

THE CONNECTION

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Greetings from Pastor Paul

Hello Everyone,

Westside United Methodist Church was incorporated in 2001, but how did we come into existence? Two churches (Sharon Park & High Street UMCs) decided to combine to become one church and Westside was born. We are gathering together on the 27th of September to celebrate the Anniversary in worship, following our normal worship time with Hymns and a program, and finally we are gathering to share a meal and stories about the birth of a new church and many ministries that you continue here at Westside. Hopefully we have some special guests that some of you may remember who will say a few words and the rest of us will get know. You are invited to bring a dish to pass and we will gather together to have lunch and celebrate 25 years of Westside.

Beyond that we have several other events in the next few weeks. Allen County Fair Courtesy Cart from the 21st to the 29th there is a signup sheet in the Connection Café. There will be a Blood Drive at Elida St. Paul's on the 27th of August from noon to 5pm. Invite a friend to give blood and save a life. Then we have the Labor Day Parade and the Lifewise 5K run on Labor Day morning so join us as we continue to reach out to our community.

November is the midterm elections and St. Paul's will be ordering "Love One Another" yard signs similar to the "Do Unto Others" signs from the presidential election. I will eventually have a sign-up sheet for signs, it will have the price and an approximate delivery date. I hope you will join me this fall as we campaign for kindness this election season.

We are continuing the "Sermon on the Mount" series as we look at what Jesus says about money and worry. How do we deal with the continual worry about having enough money to get by? What are the things you worry about all the time? I hope you will join me Sunday in person or online as we explore Money and Worry, 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 16, 2026

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

Sunday, August 23, 2026

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

Thank You!

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- Volunteers are needed to help out at **Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen** (125 S Central Ave in Lima) on the 4th Thursday of every month. Please contact JoEllen Cook at 419-228-4516 for details.
- The sign-up sheet for driving the courtesy cart at the Allen County Fair is in the Connection Café. Sign up now to get the time slot and day you want!
- School Kit, Health Kit, and Period Pack lists for Festival of Sharing are in the narthex. Take a list and create your kit and return it by September 13th.
- The sign up for the Red Cross Blood Drive at Elida St Paul on August 27th has begun. You may sign up at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter "elidastpaul" to schedule an appointment, or scan the QR code on the flyer located in the Connection Café. If unable to go online, you may enter your info on the schedule behind the flyer and it will be entered online for you.
- The Upper Room Gathering on Wednesday mornings at 9:00. A seat is waiting for you!
- Do you have any pictures of Westside activities that you would like to share at our anniversary celebration? You may give those photos to the office, but be sure to write your name on the back of the photos so that they will be returned promptly.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Delores Gossard	Tom & Pat Bodell
Dave & Helen McElderry	Cathy Schelb
Phyllis Snyder	Dewey & Connie Taylor
Jacqui Dill	Shirley Campbell
Anieta Harriman	Beckett Ruiz

CONNECTION CORNER

BIRTHDAYS

August

17 Jan Avery
22 Dave McElderry
26 Loretta Hodges

ANNIVERSARIES

August

17 Gene & Kathleen Aufderhaar

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 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: August – Soap or Body wash. 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

August

16 9 am Worship
17 7:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting
19 9 am Upper Room Study
20 5 pm Provide Family Promise with a meal
21 4 pm Allen County Fair Courtesy Cart begins
23 9 am Worship
26 9 am Upper Room Study

Westside's Financial Report

The Leadership Team will publish the monthly report in the Connection each month. Our mortgage on the building is \$152,906 as of June 30, 2026. The July mortgage payment was \$4,215. To meet the church budget, the average monthly income needed is \$12,447.

For the month of July 2026:

Westside Offerings	\$ 7,753
Family Promise	<u>1,200</u>
Total Income for July	\$ 8,953
 Average Budget Need	 <u>12,447</u>
	 (\$ 3,494)



Celebrate

MORE LIFE. GIVE BLOOD.



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive
**St Paul's United Methodist
Church**

**Fellowship Hall
105 E Main St
Elida**

**Thursday, August 27
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
RedCrossBlood.org and enter: elidastpaul to schedule an appointment.



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