

THE CONNECTION

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Greetings from Pastor Paul

Hello Everyone,

January is ending on a low note and I hope everyone is staying warm and safe during the cold snap. In the words of my Great Grandmother Nellie “this too shall pass” and it is on days like this that I look forward with anticipation to Spring and warmer weather. How many times in our lives have we been at points when we could not see the good days ahead due to the disappointments of the moment we were living through. A Christian always knows that something better is coming our way, even if bad things pile up in this life, we are assured that the next life in Christ will be awesome. I want to also say to you that tomorrow gives us hope for something new, different and better, like we know Spring is coming in the midst of the bitter cold and it helps us persevere. God is with us through everything and we have the hope to persevere through the difficulty.

Westside continues to look to the future as we seek to reach our community here in Lima and the surrounding area. We will have a Spring Bingo and I want to encourage you to attend, not to play bingo, but to interact purposely with the people who attend this event from outside the church. Play bingo too, have fun, and learn about our neighbors. Don’t feel pressured into inviting someone to church, just learn who they are and what they are about and allow God to steer the conversation where it needs to go.

I will be spending a few weeks in the book of John as we explore who Jesus is from the stories in the Bible. I am also beginning to look at a series for Lent as we explore the unrest in our country and what Jesus would be calling us to do and say if He were here with us today. I hope you will continue to join us on Sundays in person or online as we explore the gospel of John. 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, February 1, 2026

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

Sunday, February 8, 2026

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| Worship Liturgist | Deb Pedersen |
| Song Leader | Pam Ditto |
| Pianist | Eileen Hartles |
| K.I.D.'s Connection | Sally Leidy |

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- The bare Christmas tree in the narthex of the church, is not neglected! February is the month we often think of all the things for which we are thankful. God has blessed each of us and you are invited to share your gratitude by decorating the tree with what you are thankful for on a heart and hang it on our tree. Let's fill that tree sharing with one another the bountiful blessings God has bestowed on us. The hearts are ready for your use in The Café!
- 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.
- February 18th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season. The Upper Room Gathering on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 will be studying Adam Hamilton's devotional book "Why Did Jesus Have to Die?" There are several open seats --- one waiting for you!

PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Delores Gossard | Carol Blass |
| Dave & Helen McElderry | Family of Jack Crabtree |
| Richard Gaberdie | Ron Farley |
| Dallas Meffley | Maleeda Meffley |

CONNECTION CORNER

BIRTHDAYS

February 1 Jeff Newland
10 Marla Scannell
14 Deb Pedersen
20 Beverly Shade
21 Gene Aufderhaar
27 Linda Frueh

ANNVERSARIES

February 3 Dale & Lori Brookman
18 Tom & Jan Avery

Greeting cards are in the 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 February – feminine hygiene pads & bladder control products

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

Feb. 1 9:00 a.m. Morning worship and K.I.D.'s Connection Class
4 9:00 a.m. Upper Room Gathering, The Café. Studying Matthew 20:1-16
8 9:00 a.m. Morning worship and K.I.D.'s Connection Class
9 7:30 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting, Narthex of the Church
11 9:00 a.m. Upper Room Gathering, The Café. Studying Matthew 20:1-16
14 6:00 p.m. Valentine's Day Benefit, Family Promise

10th Annual Family Promise

Have a  for the Homeless

Valentine's Day Benefit

Saturday, February 14th, 2026
604 Gloria Ave., Suite B, Lima, OH 45805

Doors open at 5:30 pm
Event will start at 6:00 pm

Join us for a joyful evening with your loved one, while supporting our mission to help families experiencing homelessness build sustainable independence through a faith-filled response.

Catered Dinner by Milano Cafe'

Live Auction

50/50 Raffle

Family Testimony

TICKETS - \$30 EACH

Tickets must be purchased by February 9th

**For more information,
please call 419.879.4600**

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