

# THE CONNECTION

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## *Greetings from Pastor Paul*

Hello Everyone,

The new year has already begun with things continuing to move along here at Westside. Today I want to talk to you about finances. I know it is not the most exciting topic but I wanted you to know where we are financially.

After our stewardship campaign in the fall, we began seeing an increase in giving and I want to encourage you to continue with what you have been doing. But over the past few years we have lived in a negative cash flow and the Leadership Team and I have decided to change how we are paying back the mortgage.

The past few years we have added over \$1000 dollars per month to our mortgage payment trying to eliminate our debt more quickly. However, looking at the budget and spending; we have come to the conclusion we are unable to sustain that payment structure. Therefore, it was decided to only pay our required mortgage amount in an attempt to not run our finances in the negative.

Please continue to give at your current level so we can maintain our current checking and saving balances and to get us back to ending our debt sooner. The best response to our financial problems is growth, both in giving and especially membership. So, invite a friend to church and help us be the church God has called us to be.

We will be continuing the Women of Faith Series as we look at Jarena Lee another Methodist Woman called for her ordinary life to be a preacher of God's word to God's people. Hear her journey and experience another Methodist woman of faith. I hope to see you this Sunday in person or online as we learn more about faith in God. 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](mailto:4PastorPaul@gmail.com).

# THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Worship Liturgist	Lonnie Pedersen
Song Leader	Pam Ditto
Pianist	Eileen Hartles
K.I.D.'s Connection	Michelle Cole

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Worship Liturgist	Clarissa Frail
Song Leader	Pam Ditto
Pianist	Eileen Hartles
K.I.D.'s Connection	Jacqui Dill

***Thank You!***      ***Thank You!***      ***Thank You!***      ***Thank You!***

- You did it again! The children appreciated your assistance in providing to 20 families a flock of chickens through the ministry of the Heifer Project. They collected \$240.00 for this outreach and were so excited with their outreach. Thank you for supporting our children and their mission project.
- The bare Christmas tree in the narthex of the church, is not neglected! Watch for how you can help decorate it in February!
- Watch the morning worship bulletin and the Connection for opportunities in the next several months to share with our immediate community. You might want to order a shirt that helps to identify you as a member of the church, too!
- February 18<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season. The Upper Room Gathering on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 will be studying Adam Hamilton's devotional book "Why Did Jesus Have to Die?" There are several open seats --- one waiting for you!

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Delores Gossard	Ed Scannell
Dave & Helen McElderry	Jack & Becky Crabtree
Richard Gaberdie	Tom Bodell
Kelsey	Stan Brenneman
Ron Farley	Maleeda Meffley

## ***CONNECTION CORNER***

### ***BIRTHDAYS***

January 1 JoEllen Cook  
1 Richard Gaberdie  
2 Otis (Sonny) Newland  
7 Pam Ditto  
11 Jessica Schelb  
13 Tom Ditto  
23 Jeff Crawford  
28 Kay Kunkleman  
28 Sue Osmon

### ***ANNVERSARIES***

Jan 8 Pastor Paul & Marla Scannell

**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** January – Shampoo, canned food, dried food items are always welcomed. February – Feminine hygiene pads & bladder control products

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

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

Jan. 18 9:00 a.m. Worship – Invite a friend

Jan. 21 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Upper Room Gathering, Room for everyone.

Jan. 25 9:00 a.m. Worship – Invite a friend

Jan. 28 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Upper Room Gathering meeting in The Cafe

## **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 December 31, 2025. Mortgage monthly payment is \$4,606.

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

For the month of December, 2025:

Westside Offerings	\$10,247
Family Promise	2,712
Total Income for November	\$12,959 (over \$292)