

THE CONNECTION

604 Gloria Ave., Lima, OH 45805
Email: office@limawestsideumc.com

Phone: (419)223-2881
Pastor Paul Scannell
October 1, 2025

Greetings from Pastor Paul

Hello Everyone,

The Fear + Less Congregation Initiative is a program that meets 5 times (Oct. 4 Forrest Park, Oct. 18 Trinity, Oct. 22 or 25 zoom, Nov. 15 zoom & Nov. 22 Shawnee) where we will discuss ways we can work with other United Methodist Congregations to reach people for Christ. Much like the Pentecost service that happened this summer at Faurot Park, if you would like to help with this group which will only meet until the end of November, there is a sign-up sheet in the Connection Cafe. You do not need to be able to attend all 5 sessions to be a part of the group.

October 9th is the next time we will serve a meal to Family Promise. Every month we have committed to preparing and serving a meal for the families in the program. Ask Sally or Carol if you would like to participate in this mission.

October 30th will be Trick or Treating in the neighborhood and again this year we will be handing out treats to the children who are out celebrating Halloween. You can begin to watch for special deals on candy and place the candy in the box where donations are collected in the Narthex. There is also a possibility we may serve hotdogs to people as well. If you would like to help, please let me know and I will pass your name along to those in charge.

The Unafraid Sermon Series continues and I hope you will follow along as we seek to find strength and devotion from God as we seek to understand how God helps us overcome the fears we face daily. I hope to see you in person or online this Sunday as we continue to seek God's will for our lives and for Westside Church. 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, October 5, 2025	Communion Service
Worship Liturgist	Clarissa Frail
Song Leader	Pam Ditto
Pianist	Eileen Hartles
K.I.D.'s Connection	Sally Leidy/Jessica Shelb

Sunday, October 12, 2025	
Worship Liturgist	Lonnie Pedersen
Song Leader	Pam Ditto
Pianist	Eileen Hartles
K.I.D.'s Connection	Sally Leidy

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. We appreciate Mark Triplett and Larry Kirtland who have stepped forward thus far.

Worship Liturgist rotate and serve two or three times each quarter. If you would like to be part of the team, please let the Pastor or Carol Blass know. All are welcome and appreciated.

***You are invited to become a part of the Fear+Less Team. Sign up or call the church office and leave word on what days you will participate and share your ideas. Sowing the seeds in our community is so-o-o important! Sign up for one, two, three or all of the sessions!!*

Come and greet our neighbors and children and help us serve hot dogs and candy to the trick or treaters! It is so fun to see the many different costumes and to let the neighbors know they are welcome at Westside! October 30, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., in front of the church building.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

October	4	9:00 – 12:00, Fear+Less Congregation Initiative, Forest Park UMC
	5	9:00 a.m. World Communion Sunday
	9	5:00 p.m. Dinner sharing with Family Promise
	12	Hospitality Sunday – Let's share with our neighbors
	18	9:00 – 12:00 Fear+Less Congregation Initiative, Trinity UMC
	20	7:30 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting
	22 or 25	Zoom Mtg. Fear+Less Congregation Initiative
	30	Trick or Treat at Westside

WESTSIDE FALL B.I.N.G.O.



WHO:

ALL WHO ARE
AVAILABLE FOR
FUN, SNACKS
AND FELLOWSHIP

WHEN:

**Saturday,
November
1, 2025**

TIME:

10 am - 12 pm

WHAT:

IT'S TIME TO
GATHER TOGETHER
FOR SOME FUN AND
FELLOWSHIP.

BRING A SNACK
FOOD TO SHARE
WITH EVERYONE.
2 HOURS OF
TOGETHERNESS AS
A BODY OF CHRIST.

WHERE:

**Entrance at
Westside UMC
604 Gloria Ave,
Lima, OH 45805
PH: 419 223 2881**

CONNECTION CORNER

LET'S CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS!

October 2 Ronda Maginnity
6 Sally Leidy
13 Tom Leidy
17 Trudy Snyder
18 Peggy Kincaid
27 Kathleen Aufderhaar
28 Jack Ditto

ANNIVERSARIES TO CELEBRATE!

October 15 Bruce & Loretta Hodges
18 Tim & Kay Kunkleman
18 Jason & Eileen Hartles

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

UPPER ROOM GATHERING, WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00 A.M.

We will be sharing our ideas on the devotions found in the Upper Room Devotional (Devotional found in the Narthex). Each week there seems to be a lively discussion, which as a small group, we sometimes are in agreement and sometimes we are in a friendly disagreement! However, we each find we are growing with the sharing of thoughts, concerns, prayer needs and learning to know and understand each other on a deeper level.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Connection Café, grab a cup of coffee, and join us as your schedule allows. Oct. 8 "The Miracle of a Seed"; Oct. 15 "Peace in Troubled Times" will be the topics we take a look at and discuss.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Delores Gossard

Dave McElderry (home)

Dewey Taylor (Springview Manor)

Baby Isla Meeks

Kay Kunkleman

Fear+Less Congregations

Cheryl Sutherly

Jack & Becky Crabtree

Eileen Hartles

Pam Boedicker

Mike Blass

Maleeda Meffley

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 September - Westside will assist in supplying deodorant, canned and dry food items, and personal hygiene items are always welcomed too. October - toothpaste and toothbrushes.

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 special 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

Our YouTube channel has videos of recent services for viewing. You can visit it at **youtube.com@WestsideUMCLima** or go to **YouTube.com** and search for **“Westside UMC Lima”**. Our hope is to eventually transition our Live Streams to YouTube to make it easier for all to view our services.

Westside’s Financial Report

The Leadership Team will publish the monthly report in the Connection each month. Our mortgage on the building is \$190,785.39 as of July 30, 2025. Mortgage monthly payment is \$4,606.

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

For the month of September, 2025

Westside offerings	\$ 6,756
--------------------	----------

Family Promise	2,870
----------------	-------

Total Income for September	\$9,626 (short \$3,041)
----------------------------	-------------------------