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THE CONNECTION

Connecting Westside to the Community



A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOSH

Blessings to you all in the name of our Risen Savior!

Are you ready? In these seven Sundays of Easter, we reflect on the victory God gave us through his one and only Son, Jesus the Christ. We recall that life came from death and resurrection came from burial. The two concepts of life and death seem so opposite of each other, yet we know without one we won't get the other. "If death got the upper hand through one man's wrongdoing, can you imagine the breathtaking recovery life makes, sovereign life, in those who grasp with both hands this wildly extravagant life-gift, this grand setting-everything-right, that the one man Jesus Christ provides?" (Romans 5:17, The Message)

We trust in God for our life. Even when there are moments of sorrow and it looks like we are utterly defeated

and lost, God provides us comfort through those who received comfort from God.

All praise to the God and Father of our Master, Jesus the Messiah! Father of all mercy! God of all healing counsel! He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us. We have plenty of hard times that come from following the Messiah, but no more so than the good times of his healing comfort—we get a full measure of that, too. (2 Corinthians 1:3-5)

As resurrection leads to comfort, victory, and reflection on that victory, it also leads us to Pentecost. On June 9, 2019, Pentecost will be celebrated across the globe which also symbolizes a new birth. Pentecost is the birth of our church, our power in the Holy Spirit, our new covenant calling card. Pentecost could not have come if death had not first led to resurrection.

Are you ready for your Pentecost? Have you grieved and reflected on that grief enough? Have you celebrated that death and loss are not the final answer but the necessary steps leading to life, life in the fullest? Are you ready for your Pentecost? Are you ready?

In His Love,
Pastor Josh

MAY 19TH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - The completed written report from the interviews with Tony Mosley were handed last Sunday to those in attendance; the rest were mailed out early in the week. We will meet with Tony after the worship service on **May 19th** for a **congregational meeting**. This will consist of a question and answer session on the report. We will have a meal provided on the 19th in the FLC.

WEST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The annual West Ohio Annual Conference will be held June 2 - 6, 2019 at the Hoover Auditorium, Lakeside Chautauqua. The week will be filled with time for pastors and lay delegates to connect, fellowship, learn and lead. Please be in prayer for these conference leaders as they go about the business of the church, that God will provide clarity of direction, unity in decision making, and oneness in fellowship. Pray for the celebration of ministry service where clergy enter into retired status and new clergy will enter into commissioned and ordained status. There are activities and teaching times planned for the families of the pastors as well. Pray for safety during the activities and spiritual growth of the families as they support our pastors.

A SPECIAL NOTE OF GRATITUDE to all who ordered, worked and enjoyed the Parkerhouse Roll Project. We were thrilled with the number of orders and hope that all of you enjoyed the goodies you received. We were able to deposit the profit of \$500.00 in the general fund. A special thanks to Judy Steigleder (the creator of the project and worker), Carolyn Detrick, Cindi Andrews, Maddie Andrews (a wonderful dishwasher) and Carol Blass. Watch the announcements in the bulletin and Connection for future opportunities to enjoy the goodies.

MAY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 9:15a Preschool	2 9:15a Preschool 6p 12 Step	3 12:30 Senior Luncheon	4
5 9:30 am Sun. Sch. 10:15 Choir Practice 10:45 am Worship 12p Connection Café Dedication	6 5:30p Zumba 6:30p Leadership Team	7 9:15a Preschool	8 9:15a Preschool	9 9:15a Preschool 6p 12 Step	10	11 2p Sharing @ Springview Manor
12 9:30 am Sun. Sch. 10:15 Choir Practice 10:45 am Worship	13 5:30p Zumba	14 9:15a Preschool	15 9:15a Preschool	16 9:15a Preschool 6p 12 Step	17	18
19 9:30 am Sun. Sch. 10:15 Choir Practice 10:45 am Worship 12p Congregational meeting	20 5:30p Zumba	21	22	23 6p 12 Step	24	25
26 9:30 am Sun. Sch. 10:15 Choir Practice 10:45 am Worship	27 5:30p Zumba	28	29	30 6p 12 Step	31	

