

THE CONNECTION

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SPRING INTO SPRING!

Spring rains are refreshing and nourishing to the many plants and flowers we will get to enjoy throughout the summer months. Spring also lets us see those smudges on the windows, the cobwebs that got undisturbed through the winter, the need to do a gentle or maybe rambunctious cleaning in the corners of our home and perhaps our lives as well.

Spring is the beginning of a new season. We are thankful for the opportunity to plant new crops and get outside to enjoy the beauty of our world. God has certainly created a beautiful world for us to care for and enjoy.

This spring at Westside, we have the choice to look forward to the new possibilities of ministry OR we can look backward to how things were in times past.

What choice do you think we should focus on? Are you looking for new ways God can use you in the fellowship and ministry at Westside? Are you using your God given talents to make a difference in the legacy you leave behind?

Alfred Nobel was a man who invented dynamite. Because of an error in the newspaper confusing him and his brother Ludwig, he read what was printed as his obituary. Alfred realized he would be remembered for the dangerous invention that claimed many lives. Therefore, he decided to donate most of his significant wealth to establishing an award for those who had benefited humanity. It became the Nobel Prize.

Another powerful man in 2 Kings was Manasseh. “He did evil in the eyes of the Lord.” He was an evil king and much innocent blood was shed including the sacrifice of his children. After his capture by Assyria, his eyes were opened to his sinful nature and he repented. Read his story in 2 Kings.

Let’s do a spring cleaning at Westside – pray for the ministry in which God is calling us; pray for the leadership; pray for how we each should be contributing.

LOOKING AHEAD FOR MAY

Sunday, May 11, 2025

4th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

9:00 a.m. Sunday School, Family Life Center
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Liturgist: Pam Ditto
Song Leader: Pam Ditto
Pianist/Organist: Eileen Hartles
K.I.D.'s Connection: Sally Leidy

Scriptures: Acts 9:16-43; Psalms 23

Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Sunday, May 18, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Sunday School, Family Life Center
10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship

Liturgist: Clarissa Frail
Song Leader: Pam Ditto
Pianist/Organist: Eileen Hartles
K.I.D.'s Connection: Michelle Cole

**Scriptures: Acts 11:1-18; Psalms 148;
Rev. 21:1-16; John 13:31-35**



OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE AND NEWS

Church United Pantry (C.U.P.) appreciates and needs the non-perishable food items our church family shares with them. In addition, each month specific items are requested.

Westside has been asked to assist in the month of:

May -- Deodorant

UPDATE ON HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY AND CHURCH

Join in the fellowship at 9:30 before worship, Sunday, May 11

- **9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 11**, donuts and beverage will be available in The Café. Come fellowship and begin the Mother's Day celebration with your friends at Westside prior to morning worship. See you then.
- **7:30 p.m. Monday, May 12** the Leadership Team will meet to take care of the business of the church with Pastor Dan and greet our new leader Pastor Paul Scannell.
- **5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Thursday, May 15** Westside will share a meal with Family Promise Families. Donations for buns, chips, cookies, veggie tray, drinks will be appreciated. This is an opportunity for us to build relationships with these families and staff.
- **9:00 – 12:00 a.m. Saturday, May 17.** Time to gather for a "spring cleaning" of our property and worship area. Come for as long as you can with your helpful "tools of trade" you will need to assist in the cleaning. Refreshments will be available.
- **June 8 is Pentecost Sunday.** Elida St. Paul, Trinity, Forest Park, Shawnee and Westside United Methodist Churches will celebrate with a combined worship service at the Rotary Pavilion in Faurot Park (in case of rain, Bradfield Center). There will be a combined choir and the opportunity to participate in that choir is open. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jane Stevens and she will get the music and practice times to you. The practices will be at Shawnee U.M. Church.
- Westside will be sharing our new Pastor Paul Scannell with Elida St. Paul Church. Therefore, you have chosen beginning July 6, 2025 our worship service time to be 9:00 a.m. Thank you to all who voiced their preference.
- 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 three of our most recent 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.

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(Information and opportunities to help others and to help you!)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Rev. Jim Wilson, DS
Ron Farley
Connie battling breast cancer
Jack & Becky Crabtree
Lennie Jacobs
Tim & Brenda (Crawford) Loar Family
Mike Long Family
Tim Montgomery
Errol Plate

HOME/HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME

Springview Manor
Dewey Taylor
Home Bound
Beverly Shade



Anniversaries:

May 9 Joe & Clarissa Frail
16 Vanessa & Dan Lee

Birthdays:

May 1 Cindy Crawford
5 Kevin Schelb
12 Jason Newland
17 Jonah Lee
23 Cadeb Triplett
27 Americal Hyde
27 Sandy Lauck

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

FUTURE DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

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May 7 – 9:00 a.m. Upper Room Gathering
In The Café
11 - 9:30 a.m. Donuts & Coffee and
Fellowship before morning worship
10:15 a.m. Morning worship
12 – 7:30 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting
15 – 5:00 p.m. Dinner with Family
Promise families
17 – 9 – noon Spring work day –
Many hands make for light work!

June 8 – Pentecost Sunday celebrated with
a combined worship with United Methodist
Churches in Lima at Faurot Park.

**MAY/JUNE UPPER ROOMS DEVOTIONALS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX
IN NEED OF A GREETING, GET WELL, BIRTHDAY CARD? CHECK OUT THE CARD
RACK IN THE CONNECTION CAFÉ – “TAKE A CARD – SEND A CARD”**

Have a Blessed Week!