



# THE CONNECTION

Connecting Westside to the Community

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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOSH

Reading Dr. Kevin Watson's wonderful 4-part series titled "*John Wesley's Advice to the People Called Methodists*", I am using an excerpt from part IV to highlight an important juncture within our church and denomination. You can read the entire part IV by going to his Vital Piety website: <https://vitalpiety.com/2018/08/07/wesleys-advice-to-the-people-called-methodists-part-iv/>.

Dr. Watson wrote:

Wesley wrote "Advice to the People Called Methodists" in a context where Methodism was under tremendous pressure. (For more information on the serious internal and external pressures Methodists faced in the first half of the 1740s, I highly recommend Richard P. Heitzenrater's [Wesley and the People Called Methodists](#).) In a time when my own denomination is in a crucible, it is helpful to know what was important to Wesley in the midst of the pressures he was facing.

In controversy, Wesley worked to be as precise as he could be about who a Methodist was. The question of identity was one that Wesley came back to again and again throughout his leadership of this new movement. He was not interested in maintaining something for its own sake. The details of belief and practice were of immediate concern to Wesley.

We, United Methodists, are under a pressure of possible schism from within ourselves. The Special General Conference called for February 2019 will discuss "A Way Forward" for our denomination dealing with the issue of homosexuality within the clerical ranks of the UMC and the language that is currently contained with our Book of Discipline, that; "The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching" (BoD 161G).

We need to understand who we are as United Methodists, as a disciple of Jesus, and as a child of God. Our identity has been lost and when we are lost we do not know how to answer the questions of our identity. What makes a United Methodist? What makes a disciple of Jesus? What makes a child of God? What authority does the Holy Word of God have within your life? What power and authority is contained within the indwelling presence of God in your life? Is God in you? Who is God? Who is Jesus? Who is the Holy Spirit?

All these questions rest solely on the question of authority and submission. If we say that there is no absolute authority over our life, then our identity is shattered, and we will believe anything that sounds good to our ears and justifies our fleshly passions. If we say there is an authority over our life, then we can have an identity and a way forward in our walk with God.

We fight because we lost our identity. If we can find our identity once again, then we can confidently walk in love with a strong foundation that is unmovable by chaff blowing in the wind. There will not be a fight for we will know our identity and will not be confused and consumed by idle talk.

It is my understanding that we need to find out who we are, so I am going into my prayer closet and seeking the presence of God to develop a series of sermons to help us recall our identity. I ask that you pray with me, seek the face of God with me, and open your heart to the Words of Holy Scripture as God speaks to us. May God bless those who seek him with their whole heart, Psalms 119:1-3.

Faithfully yours,  
*Pastor Josh*

# SEPTEMBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 9:30 am Sun. Sch. 10:15 am Choir Pr. 10:45 am Worship 4 pm Youth Group	3 LABOR DAY— OFFICE CLOSED	4 9:30 am Preschool Orientation 5:30 pm Band	5 9:15 am Preschool	6 9:15 am Preschool 6 pm 12 Step Program	7 12:30 pm Senior Luncheon	8 2 pm Sharing at Springview
9 9:30 am Sun. Sch. 10:15 am Choir Pr. 10:45 am Worship 4 pm Youth Group	10 5:30 pm Zumba	11 9:15 am Preschool 5:30 pm Band	12 9:15 am Preschool	13 9:15 am Preschool 6 pm 12 Step Program	14	15 8:30 am Festival of Sharing
16 9:30 am Sun. Sch. 10:15 am Choir Pr. 10:45 am Worship 4 pm Youth Group	17 5:30 pm Zumba	18 9:15 am Preschool 5:30 pm Band	19 9:15 am Preschool Noon Together on Our Own at OBOB	20 9:15 am Preschool 10:30 am Our Daily Bread 6 pm 12 Step Program 6 pm Financial Peace	21	22 9 am Community Breakfast
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## SEPT & OCT FORGET-ME-NOTS

*Take time to send a card, call  
or visit our Forget-Me-Nots.*

Jim & Marty Koenig  
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Sue Shaw  
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Lima, OH 45805

Arvilla Hooks  
PO Box 388  
Kalida, OH 45853

Charles Irvin  
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Lima, OH 45806

## CANCER PATIENTS

*Pray for those with cancer and their families*

Susan Boedicker

Chuck Greeley

Jean Bowen

Betsey Goff Kohls

Dave Bowersock

Amy Parthemore

Susan Christy

Ron Taylor

Jack Crabtree

Joel Vega

Lauren Cunningham

**If you have any names to be added to the list,  
please contact the church office.**

# OCTOBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Noon Prayer Service 5:30 pm Zumba	2 9:15 am Preschool 5:30 pm Band	3 9:15 am Preschool	4 9:15 am Preschool 6 pm 12 Step Program 6 pm Financial Peace	5 12:30 pm Senior Luncheon	6 6:30 pm Trivia Night with Encore Theater
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## WEBSITE

Our new website is now available. It is located at [www.limawestsideumc.com](http://www.limawestsideumc.com) You can listen to weekly sermons, see past week's bulletins, view upcoming events and more. We will continue to add to this page as time goes on.

## PRESCHOOL

Pre-school will be resuming on September 5.



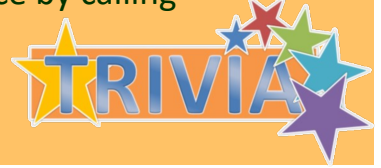
Welcome to  
Preschool

Let's take time to pray for these little ones, their families and teachers as a new year begins. We will pray that many of them hear and follow Jesus this year.

# Trivia Night with Encore Theater

**WHEN:** Saturday October 6, 2018  
**WHERE:** Westside UMC  
**TIME:** Open at 6pm, Games at 6:30pm  
**FOOD:** Refreshments will be available for purchase.

**COST:** \$10 per person or \$40 for a table of six. Tickets will be available at the church office by calling 419-223-2881 or at the door.



## BY GEORGE! We ARE making a difference

Your generosity has already provide \$1,533 for Grace Hospital in Haiti. Our goal is to raise \$5,200. Donations can be marked and placed with the offering.



## Calendar Information

Just a quick reminder that if you are using a room in the church or family life center, you will need to contact the office to have it put onto the calendar. Our Calendar can be viewed at [www.limawestsideumc.com/calendar](http://www.limawestsideumc.com/calendar)

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

We are currently collecting information from those who attend Westside United Methodist Church. We would like to update our records. Inside this newsletter, you will find a half page sheet. Please complete the sheet and return it to the office. Everyone who is a member or attends WUMC should complete this form. We would like the most current information on everyone. Thank you for your cooperation!!



## Top the Cup Update

Top the Cup is a capital and visioning campaign to raise funds to update our Welcome Center. We need to continue to create and update space that is welcoming and open to guests and the community.

We want YOU to be a part of this. There are three things for you to do.

1. Pray to Top the Cup with our neighbors and finances.
2. Invite your neighbors, friends and loved ones.
3. Give to the Top the Cup campaign for renovations.

## Chicken and Rib BBQ

The annual chicken and rib BBQ will be on October 13 from 11 am to 2 pm at O' Reilly Auto Parts.

Tickets can be purchased in the church office.

