



THE CONNECTION

Connecting Westside to the Community



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A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOSH

Greetings in the name of He who rose from the dead,

The season of Lent is upon us as Ash Wednesday begins March 6 leading us into Holy Week and Easter on April 21. By this time our specially called General Conference has convened and concluded; I hope we have a clearer outlook on our future as The United Methodist Church. Whatever happened and wherever we are at this point, I pray we always remember that God is still in charge.

God is on the throne and there is no human choice or action that surprises Him. Now we know there is human choice that God does not approve, yet even in those bad choices, He will work good out of everything. I pray we stay unified as a denomination, as a church, as a body of Christ who conveniently uses the term “family” as an essential description.

In this season of Lent, let us reflect on the words family, unity, reconciliation, and sacrificial love. God provides us with an eternal family that shall remain unified as Christ our Lord offers reconciliation through His sacrificial love. So even if there are disagreements, let us mimic Christ in His actions, words, emotions, and unceasing love towards one another. Sacrificially be like Christ.

In His Love,
Pastor Josh

MARCH 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 12:30 Senior Luncheon	2
3 9:30 am Sun. Sch. 10:15 Choir Practice 10:45 am Worship	4 5:30p Zumba	5 9:15a Preschool	6 9:15a Preschool	7 9:15a Preschool 1p Bible Study 6p 12 Step	8	9 2p Sharing @ Springview Manor
10 9:30 am Sun. Sch. 10:15 Choir Practice 10:45 am Worship	11 5:30p Zumba 6:30p Leadership Team	12 9:15a Preschool	13 9:15a Preschool	14 9:15a Preschool 1p Bible Study 6p 12 Step	15	16
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March & April FORGET-ME-NOTS

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

JIM & MARTY KOENIG
Otterbein Living Community
359 Red Wing Ct.
Lima, OH 45806

SHIRLEY NEWLAND
4580 Bowsher Rd.
Lima, OH 45806

CHARLES IRVIN
Otterbein Living Community
1152 Blue Jay Ct
Lima, OH 45806

ELIZABETH ATKINSON
3948 Yellowood
Lima, OH 45806

CANCER PATIENTS

Please pray for those with cancer and their families

Susan Boedicker

Chuck Greeley

Jean Bowen

Betsey Goff Kohls

Dave Bowersock

Amy Parthemore

Susan Christy

Ron Taylor

Jack Crabtree

Joel Vega

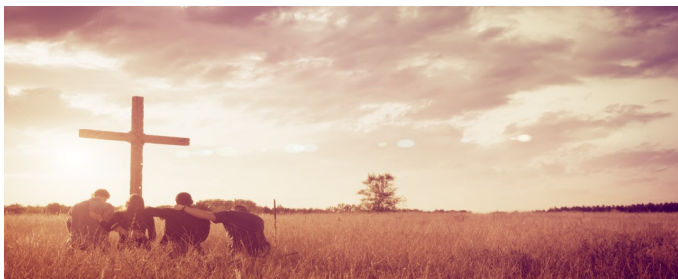
Lauren Cunningham

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

APRIL 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 9:15a Preschool 1p Bible Study 6p 12 Step	5 12:30p Senior Lunch	6
7 9:30a Sun. Sch. 10:15a Choir Pr. 10:45a Worship	8 5:30p Zumba	9 9:15a Preschool	10 9:15a Preschool	11 9:15a Preschool 1p Bible Study 6p 12 Step	12	13 2:30p Sharing @ Lima Convalescent Home
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Spring 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.



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.

Youth Updates

The youth have been working through the Wonder Women of the Bible series! We have learned about several women from the Bible and learned some "super hero qualities" that these women possessed. We learned how these ideas relate to our lives and how we can put those great qualities into practice in our own lives.

