

THE CONNECTION

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Greetings from Pastor Paul

Hello Everyone,

August is here and it is already shaping up to be a busy Fall here at Westside. It is a good thing for us to be busy about the work of the church. We even have conflicts in the schedule and we may need to decide what event we are doing or we may decide to do both but I'll save the discussion for later in this letter. First we have to talk about our 25th anniversary celebration which will take place September 27th from 9am until we finish our carry-in luncheon.

Westside United Methodist Church was incorporated in 2001, but how did we come into existence? Two churches (Sharon Park & High Street UMC) decided to combine to become one church and Westside was born. We are gathering together on the 27th 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 a conflict, the Labor Day Parade and the Lifewise 5K run are both on Labor Day morning, I had the wrong date for the 5K, I am sure a discussion will occur and when a decision is made I will let you know what event or events we will be doing. I am very proud of you all for looking for ways Westside can be the church outside of the church walls. Keep up the good works.

Finally, for the whole month of August, we will be looking at the Sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer, the Golden Rule and even a six pack will be part of the discussion we have. Jesus' sermon to his disciples with a few thousand people on a hill side is the gold standard for sermon writers throughout the centuries we have been the church. I hope I can help you understand better and by understanding you will have a deeper relationship with God. Remember your homework from July should still be happening, texting, calling and meeting with friends. Also being brave enough to invite someone you know or maybe even someone you don't know to go to church. You may be the only connection they ever have to Jesus. Until we see each other in the mission field keep on being God's witness in your world.

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, July 19, 2026

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

Sunday, July 26, 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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- 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 you name on the back of the photos so that they will be returned promptly.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Delores Gossard
Dave & Helen McElderry
Phyllis Snyder
Jacqui Dill

Tom & Pat Bodell
Cathy Schelb
Dewey & Connie Taylor
Ed Scannell

CONNECTION CORNER

BIRTHDAYS

July
30 Joni Lepley
30 Ella Atkinson
31 Phil Osmon
August
17 Jan Avery

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

July
29 9 am Upper Room Study
31 7 pm Hallelujah Saints Band Concert
August
2 9 am Worship
5 9 am Upper Room Study
9 Hospitality Sunday
9 am Worship - Communion
12 9 am Upper Room Study
16 9 am Worship

**THE HALLELUJAH
SAINTS BAND
PRESENTS**

"CELEBRATING AMERICA AND
OUR VETERANS"



**FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026
7 PM**



*Join us at Westside United Methodist Church
604 Gloria Avenue, Lima, OH 45805
Questions, please phone: 419-605-8616*

Donations Accepted At The Door.