

THE CONNECTION

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Greetings from Pastor Paul

Hello Everyone,

Westside United Methodist Church was incorporated in 2001, but how did we come into existence? Two churches (Sharon Park & High Street UMC) decided to combine to become one church and Westside was born. We are gathering together on the 27th of September to celebrate the Anniversary in worship, following our normal worship time with Hymns and a program and finally we are gathering to share a meal and stories about the birth of a new church and many ministries that you continue here at Westside. Hopefully we have some special guests that some of you may remember who will say a few words. You are invited to bring a dish to pass and we will gather together to have lunch and celebrate 25 years of Westside. Please RSVP to the church office by September 14th which is quickly approaching.

November is the midterm elections and St. Paul's and Westside will be ordering "Let's Love One Another" yard signs similar to the "Do Unto Others" signs from the presidential election. There is an example of what it looks like on the table in the Connection Café along with the sign-up sheet for signs. It will be \$15 cash or **check made out to 'St Paul's UMC'** and they will be delivered at the end of September. I hope you will join me this fall as we campaign for kindness this election season.

Save the date, October 26th, from noon until 5pm, we will be having a Red Cross Blood drive here at Westside. You are invited to give blood if you are able. Contact Erika to help the day of the event by signing people in or making some snacks for donors after they have finished giving. It is an opportunity to help others and invite people to see your church. I hope you will spread the word about the blood drive on the 26th of October.

We are in the middle of a new 6 week series of sermons about "Being Inadequate". Have you ever felt as though you were not enough? Not smart enough, not brave enough, not strong enough, not old enough, not young enough, not rich enough, not talented enough, or not good enough? You are not alone. People throughout the history of Christianity have had the same thoughts you have about themselves. God made it possible for them to use their short comings to inspire people to follow God. We will look at different people in the Bible and see how God used their inadequacy to further the Kingdom of Heaven here on Earth. I hope you will join me in person on Sunday or online as we explore God's plan for God's people. 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, September 13, 2026

Worship Liturgist	Clarissa Frail
Song Leader	Pam Ditto
Pianist	Eileen Hartles
K.I.D.'s Connection	Sally Leidy

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Worship Liturgist	Lonnie Pedersen
Song Leader	Pam Ditto
Pianist	Eileen Hartles
K.I.D.'s Connection	Michele Cole

Thank You!

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- Volunteers are needed to help out at **Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen** (125 S Central Ave in Lima) on the 4th Thursday of every month. Please contact JoEllen Cook at 419-228-4516 for details.
- School Kit, Health Kit, and Period Pack lists for Festival of Sharing are in the narthex. Take a list and create your kit and return it by September 13th.
- The Upper Room Gathering on Wednesday mornings at 9:00. A seat is waiting for you!
- Do you have any pictures of Westside activities that you would like to share at our anniversary celebration? You may give those photos to the office, but be sure to write your name on the back of the photos so that they will be returned promptly.
- The order sheet for the "Let's Love One Another" signs is in the Connection Café. \$15 cash or **check made out to St. Paul's UMC**. Signs will be available at the end of this month.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Delores Gossard	Tom & Pat Bodell
Dave & Helen McElderry	Shirley Campbell
Dewey & Connie Taylor	Annie (recovering from strokes)
Jacqui Dill	

CONNECTION CORNER

BIRTHDAYS

September

4 Carol Blass
20 Jack Somerville
24 Joe Frail

ANNIVERSARIES

27 Shawn & Jane Stevens

Greeting cards are in the Connection Café for your use. Help yourself to the one you need.

*If there is a birthday or anniversary we are missing, please let the office know.

FAMILY PROMISE MINISTRY AND 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: September – Deodorant. Non-perishable food items such as canned goods and dried food items are always needed.

Family Promise Needs: Bath towels, Children's Tylenol – infant & toddler, postage stamps, aluminum foil, 24 pack of water, disposable coffee cups, hair brushes, toilet paper, and paper towels. Or contact Family Promise to make a 'gift-in-kind' donation.

Important Dates for your Calendar

September

13 9 am Worship – Communion
Hospitality Sunday
10:20 am Choir Practice
14 RSVPs due for 25th Anniversary
16 9 am Upper Room Study
17 5 pm Provide meal to Family Promise
20 9 am Worship
10:20 am Choir Practice
21 7:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting
23 9 am Upper Room Study
24 Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen
25 7 pm Hallelujah Saints Band Concert
27 9 am Worship
25th Anniversary Celebration

Westside's Financial Report

The Leadership Team will publish the monthly report in the Connection each month. Our mortgage on the building is \$149,242 as of July 31, 2026. The August mortgage payment was \$4,515. To meet the church budget, the average monthly income needed is \$12,493.

For the month of August 2026:

Westside Offerings	\$ 9,041
Family Promise	<u>2,307</u>
Total Income for July	\$ 11,348

Average Budget Need	<u>12,493</u>
	(\$ 1,148)

