

THE CONNECTION

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Greetings from Pastor Paul

Hello Everyone,

A few things for you to be aware of, first, UMCOR Sunday is the 15th of March. It is the one day of the year that UMCOR asks for money that doesn't go to aid for people. The offering will cover administrative and operational cost which allows all other donations made to UMCOR to guarantee 100% of funds given will help people in need around the world through disaster relief and recovery, migrant and refugee support, environmental sustainability, agriculture and food security. Consider giving to UMCOR on the 15th write on your donation UMCOR or use the special envelope in the pews.

Bingo is coming quickly, invite a friend to church but not for church. Get them in the door with Spring Bingo. Saturday, March 28th, from 10-noon we will be having fun and fellowship as we celebrate Spring with Bingo, food, fellowship, and laughter. I hope to see you there and meet the person you have invited to church but not for church.

Family Promise meal is quickly approaching and if you would like to help cook, serve or eat a meal for and with Family Promise you are invited to join Westsiders on the 19th as we serve and are blessed by preparing a meal for the people of Family Promise. Any questions can be directed to Sally or Clarissa.

We are continuing our series on immigration and what the Bible tells us about God's plan for foreigners. I am going to be looking at the Old Testament and what God had to say about those who found themselves in Israel but were not Israelites. I hope you will join in the conversation as we look at people who were living as foreigners among the people of God. I'll see you in person or online as we continue our journey, 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 15, 2026

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

Sunday, March 22, 2026

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

Thank You!

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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. You might want to order a shirt that helps to identify you as a member of the church, too! This year we will be celebrating 25 years of ministry here at Westside.
- 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 & baby

CONNECTION CORNER

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

March

12 Helen McElderry
18 Karen Rader
20 Jacqui Dill
23 Lori Brookman
31 Tim Kunkleman

April

5 Lonnie Pedersen

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. Non-perishable food items such as canned goods and dried food items are always needed.

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

Important Dates for your Calendar

March

15 UMCOR Sunday – Special Offering
10:15 am Choir Rehearsal
17 7:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting
19 5:00 pm Serve dinner to Family Promise residents
22 10:15 am Choir Rehearsal
28 10:00 am Spring Bingo
29 Palm Sunday
8:20 am Choir Rehearsal

Westside's Financial Report

The Leadership Team will publish the monthly report in the Connection each month. Our mortgage on the building is \$166,623 as of January 31, 2026. Mortgage monthly payment was \$4,606.

To meet the church budget the average monthly income needed is \$12,447.

For the month of February 2026:

Westside Offerings	\$ 9,868
Family Promise	3,415
Total Income for December	\$13,283 (over \$836)

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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