

THE CONNECTION

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Greetings from Pastor Paul

Hello Westside

It is hard for me to keep straight what I am doing and there are moments I should be in two places at one time. However, there are things happening and I am very happy to see what will happen in the future. Speaking of the future Westside is creating a short-term work team that has the opportunity to earn us \$1000 and we are looking for people to be on the team. The Fear + Less Congregation Initiative is a program that meets 5 times (Oct. 4, Forest 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, please let me know. You do not need to be able to attend all 5 sessions to be a part of the group.

Speaking about combined services, we have been invited to host the next combined service here at Westside on the 28th of December. The plan is to invite St. Paul's, Trinity, Forest Park, Shawnee, Cairo, Cridersville, and Spencerville Churches to join us for a Wesleyan style Night Watch Service but at 10:30 am. A Wesleyan Watch Night Service is a time when Methodist renew their covenant with God and I hope we can fill up Westside with Methodists from all over Allen County to witness the Spirit of God at Westside. More information will follow in the weeks ahead.

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 Treat 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 that can be donated and there is 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.

We have started the Unafraid Sermon Series 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, September 21, 2025

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

Sunday, September 28, 2025

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

Sunday, October 5, 2025

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

Communion Service

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 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

September 18	5:00 p.m. Dinner shared with Family Promise
October 4	9:00 – 12 p.m. Fear+Less Congregation Initiative, Forest Park UMC
5	9:00 a.m. World Communion Sunday
9	5:00 p.m. Dinner shared with Family Promise
12	Hospitality Sunday – Let's share with our neighbors
18	9:00 – 12 p.m. 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

CONNECTION CORNER

LET'S CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS!

September 24 Joe Frail
October 2 Ronda Maginnity
6 Sally Leidy
13 Tom Leidy

ANNIVERSERIES TO CELEBRATE!

September 27 Jane & Shawn Stevens
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.

Sept. 24 Exodus 33:12=23 "God With Us"
Oct. 1 Matthew 22:34-40 Walking With Neighbors"

PRAYER CONCERNS

Delores Gossard	Cheryl Sutherly
Dave McElderry (home)	Jack & Becky Crabtree
Dewey Taylor (Springview Manor)	Eileen Hartles
Baby Isla Meeks	Pam Boedicker
Kay Kunkleman	Brittany Scannell
Pastors	Beverly Shade

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; and 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

We have a YouTube channel. You can visit it at www.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. Mortgage monthly payment is \$4,606.

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

For the month of August, 2025

Westside offerings	\$ 8,457
Family Promise	1,799
Total Income for August	\$10,256 (short \$2,411)