



THE CONNECTION

Connecting Westside to the Community

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOSH

The earth's journey around the sun seems to speed up the older you get. Maybe it's because of all the busyness in life but 2019 sure seemed like a galaxy far, far away and now it is here. God provides a fresh look at life for all of his creation and does not want anything to sit still, decay, and fade away. We are designed for movement, designed to be creative, designed to look at a new year with a new vision, we are designed for the future will of God.

This year we will step into a new leadership structure that will focus on vision casting, speaking life into one another, and effective communication about where we discern God taking us into the future. We need to have fresh eyes to see and fresh ears to hear where God is at so that we can step into his activity. God is a moving God and we must actively engage with his plan in order for our ministries to remain relevant. The Gospel of Jesus Christ never goes out of style and yet, sometimes, the way we do ministry fizzles and becomes evident that it is not as effective as it was when first envisioned.

As we start the transition to the leadership team governing structure, I encourage you to ask yourself questions about where you can serve the best in 2019.

our road to thrive

What ministry team do you want to be a part of or create a new. We must remember God asks us not what we did yesterday but what are we doing for him today. We all want to have a thriving, vibrant ministry that is effective by planting seeds of faith, nurturing the seeds to grow into babes of Christ, and strengthening our faith through active discipline and becoming mature children of the King.

I encourage you to reignite your faith in making disciples of Jesus Christ by getting involved in a ministry, re-engaging with a ministry, or creating a new ministry that can reach lost souls that have never been reached before. I encourage you to stay faithful to the vision for a wonderful future of the church. I encourage you to not sit on the sidelines watching people engage in ministry and be active in the ministry that God gives you.

This is an exciting time for the church with a ton of resources available for our use. Everything has a learning curve, especially as knowledge expands within every field of human thought imaginable. Let's stay faithful. Let's stay focused. It's not about us but about God and who God chooses to reach through your active engagement.

Serving God to whom all things belong,

Rev Joshua Andrews

JANUARY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 New Year's Day Office closed	2	3 1p Bible Study 6p 12 Step	4 12:30p Senior Lunch	5
6 9:30 am Sun. Sch. 10:45 am Worship	7 5:30p Zumba	8 9:15a Preschool	9 9:15a Preschool	10 9:15a Preschool 1p Bible Study 6p 12 Step	11	12 2p Sharing @ Springview Manor
13 9:30 am Sun. Sch. 10:45 am Worship	14 5:30p Zumba 6:30p Leadership Team	15 9:15a Preschool	16 9:15a Preschool 12p Together on Our Own	17 9:15a Preschool 1p Bible Study 6p 12 Step	18	19
20 9:30 am Sun. Sch. 10:45 am Worship	21 Martin Luther King Day 5:30p Zumba	22 9:15a Preschool	23 9:15a Preschool	24 9:15a Preschool 10:30a Daily Bread 1p Bible Study 6p 12 Step	25	26 9a Community Breakfast
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JAN & FEB FORGET-ME-NOTS

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

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Findlay, OH 45840

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Apt 126
2625 Legends Way
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CANCER PATIENTS

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 to the list,
please contact the church office.**

FEBRUARY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 12:30p Senior Lunch	2 Groundhog Day
3 9:30a Sun. Sch. 10:15a Choir Pr. 10:45a Worship	4 5:30p Zumba	5 9:15a Preschool	6 9:15a Preschool	7 9a Ret. Tchr. Lunch 9:15a Preschool 1p Bible Study 6p 12 Step	8	9 2:30p Sharing @ Lima convalescent Home
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FLOWER TEAM LEADER

We are looking for a volunteer who is willing to be in charge of the flower team. You will be the point person for Easter and Christmas flowers and encourage altar flowers. Contact the office for more information or to volunteer for this ministry.

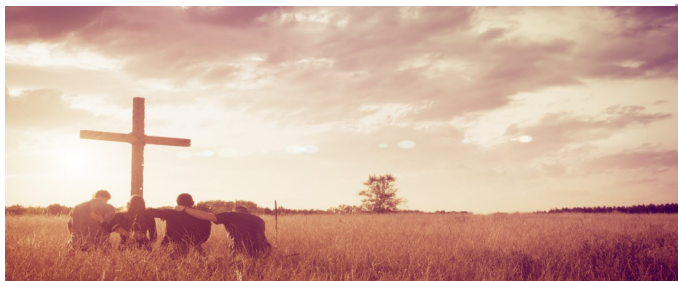


Candy Sales

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We are a blessed group at Westside Church. The Christmas Candy sale was successful with so many of you being an important part of that activity. We are blessed to be able to give \$250 to the By George Campaign. The remainder of our profits, \$1972.00 will go into Westside general fund to assist us through winter expenses.

A special thank you to the candy makers: Joyce & Bill Avery, Barbara Keller, Jon Rockhold, Tom Ditto, Judy Steigleder, Karl and Carol Blass. More accolades to Sue Osman who handled advertising, Diane & Mark Figley assisting on candy sales, and all of you who ordered and helped order candy.



Westside Prayer Chain

We are in the process of forming a Prayer Chain. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, email your information to office@limawestsideumc.com or call Kay Kunkleman at (419) 229-7394.

BY GEORGE!

We ARE making a difference

Your generosity has already provide **\$2,553** for Grace Hospital in Haiti. Our goal is to raise \$5,200.

Donations can be marked and placed with the offering.



Top the Cup Update

Top the Cup is a capital and visioning campaign to raise funds to update our Welcome Center. We need to continue to create and update space that is welcoming and open to guests and the community.

We want **YOU** to be a part of this. There are three things for you to do.

1. Pray
2. Invite
3. Give

You have given **\$623.76** to date.

YOUTH UPDATES

This winter, the youth at Westside have been talking about finding direction in our lives. We related this topic to GPS. You put in your destination and trust that the device is going to lead you in the right direction. We have to do the same thing with God: trust that he has a plan for our lives and follow his direction. Often, when things don't work out how we envision, we lose sight of the fact that God has a plan for our lives, but He does!

The teens helped to host a Parents Day Out in December. We offered a bible based kids day, giving parents time to prepare for the holidays. The youth also helped host the December Community Breakfast with Santa! Great job, youth!

In December, the youth hosted a silent auction to raise funds for Lakeside. Thanks to all who supported them! Please continue to support the youth prayerfully and financially!

Youth Group gatherings will be announced at a future date.

2019 Leadership Team

The Leadership Team will begin meeting the 2nd Monday of every odd month at 6:30pm starting January 14th.

Carol Blass - Leadership Team Lead

Bruce Hodges - Lay Leader

Mark Figley - Team Member

Diana Haas - Team Member

Missy Keller - Team Member

Stephanie Shutt - Finance Lead

Sally Leidy - Discipleship Lead

Clarissa Frail - SPPR Lead

Emily Ditto - SPPR Representative

Tom Ditto - Trustees Lead

Dale Brookman - Trustees Representative

Pam Ditto - Worship Lead

Kristen Davis - Youth Ministry Coordinator