Summer is upon us, and with that comes lots of parties! If you wish to host your event at the church, we require that you complete the Facilities Use Agreement. This can be found on the calendar page of the website, go *clear down* to the bottom of the page, and click the green box that says “WUMC Facilities Agreement”. Download and print the form, complete it and return it to the Trinity Church office. This will help with our recordkeeping and accountability. Trinity’s address is 119 N. Main St., Spencerville, OH 45887.

JUNE 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9:30a Sun. Sch. 10:15a Choir Pr. 10:45a Worship	3 5:30p Zumba	4	5	6 6p 12 Step	7	8 2:30p Sharing @ Lima Convalescent Home
9 9:30a Sun. Sch. 10:15a Choir Pr. 10:45a Worship	10 5:30p Zumba	11	12	13 6p 12 Step	14	15
16 9:30a Sun. Sch. 10:15a Choir Pr. 10:45a Worship	17 5:30p Zumba	18	19	20 6p 12 Step	21	22
23 9:30a Sun. Sch. 10:15a Choir Pr. 10:45a Worship	24 5:30p Zumba	35	26	27 6p 12 Step	28	29
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**May & June
FORGET-ME-NOTS**

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

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CANCER PATIENTS

Please pray for those with cancer and their families

Susan Boedicker

Jean Bowen

Dave Bowersock

Susan Christy

Jack Crabtree

Lauren Cunningham

Chuck Greeley

Betsey Goff Kohls

Amy Parthemore

Ron Taylor

Joel Vega

**If you have any names to be added or removed,
please contact the church office.**





The youth have been busy since spring began! In March, we spent time together after church one Sunday playing games, having lunch and eating ice cream. The kids had a great time!

We had the opportunity to go to Converge on April 5th & 6th, where the youth from Trinity and Westside joined together in worship, learning, and serving. We got to hear from incredible speakers and workshop teachers, worship with North Point Inside Out and Gateway Worship, and serve the Lima community through Operation: Love Lima. At Operation: Love Lima, the teens went into the community to pass out boxes of food and pray with people. It was an incredible chance to connect with people and be Jesus to those we met. It was an incredible weekend.

The youth also joined with Westside youth for a bowling outing in April. We got to try Westgate Lanes new virtual reality gaming system, bowl, eat pizza, and play arcade games. It was a great time of fun and fellowship!

Coming up in the end of May, we will kick off the Summer with a youth bonfire. Trinity, Westside, and some of our Lakeside Camp friends will come together for games, food, and fellowship!

News from Your Discipleship Team!

THANK YOU! The Discipleship Team thanks everyone who adopted a preschooler during Lent. The cards and notes of kindness and encouragement were greatly appreciated. Easter gift bags were given to the children on behalf of the Westside family. Preschool ends the week of May 12. The card collection box will remain on the table in the Narthex for anyone who may want to continue this outreach ministry until the children finish the year. Again, thank you for sharing the love of Christ with these children!

Westside UMC will continue our acts of **mission and ministry** by serving at **Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen** and bringing fellowship to the residents of **Lima Convalescent Home** and **Springview Manor** by playing bingo and serving refreshments. Please contact Jo Ellen Cook if you would like to serve. Thank you for participating in these outreach and mission activities as we share the love of Christ with others. May these opportunities bring you joy and inspiration.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES COMING! The Discipleship team will be offering more opportunities to serve and share the love of Christ in the near future. Please be watching for them!

Your Discipleship Team: Lori Brookman, Jo Ellen Cook, Cindy Crawford, Kristen Davis, Jacqui Dill, Sally Leidy, Pam Meffley, Jessica Schelb, Trudi Snyder, and Judy Steigleder