



THE CONNECTION

Connecting Westside to the Community

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOSH

During the first Sunday of the year we were blessed by the children of the church to bless us and the chalkboard that will hang in the church for the year. This blessing is for all to expect God to lay his hands upon your life, family, church, and community.

As we have started the new year, I pray that all will receive a fresh start and release one another into ministry that God has placed upon their heart. I pray this blessing upon you all as we continue to renew our relationships with family and friends on a daily basis. God is definitely doing something great and I also pray that we are part of this good work in our church and in our denomination.

Many probably have heard talk, read articles, or even watched the news stories discuss a possible split at the 2020 General Conference. High profile leaders gathered on an

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unofficial basis to try and learn how to co-exist or amicably split the United Methodist Church into new denomination(s). Only General Conference can put a stamp of approval upon a legislative vote and nothing occurs until General Conference will meet in May of 2020. Nothing has changed in our denomination despite all the public attention on the very publicized unofficial gathering.

Even in the midst of this uncertainty, God is still doing something great. God will still do great things in the United Methodist Church and our respective church before, during, and after the 2020 General Conference. Some may end up attending a new church or a new denomination after the close of the General Convention. Some will choose to hang on to hurt and needlessly fight.

The truth is, we need to stop fighting, we need to offer and receive forgiveness, we need not to fear and we must work together in order to hear God and see God. All decisions and all directions taken are our choice. I pray we remember the blessing our children gave us at the beginning of the year and go out into the world and choose to give that blessing and not a curse to those, with whom, we enter into relationship. "Do not fear", God said, "for I am with you."

In His Love,

Pastor Josh

January - February
Forget - Me - Nots

*Please take time to send a card, call
or visit our Forget - Me - Nots.*

Annabelle Harriman

The Springs of Lima
3709 N Eastown Rd
Lima OH 45807

Irene Haller

2912 Wyngate Ct
Lima OH 45805

Marty Koenig

Otterbein SeniorLife
100 Red Oak Dr
Cridersville OH 45806

Mid Crawford

606 Fairfield Dr
Lima OH 45805

*Please pray for those with cancer
and their families.*

Cancer Warriors

Don McClintock

Andrea Long

Bill Harmon

Rick Keller's wife

Susan Boedicker

Chuck Greely

Lauren Cunningham

Betsey Goff Kohls

Amy Parthemore

Rod Taylor

Joel Vega

Jack Crabtree

Jean Bowen

Dave Bowersock

Susan Christy

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EACH OF YOU and a special blessing to all of the Candy Elves and customers that made our Christmas Candy project successful. We were able to share our blessings with some treats to the staffs at Lima Manor, Otterbein Cridersville and Wapakoneta Manor. The proceeds of the candy project will go into the general fund to assist with our winter expenses. The candy elves this year were: Judy Steigleder, Sue Osmon, Tom & Pam Ditto, Jan & Tom Reinsel, Missy Keller, Emily Sharp, Dean Casperson, Mark & Diane Figley, Heather Long and Karl & Carol Blass. What a great team. Thank you for your time, the fun and fellowship we enjoyed in the kitchen and your dedication to Westside Church.

Thoughts from the Chair

It always seems wise this time of the year to reflect, meditate, and open ourselves to what God has for us to do in the coming year. As leader of the Leadership Team, I am proud of the work that the team has been able to accomplish in the past year.

We have worked diligently with Pastor Josh and J. Anthony Mosley listening to and evaluating where we as a church family are strong in fulfilling God's call to us and where we need to grow and stretch ourselves spiritually. We have prayed, listened, worked toward developing a vital ministry plan that will help us to share the love of Jesus with others. We sincerely want all persons to enjoy the Good News that we know and love.

Beginning this New Year, as a team we will begin our work studying Revelation 2 & 3 and how those teachings might apply to Westside. We hope all of you will pray for our work in 2020 and share in the various opportunities of service during the coming year. You have heard it said that any group or endeavor is "only as strong as the weakest link". Let's not have any "weak links".

The mission statement of the United Methodist Church is "to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." My prayer is that Westside will be answering that call in our neighborhood, city and county. Ask yourself what you might be called to do to help Westside to accomplish this mission. Would our neighborhood miss us if we no longer worshipped on Gloria Drive?

Carol Blass

News from the Breakfast Bunch!

On our Saturday, December 28th, Community Breakfast, we fed 50 people. 34 were community visitors. This breakfast was visited by a WLIO camera staff person and was featured on the WLIO 6 o'clock Saturday news report with live pictures and an interview with JoEllen Cook. Our Community Breakfast has now made an appearance on our local community TV. Our community knows that we are here and what we do.

The end of the year Community Breakfast statistics for the 2019 total 523 meals provided. The personal stories of those who come to eat and share in the fellowship of the Westside Community Breakfast table are awesome. Please consider giving to the Westside Community Breakfast food fund with an envelop offering marked WESTSIDE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST in our Sunday offering plate. Food and fellowship are basic needs for all of us.



Discipleship Team News

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK everyone who participated in our Advent opportunities. Because of you, several children in our community are receiving warm hats, mittens, scarves, and socks. Thank you for your generosity. Because of you, our Forget Me Nots and our Preschool families received Christmas Greetings from our Westside family. Because of you, each of our Preschool children received encouraging notes and cards during Advent. Thank you for “adopting” these children and sharing the love of Christ with them. We have received a thank you from the Preschool expressing gratitude for these acts of kindness.

Now that Christmas vacation is behind us, we are once again seeking folks with a friendly smile to welcome our Westside preschoolers as they arrive each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Greeting time is from 9:00 to 9:30 am. You are invited to sign up for one day or several days as your schedule permits. You may sign up on the clipboard on the Narthex bulletin board or contact Judy Steigleder. Please join us as we continue this outreach ministry.

We continue our acts of Mission and Ministry by serving at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen and bringing fellowship to the residents of Lima Convalescent and Springview Manor by playing bingo and serving refreshments. Please contact Jo Ellen Cook if you would like to serve.

Thank you!!!

JANUARY 2020

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Important Dates to Remember

January 11 - Sharing at Springview Manor

January 13 - Leadership Team Meeting

January 25 - Community Breakfast

FEBRUARY 2020

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						1 9a Crisis Manage w/ Tony Mosley
2 9:30a Sun. Sch. 10:15 Choir 10:45a Worship	3 5:45p Zumba	4 9:15a Preschool 4:30p Band Reh	5 9:15a Preschool	6 9:15a Preschool 1p 30 Life Principles 6p 12 Step Program 6p Open Gym	7 12:30 Sr. Luncheon	8 2:30p Sharing at Lima Convalescent Home
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February 1 - 9a Crisis Management w/ Tony Mosley

February 2 - 10:15a Choir Rehearsals Resume

February 7 - 12:30p Senior Luncheon

February 8 - 2:30p Lima Convalescent Visit

February 22 - 9a Community Breakfast