We learned about Esther and how she had to make a choice to go to the King to save her people. We talked about how, like Esther, sometimes we have to make scary or intimidating choices and trust that God is going to be beside us along the way. Then, we learned about faithfulness from Ruth. Like Ruth was faithful to her mother-in-law, Naomi, God is faithful to us. Throughout Ruth's highs and lows, God was there. We learned that sometimes we feel like things aren't going well because our plan didn't go the way we expected it to. Ruth's story shows us that God has bigger and better plans for our lives that we could even imagine. Next, we talked about Hannah. Hannah taught us to seek God through painful or difficult times, and to always trust that God hears our prayers. With this lesson, we took time to write a prayer journal to God. After Hannah, we talked about Mary. We learned that Mary was brave and courageous young woman who God had big plans for. We focused on the fact that sometimes, like Mary, God calls "unlikely" people to do big things, we just have to accept that calling He has for us. We are excited to continue in this series and learn how God can work in our lives, like He worked through many women throughout the Bible!

During Lent, the youth are participating in the Westside Discipleship Team activities, including donating 40 Things for 40 Days and writing cards to "adopted" preschoolers. We are also taking on our own challenge of writing scripture verses each day and meditating on those verses as a way to prepare for Easter. We would love for you to join us in the Discipleship Team opportunities!

Coming up at the beginning of April is Converge! Converge is a two day conference held at the Elida Field House that brings together churches from all over Ohio and even other states. This youth event is filled with incredible speakers, small group workshops teaching on specific topics, huge worship sessions, and Operation Love Lima food distribution. Not only do our youth get to learn about God, but they get to worship together, meet new people, and serve the Lima community. This is an incredible opportunity for our youth to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our area. Be in prayer for this event and for our youth, and consider donating financially to meet the need of sending our youth to this, and other events. Thank you so much for your continued support!



News from your Discipleship Team!

ADOPT A PRESCHOOLER during Lent! Please pick up the name of one of Westside's Preschooler's from the display in the Narthex. During Lent please write a card or encouraging note weekly to the child you have selected. Place the card or note in the box on the table in the Narthex. The cards and notes will be given to the Preschool teachers for delivery. Let's support these children with extra attention during this season of Lent.

The Discipleship Team **Welcome Our Preschoolers** outreach is looking for individuals with a friendly smile and warm greeting to welcome our preschoolers as they arrive each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for class. You need to arrive in the Narthex at 9:00 and be prepared to greet the children when they arrive. You will be free to leave at 9:30. A clipboard with a sign-up calendar will be circulated through the congregation the next few weeks and will be in the office during the week. You are invited to sign up for one day or several days as your schedule permits. Please join us as we begin this new outreach ministry. If you have questions, please see Judy Steigleder.

We will be hosting "**Coffee and Cookies**" for the parents of the preschoolers Thursday, April 4. If you would like to serve with us, please contact a member of the Westside Discipleship Team.

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.

Westside UMC will host the **Community Lenten Service** Sunday, March 10 at 7:00 pm. Following the service we will be serving refreshments in the Family Life Center. Please contact Jacqui Dill, Trudi Snyder, or Judy Steigleder if you would like to donate something yummy or if you would like to serve that evening.

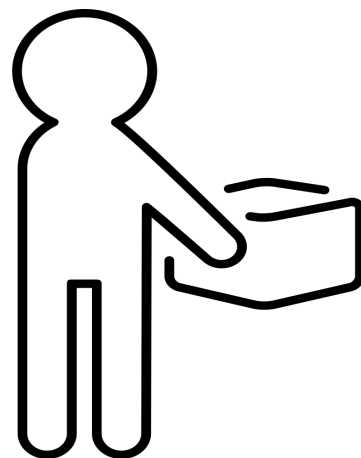
Your Discipleship Team: Lori Brookman, Jo Ellen Cook, Cindy Crawford, Kristen Davis, Jacqui Dill, Sally Leidy, Pam Meffley, Jessica Schelb, Trudi Snyder, and Judy Steigleder

Donate 40 Things for 40 Days:

Lent is about preparing for Easter and meditating on the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. One way that people prepare is by making sacrifices in their lives. As a church, we are taking on the challenge of donating one thing each day during Lent. These donations could include clothes, books, cd's, electronics, household items, etc.

We will be collecting your donations at church at the end of Lent and donating them to various community agencies.

Please join us in taking this challenge as we prepare for Easter!





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 **\$644.76** to date.

BY GEORGE!
We ARE making a difference

Your generosity has already provided **\$2,638** for Grace Hospital in Haiti. Our goal is to raise \$5,200.

Donations can be marked and placed with the offering.



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 encouraging provision of altar flowers. Contact the office for more information or to volunteer for this ministry.