

THE CONNECTION

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Greetings from Pastor Paul

Hello Everyone,

Thursday, November 13th, will be the Westside/Family Promise carry-in dinner; it is our normal day to feed the families of Family Promise. I hope you will join us as we get to know each other better as we share a meal in the Family Life Center. Even if you didn't sign up, please join us Thursday at 5:30 in the Family Life Center for the carry-in/potluck dinner.

Boxes are due this Sunday. If you need an Operation Christmas Child box, please give me a ring at 734-660-1984. Information is in the Connection Café about this mission reaching children all over the world and run by Samaritan's Purse. St. Paul's will be collecting boxes on the 16th of November. Pack a box for a child to receive a Christmas Gift. You can pack a box online here <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>.

Looking ahead, please remember we will be packing gift bags for the parents of Family Promise in December. The parents will be able to get gifts for their kids on the 13th of December but Westside makes sure that even the adults receive a gift this Christmas. You might want to be looking for the perfect things to add to the bags. Some items that you might want to shop for are listed in the next pages of the Connection.

Decorating for Advent at Westside will happen Sunday November 23rd following worship. The saying many hands make light work truly applies and I hope you will join us as we decorate.

We will be looking at Thankfulness on Sunday and I hope you will join me for worship in person or online as we learn how to give thanks to God. 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 at 4PastorPaul@gmail.com.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING

Sunday, November 16, 2025

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

Sunday, November 23, 2025

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

IDEAS FOR THE FAMILY PROMISE ADULT GIFT PACKAGES

A box is available for your gifts in the Narthex and contributions due by December 9.

Wallets	Gas card/Walmart card	Card games
Billfolds	Stamps	Socks
Small Hand Tools	Pocket Calendar	Keychain
Picture Frames	Pens/pencils	Devotional book
Spices	Notepads	Slipper socks
Batteries	Nail Clippers	Umbrella
Hand Towels	Flash Cards	Cosmetic Bag
Soap for shower	Chap Sticks	Tools

Happenings Around Westside

Fear+Less group will meet for the fourth time on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9:00 - 10:30 am by Zoom. This has been a good experience for all who have participated.

Friendsgiving Dinner Thursday, Nov. 13, at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Come, bring your favorite covered dish and share with the church family and Family Promise residents. A wonderful time to make new friends during this Thanksgiving season.

Christmas Shoebox outreach for children. Westside is partnering with St. Paul's Church to pack shoeboxes for children. Shoeboxes are due in the church this week – November 16.

Decorate the Sanctuary immediately following worship on Sunday, Nov. 23. "Many hands make for light work." Come join in the fun for a half hour to hour of fellowship and Christmas preparation.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

November

- 13 Friendsgiving Dinner 5:30 p.m. Family Life Center, covered dish dinner
- 15 Zoom meeting for Fear+Less Team 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- 16 Shoebox gifts due at the church
- 18 6:30 p.m. Charge Conference; immediately following Leadership Team Mtg.
- 19 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Upper Room Gathering in the Café
- 23 9:00 a.m. Worship; Decorate the Sanctuary immediately following worship
- 30 9:00 a.m. Worship - First Sunday of Advent

CONNECTION CORNER

LET'S CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS!

November 10 Eugene (Sandy) Dill
27 Megan Atkinson

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Delores Gossard	Cheryl Sutherly
Jack & Becky Crabtree	Ed Scannell
Dewey Taylor (Springview Manor)	Mike Blass
Jerry Ditto	Deb Briggs
Pam Boedicker	

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 November – Shampoo December – Feminine Hygiene Pads & Bladder Control Products

Family Promise needs Cleaning supplies; paper products; bath towels and wash cloths; Men, women and children shampoo; lotions; and snacks for children.

DID YOU KNOW...

- **Trick or Treat Night** was met with many children and young families coming and sharing a hot dog, receiving a treat bag, and enjoying a cup of hot chocolate. 150+ neighbors and friends were greeted by the eight or so Westsiders! This was made possible by your generous gifts of candy for the treat bags.
- **Thirty five persons** enjoyed a morning of Fall Bingo with many prizes won for our mission projects of C.U.P. (Church United Pantry) and Family Promise. Thank you to the master organizer Eileen Hartles and her husband and to all who supported the morning of fun and fellowship.
- **Marla Scannell** shared with the children in K.I.D.'s Connection about her work and trip to China. The children have enjoyed hearing about her experiences. Thank you, Marla.

Westside's Financial Report

The Leadership Team will publish the monthly report in the Connection each month. Our mortgage on the building is \$183,882.71 as of October 21, 2025. Mortgage monthly payment is \$4,606.

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

For the month of October, 2025:

Westside offerings	\$ 7,579
Family Promise	2,729
Total Income for October	\$10,308 (short \$2,359)



THE HALLELUJAH SAINTS BAND

Presents

"Merry Christmas To All!"

Friday, December 5, 2025
at 7 pm

Location:
Westside United Methodist Church
604 Gloria Avenue
Lima, OH 45805
Questions: 419-605-8616

Donations accepted at the door.