

# THE CONNECTION

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## *Greetings from Pastor Paul*

Hello Westside,

Well summer is almost half way gone and school is on the horizon. I have been seeing football teams already practicing and that means the kids will be back in class in no time. I have been on my own for a couple of weeks as Marla has been away in China and I miss her terribly. Sometimes we find ourselves in moments in our lives where we are struggling with sadness. I want to remind you we are never really alone; we have each other as a church family and we God who promises to be with us always. Remember that bad times are mostly temporary but even if they are not, we can rest peacefully knowing we will be with God in heaven for eternity. So, hang in there, keep going and remember the age-old advice of my Great Grandmother Nellie, “this too shall pass”.

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.

Courtesy Cart at the fair sign up is available in the Connection Cafe, 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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 Sunday.

We will finish up the Generations Sermon Series on Sunday as we look at David's “Final Act”. He put a lot of effort into the future of his family and God's kingdom. Come hear what he did to touch future generations of Hebrews. Then we will begin a new series about “Jesus and Me” looking at individuals who experienced Jesus directly and how He changed their life. I hope you will join me in person or online on Sundays and 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, August 10, 2025	Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Worship Liturgist	Clarissa Frail
Song Leader	Clarissa Frail
Pianist/Organist	Shawn Stevens
K.I.D.'s Connection	Sally Leidy
Communion Stewarts	Jacqui Dill & Karen Rader

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

Sunday, August 24, 2025	Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Worship Liturgist	Deb Pedersen
Song Leader	Pam Ditto
Pianist/Organist	
K.I.D.'s Connection	Jacqui Dill

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.

Worship Liturgist are an important part of our service. If you would like to serve, please contact Carol Blass, [kbllass1@woh.rr.com](mailto:kbllass1@woh.rr.com), or cell 512.712.8672.

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!**

Aug. 7 Samuel Hall  
17 Jan Avery  
22 Dave McElderry  
26 Loretta Hodges  
28 Noah Lee

### **ANNIVERSERIES TO CELEBRATE!**

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

Dave McElderry

Dewey Taylor (Springview Manor)

Deb Pettigrew

Dave Vanbidder

Baby Isla Meeks

First Responders

Pastors

John Hixon

Jack & Becky Crabtree

Eileen Hartles

Marla Scannell serving in China

Dante Puleio

Medical Professionals

Government Leaders

Beverly Shade

For full Camp Attendance in China where Marla Scannell is serving.

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

**C.U.P. Needs** August- Soap or Body Wash; They also welcome dried and canned food items.  
September - Westside will assist in supplying Deodorant.

**Family Promise Needs** 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 **[www.youtube.com@WestsideUMCLima](http://www.youtube.com@WestsideUMCLima)** or go to **YouTube.com** and search for **“Westside UMC Lima”**. We currently have eleven 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.