

THE CONNECTION

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Greetings from Pastor Paul

Hello Everyone,

Can you believe it? A year has passed since I first started here at Westside UMC and I want to say how excited I am at all the things that have been happening around us. There have been a lot of positive things that have happened and I am sure there will be some more bumps in the road but I am encouraged by what a small group of people have been able to accomplish. I look forward to the next few years as we continue to reach out to the community and we try to become the church God would have us be here on the Westside of Lima. I want to let you know that as of the end of June, we are down to \$153,000 owed on our mortgage, I know it has been a struggle at times to see the light at the end of the tunnel but I want to encourage you with the knowledge that everything is possible through Christ. I look forward today with excitement at what God will do through all of us as a church here at Westside.

I am happy to announce the date for our first Blood Drive with the Red Cross, Thursday July 27th from Noon to 5pm at Elida St Paul's Church. The plan moving forward is to rotate churches every other time the Blood Drive occurs. Please be on the lookout in the weeks to come for information about volunteering to help and taking a flier or two to advertise the date. The goal is to get people into the church who are not part of the church so they can see the church and how we are active in the community.

Remember to save these dates as well, August 21-29 supplying the courtesy cart for the Allen County Fair.

September 5th handing out water at the Lifewise Academy 5K run and walk held to support Allen County Lifewise academies.

Also be looking for a possible Chicken BBQ to happen here at Westside as a way to raise funds and meet our neighbors. The old phrase "two birds with one stone" applies here. And I look forward working with you together as the church.

And I believe there will be a celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Westside. More information will follow the July meeting to plan the event.

We will continue to look at friendship on Sunday as we look at some of the problems that arise with friends and how to deal with those conflicts. Because where there are relationships there will be problems, scripture gives us a clear path to overcome the conflict and remain in relationship. I hope to see you in person on Sunday or online if you are unavailable to attend as we seek God's plan for our lives and the church. 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, July 5, 2026

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

Sunday, July 12, 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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- Family Promise's Golf Scramble fund raiser is July 25th at Hidden Creek Golf Club. Registration for teams is due July 10th. See attached flyer if interested.
- Family Promise along with a team of their board members, volunteers and various groups have been working hard to maintain Elizabeth's Garden to create a Prayer Garden. The goal is to encourage families participating in Family Promise to use the space for a time of reflection and prayer. For the past six weeks, they have worked to weed, remove debris, sweep, and clean. One volunteer, Eric Flick, Lima Baptist Temple, made a connection to have quality, discounted outdoor furniture delivered, and he made another connection for a donation of garden tools, plus an outdoor cabinet for storage. Another Board member donated a working fountain. They are planning on holding a prayer event once a month on a Sunday evening. It will be a simple event with music, a time of prayer and some refreshments. The first event was held Sunday June 14th. *Stay tuned for future dates to be announced!*
- The Upper Room Gathering on Wednesday mornings at 9:00. A seat is waiting for you!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Delores Gossard	Tom & Pat Bodell
Dave & Helen McElderry	Cathy Schelb
Phyllis Snyder	Dewey & Connie Taylor
Jacqui Dill	Ed Scannell
Matt Treadway	Denny Decker

CONNECTION CORNER

BIRTHDAYS

July

06	Deborah Briggs
09	Pam Boedicker
18	Bill Frueh
18	Katherine Schelb

ANNIVERSARIES

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: July – Toilet paper. 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	4	Independence Day
	5	9 am Worship
	8	9 am Upper Room Study
	11	9 am 25 th Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting
	12	Hospitality
		9 am Worship
		Communion
	15	9 am Upper Room Study
	16	5 pm Provide Meal to Family Promise

Westside's Financial Report

The Leadership Team will publish the monthly report in the Connection each month. Our mortgage on the building is \$157,121 as of May 31, 2026. The June mortgage payment was \$4,215. To meet the church budget, the average monthly income needed is \$12,447.

For the month of June 2026:

Westside Offerings	\$ 7,471
Family Promise	<u>1,659</u>
Total Income for June	\$ 9,130

Average Budget Need	<u>12,447</u>
	(\$ 3,317)



"A Promise of Hope, One Swing at a Time"



\$400 PER TEAM

ENTRY FEES INCLUDES:

Green fees, cart, coffee and donuts, tee favor and lunch.

SPONSORSHIPS

TITLE SPONSORS

\$2500

SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:

Business name will be on all promotional materials and on banners displayed during the catered meal. Also, will get name on two tee box signs displayed on the course and will include two golf teams of four.

HOLE SPONSORS

\$500

SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:

Business name will be on the banner displayed during the catered meal. Also, the name will be displayed on a tee box sign and will include one team of four.

TEE SPONSORS

\$300

SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:

Business name will be on a banner at the registration table.

PUTTING GREEN SPONSOR

\$150

SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:

Business name will be listed on a sign at the putting green.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Hosted by:

Hidden Creek Golf Club
6245 Sugar Creek Road
Lima, OH 45801

Family Promise of NWO is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and is a faith-based agency helping homeless families in the area since 2008. Our goal is helping homeless families achieve and sustain independence by providing help, hope, and a safe haven as they seek suitable employment and housing. Family Promise is sustained locally in many ways including prayer, volunteers, committee members, private donors, area churches, and fundraisers.



8am

Registration
50/50 Raffle Opens
Coffee and Donuts

9am

Shotgun Start
Proximities on each hole
Drink Tickets
On-course cash games

1pm

Catered Lunch
50/50 Raffle closes
Awards

REGISTRATION FORM

Completed form and payment are due by July 10, 2026.

Payment Detail:

Contact Name	# of Players @ \$100 each
Company	Total
Address	Sponsorship Level
City/State	Grand Total
Email	
Phone	
Players:	
Player 1	
Player 2	
Player 3	
Player 4	

***Please make checks payable to:
Family Promise of NWO
604 Gloria Ave., Suite B
Lima, OH 45805**

****Each team will get 18 holes of golf with 2 carts
and catered meal after.**

***For more information contact Rick Shields at duvolant@gmail.com or call 419.371.4786**