

# THE CONNECTION

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## *Greetings from Pastor Paul*

Hello Everyone,

Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, at 9am Elida is having a Men's Breakfast to celebrate Father's Day. The breakfast will include men and boys from both churches to celebrate Father's Day just a few days late. It will be a time of fellowship and celebration, the ladies of St. Paul's wanted to make sure that I invited you to the event and if you could let me know if you are going I will pass it along for an accurate head count.

We will be responsible for staffing the Courtesy Cart at the Allen County Fair in 2026. Dan Lee has graciously offered his golf cart once again for use as a courtesy vehicle. August 21-29 are the dates for this year's fair. There will be a signup sheet later this summer, I hope you will sign up for a shift and share in the joy of helping people get around the fairground.

The Lifewise 5K run held in Elida on the Saturday September 5th during the Labor Day weekend. Last year a crew from Westside staffed one of the water stations for the event. It is a quick 2-3 hours of fun and fellowship, plus you can wear your new Westside shirt and hand out love, cheering, and water for the runners and walkers. This is one of the fund raisers that Lifewise of Allen County uses to fund all of the different programs here in the Lima area.

We will finish up "Unlocking the Parables of Jesus" as we look at what it means to be a Great Guest and what Light has to do with being a good Christian. We will once again try to look at these parables from a new angle to understand some new information about ourselves and God. I hope to see you in church or online Sunday morning 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](mailto:4PastorPaul@gmail.com).

# THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING

## Sunday, June 21, 2026

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

## Sunday, June 28, 2026

Worship Liturgist	Deb Pedersen
Song Leader	Pam Ditto
Pianist	Eileen Hartles
K.I.D.'s Connection	Sally Leidy

***Thank You!***

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- SHHHHH – IT'S A SURPRISE! Surprise birthday party for Phyllis Snyder who will be turning 99 years young. The party is at First Congregational Church UCC, 120 N Jackson St, Jackson MI 49201 on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, from Noon – 4 p.m. If you are unable to attend you may send cards to that address. Remember, it's a surprise.
- American Red Cross Blood Drive. There is a sign up sheet in the Connection Café for people who will at least think about giving blood. We would like to hold a blood drive once or twice a year at Westside and we need a total of 25 people between Westside and St. Paul's for that to happen. Please consider giving.
- Family Promise along with a team of their board members, volunteers and various groups have been working hard to maintain Elizabeth's Garden to create a Prayer Garden. The goal is to encourage families participating in Family Promise to use the space for a time of reflection and prayer. For the past six weeks, they have worked to weed, remove debris, sweep, and clean. One volunteer, Eric Flick, Lima Baptist Temple, made a connection to have quality, discounted outdoor furniture delivered, and he made another connection for a donation of garden tools, plus an outdoor cabinet for storage. Another Board member donated a working fountain. They are planning on holding a prayer event once a month on a Sunday evening. It will be a simple event with music, a time of prayer and some refreshments. The first event was held Sunday June 14th.  
*Stay tuned for future dates to be announced!*
- The Upper Room Gathering on Wednesday mornings at 9:00. A seat is waiting for you!

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Delores Gossard  
Dave & Helen McElderry  
Phyllis Snyder  
Jacqui Dill

Tom & Pat Bodell  
Bianca Gonzales  
Dewey & Connie Taylor  
Ed Scannell

## CONNECTION CORNER

### ***BIRTHDAYS***

June

17 Cheryl Hefner  
18 Phyllis Snyder (99)  
06 Deborah Briggs  
09 Pam Boedicker

### ***ANNIVERSARIES***

June

17 Phil & Sue Osmon  
29 Kevin & Jessica Schelb

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

\*If there is a birthday or anniversary we are missing, please let the office know.

**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.

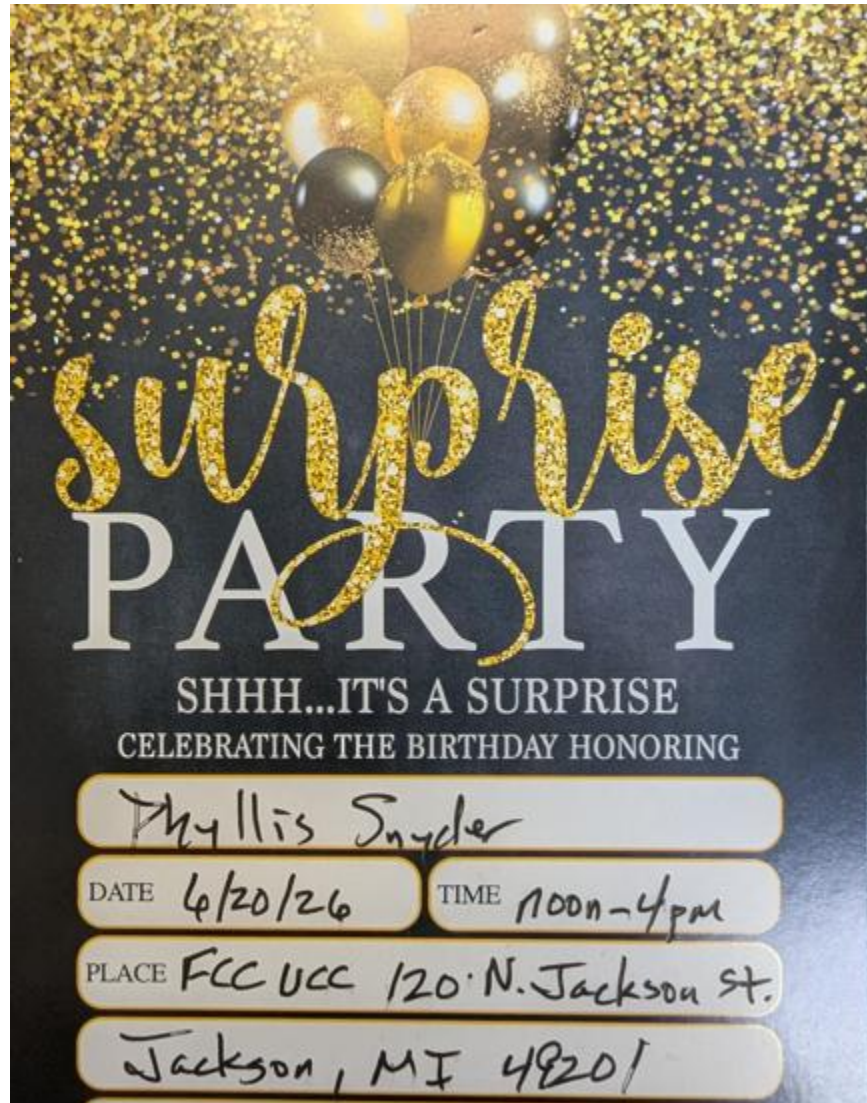
*C.U.P. Needs:* June – Toothpaste and toothbrushes. Non-perishable food items such as canned goods and dried food items are always needed.

*Family Promise Needs:* Children's Tylenol – infant & toddler, postage stamps, aluminum foil, 24 pack of water, disposable coffee cups, hair brushes, toilet paper, and paper towels. Or contact Family Promise to make a 'gift-in-kind' donation.

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

June

18 Provide dinner to Family Promise  
19 Juneteenth  
21 Father's Day  
9 am Worship  
24 9 am Upper Room Study  
25 Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen  
27 9am Men's breakfast to celebrate Father's Day at Elida St. Paul's church  
28 John Wesley's Birthday (born in 1703)  
9am Worship



Cards may be sent to:

First Congregational Church UCC  
120 N Jackson St  
Jackson MI 49201