

THE CONNECTION

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Greetings from Pastor Paul

Hello Everyone,

The time of year would dictate I talk about Easter and the risen Lord which I will but I am going to begin with Bishop Jung. April 6th is the scheduled visit of the Ohio Area Conferences Bishop Hee-Soo Jung to our Elida St. Paul' and Lima Westside. I still don't have any details about the visit but I do know we will be meeting at Elida St. Paul's and where Bishop Jung will tour the building, pray over the alter and talk to the people of St. Paul's and Westside. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and engage in conversation with Bishop Jung. He and I will leave St. Paul's and go to Westside where he will tour the building and pray at the alter before I take him to his next church to visit. My hope is that as many people from both churches will be present to meet the Bishop Jung. I look forward to the time we will have getting to know Bishop Jung and I know you all will represent both churches well.

Easter is nearly here and like Spring it is a time of renewal and rebirth. Every day I try to go by the front of the house to enjoy the color of the flowers and watch as life comes back to the earth. I look forward to the same thing as we go through Lent toward Easter. It has always been joy to witness the continual growth of people as they explore their faith. Testing, asking questions and exploring God's call on their lives is always something to take great joy in. The church you are today is different from the church you were last year, sometimes the change is obvious and other times not obvious but always there is growth. Sometimes there is pruning which can be painful, but the regrowth in the spring can be spectacular. The same is true for faith that is tested which can lead to a stronger faith in God. I hope this message will be the reminder for you that the tomb is still empty and Jesus has over death and sin so we can live as those who are assured eternity through Jesus' sacrifice for us. I always think of hymns and the one running through my head at this moment says "He Lives, He Lives salvation to impart" and for that I give thanks and know Jesus is King.

We will be finishing our Lent sermon series on immigration and celebrating Easter morning at 9am here at Westside and I hope to see you there. 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, March 29, 2026

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

Sunday, April 5, 2026

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

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- Watch the morning worship bulletin and the Connection for opportunities in the next several months to share with our immediate community.
- Westside is celebrating its 25th year! We have a design for a shirt and we are going to let you choose what color the shirt will be. Look for a ballot on April 12th, Hospitality Sunday. You may see the design in the Connection Café.
- The Upper Room Gathering on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 will be studying Adam Hamilton's devotional book "Why Did Jesus Have to Die?" If anyone wants to join us, we have four books available. A seat is waiting for you!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Delores Gossard	Tom Bodell
Dave & Helen McElderry	Maleeda Meffley
Mike Blass	Dallas Meffley
Carol Blass (Otterbein)	Bianca Gonzales
Dewey & Connie Taylor	Pam (Flood) Pashak & baby
Lori Brookman	Richard Gaberdiel

CONNECTION CORNER

BIRTHDAYS

March

23 Lori Brookman
31 Tim Kunkleman

April

5 Lonnie Pedersen
18 Paul Scannell
18 Emily Sharp
27 Clarissa Frail

ANNIVERSARIES

Greeting cards are in the Connection 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: March – Toilet Paper.

April – Soap & Body Wash. Non-perishable food items such as canned goods and dried food items are always needed.

Family Promise Needs: Office supplies: paper, three ring binders, folders, etc.; Gas Vouchers; Laundry supplies: detergent, bleach; Paper products: paper plates, paper towels, plastic eating utensils; Toiletries: deodorant, body soap, shampoo & conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, feminine hygiene products, ethnic products; Baby products: disposable diapers, wipes, baby OTC meds; Bath towels & wash cloths; Over-the-counter adult medicine: Tylenol, Band Aids, Cough Drops, Alcohol Swabs; Bed pillows; Cleaning products: Trash Bags, Lysol spray, Lysol Wipes, Brooms, Mops; Gift cards for essentials: Walmart, Meijer's, Dollar General, etc. Or contact Family Promise to make a 'gift-in-kind' donation.

Important Dates for your Calendar

March

26 Soup Kitchen
28 10:00 am Spring Bingo
29 Palm Sunday
8:20 am Choir Rehearsal

April

2 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service at Elida St Paul's or Trinity UMCs
3 4:30 – 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross at Shawnee UMC
5 6:45 am Sunrise Service at Shawnee Cemetery
9:00 am Easter Sunday Service Westside UMC
6 Bishop Hee-Soo Jung Visit. Westside will meet at Elida St Paul's.

Lent 2026

			February 18 Ash Wednesday Attend service at Forest Park UMC or Elida St. Paul's 7:00 pm	19 Fast from hurting words, instead say kind words	20 Pray for your Church, Pastor and Staff	21 Pray for the children of Westside
22 Attend Church	23 Fast from negative thoughts about yourself	24 Call someone on the Prayer chain or on your mind and pray with them	25 Pray for Children's Ministries, Youth Groups & Volunteers	26 Fast from social media	27 Pray for all children everywhere	28 Spend 5 min in silence, listening to God, and giving Thanks to God!
MARCH 1 Tell someone at Church you are going to pray for them this week (and do it)	2 Compliment as many people as you can today	3 Fast from worry and instead pray	4 Pray for the Samaritan House Ministry	5 Smile at everyone you see today	6 Pray for a random person	7 Spend time w/family or friends
8 Sit in a different pew at church	9 Apologize for a past wrong to a family member or friend	10 Fast from people pleasing, Feast on pleasing God	11 Pray for Lima Rescue Mission	12 Fast from complaining, instead praise God for something	13 Do a random act of kindness	14 Do something you enjoy or makes you laugh
15 Introduce yourself to someone new at church	16 Pray for mission work & outreach in your church	17 Fast from gossiping, instead spread the good news through your words	18 Pray for Family Promise	19 Fast from criticism	20 Give something away for the benefit of another, time, talent, gift...	21 Look for God sightings
22 Sit as close to the front of the church as possible	23 Take time to see those around you, particularly those you would ignore	24 Reflect on those who have positively influenced your walk w/God	25 Pray for Guiding Light Ministries (Lima Women in Crisis Ministry)	26 Fast from the word can't	27 Donate items to CUP or 5 Loaves Food Pantry	28 Fast from anger
29 Wave a Palm!	30 Send a card of "Thanks" or "Thinking of You"	31 Fast from words that do not glorify God	APRIL 1 Do something out of your comfort zone for someone else	2 Attend Maundy Thursday service at Trinity UMC or Elida St. Paul's 7:00pm	3 Good Friday Stations of the Cross at Shawnee UMC 4:30pm - 7:30pm	4 Spend time with God and reflect on Christ's sacrifice for you
5 Happy Easter! Sunrise Service at Shawnee Cemetery 6:45 am	(Cont'd) Elida St. Paul's 8 am & 10 am Westside 9 am					

WESTSIDE SPRING B.I.N.G.O.

BINGO

 Turtle	 Skateboard	 Easter Eggs	 Butterfly	 Yellow Chick
 Watering Can	 Snail	 Birdhouse	 Strawberry	 Dragonfly
 Bumblebee	 Lamb	 FREE SPACE	 Ladybug	 Rainbow
 Teddy Bear	 Ice Cream	 Kite	 Tulips	 Squirrel
 Baseball and Bat	 Umbrella	 Jelly Beans	 Bluebird	 Easter Basket

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WHO:

ALL WHO ARE AVAILABLE FOR FUN, SNACKS AND FELLOWSHIP

WHEN:

**Saturday,
March 28
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
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