sign up to help prepare and serve a meal to families in need right here at Westside.

Finally, there is an opportunity to help raise funds for Lifewise Academy here in Allen County at the Lifewise 5K run in Elida. The last 2 years Elida has manned 2 water stations in Elida on Labor Day for tired runners and walkers, this is your chance to give them living water and cheer on those who are running and walking. Or you could walk or run the event and help support Lifewise here in Allen County. A sign-up sheet will be available soon.

We will continue our generations series as we look at different ways, we can be an influence on future generations for Jesus. I hope you will join me in person or online as we explore God's call on our lives. Until then I will see you in the mission field.

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,

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING

Sunday, July 27, 2025	Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Worship Liturgist	Gene Aufderhaar
Song Leader	Pam Ditto
Pianist/Organist	
K.I.D.'s Connection	Jacqui Dill

Sunday, August 3, 2025	Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Worship Liturgist	Lonnie Pedersen
Song Leader	Pam Ditto
Pianist/Organist	
K.I.D.'s Connection	Jessica Schelb

Sunday, August 10, 2025	Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Worship Liturgist	Pam Ditto
Song Leader	Pam Ditto
Pianist/Organist	
K.I.D.'s Connection	Sally Leidy

Sunday, August 17, 2025	Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Worship Liturgist	Clarissa Frail
Song Leader	Pam Ditto
Pianist/Organist	
K.I.D.'s Connection	Michele Cole

The Sunday School Class will meet at 8:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Family Life Center. They are currently viewing "The Chosen" videos.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Join the group to assist in the media booth. Skills needed: willingness to serve, no prior experience needed – training is available – be available on Sunday mornings of your choice.

July 31 C.U.P. distribution Call Kay & Tim Kunkleman for information.

Aug 18 7:30 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting

Aug. 21 5:00 p.m. Dinner shared with Family Promise

Aug. 15 – 23 Courtesy Cart at Allen County Fair --- Sign up sheets in The Café for Drivers.

Sept 1 Labor Day 5K run for Lifewise - Participate in the run OR assist in the stations
Serving the runners with our partners in Elida St. Paul.

CONNECTION CORNER

LET'S CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS!

July 25 Shawn Stevens
31 Phil Osmon
Aug 1 Missy Keller
7 Samuel Hall
17 Jan Avery
22 Dave McElderry
26 Loretta Hodges
28 Noah Lee

ANNIVERSERIES TO CELEBRATE!

July 22 – Deb & Jim Briggs
Aug. 12 Dave & Helen McElderry
17 Gene & Kathleen Aufderhaar
19 William & Linda Frueh
27 Mike & Sally Leidy

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Delores Gossard

John Hixon

Dave McElderry

Jack & Becky Crabtree

Dewey Taylor (Springview Manor)

Eileen Hartles

Deb Pettigrew

Marla Scannell serving in China

Dave Vanbidder

Jon Rogers

Baby Isla Meeks

Medical Professionals

First Responders

Government Leaders

Pastors

Beverly Shade

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 for July/August are: July-Toilet Tissue August- Soap or Body Wash They also welcome dried and canned food items.

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

THE ARK@WESTSIDE

The Ark@Westside is a convenient space for your occasion! It is available for baby/wedding showers, graduation, birthday parties, meetings or social gatherings.

Call the church office (419.223.2881) where you can leave a message and a return call will be made to you to answer your questions and take reservations.

YouTube CHANNEL

We have a new YouTube channel. You can visit it at **<https://www.youtube.com/@WestsideUMCLima>** or go to **YouTube.com** and search for **“Westside UMC Lima”**. We currently have nine services on the page. Our hope is to eventually transition our Live Streams to YouTube to make it easier for all to view our services.

A Special Thank You to Corrine Piper from St. Paul Elida congregation who shared with us this past Sunday, July 20 in Pastor Paul's absence. We were inspired with her message of “Yada Yada Yada”.