THE CONNECTION

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Greetings from Pastor Paul

Hello Everyone,

I think I might be glad that October is behind us. We had a Chicken BBQ, a Charge Conference, a Blood Drive, and Trick or Treating in about 10 days. I am a little tired and need a little break. So there are a few things coming up in the weeks to come. Operation Christmas Child Boxes are due on the 15th. Stewardship Sunday is the 22nd Advent starts the 29th and we should all be thinking about what gifts we will be getting for Family Promise parents because Black Friday will have some good deals. So much for a quiet month!

Operation Christmas Child has officially begun and now until the 15th of November you have an opportunity to give a child a present for Christmas. Samaritan's Purse sends Christmas boxes all over the world. I believe God has used what is being done by Operation Christmas Child to bring Jesus to children all over the world. Information is in the narthex, or you can go to Samaritan Purse's website for a list of dos and don'ts, or you can buy a box online for just $30. Let's share Christ with children all over the planet this year.

Stewardship is upon us again this month and I want to say you have all done a great job in 2025 keeping everything going here at Westside. Your giving has helped not only pay the bills but have ministry possible, gifts to Family Promise, serving one meal every month, handing out hot dogs and candy for Halloween, worshipping together with other Lima United Methodists, being a safe place for families and new people to learn about God, and a whole lot more. You will receive a letter about making a pledge toward the church budget in 2027. Pray about it and please make a pledge.

We will be spending the next 3 weeks looking at Generosity and how God is generous with us. I hope you will join me in church, or online, as we explore how we can be generous with others as God is generous with us. 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, November 8, 2026

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

Sunday, November 15, 2026

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

Thank You! ***Thank You!*** ***Thank You!*** ***Thank You!***

- 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.

- November – December Upper Rooms are available in the narthex.

- Family Promise meal is November 19th at 5:00. This is our "Friendsgiving" dinner with them and all are invited to share a meal alongside the residents. Bring your favorite dish to share

CONNECTION CORNER

BIRTHDAYS ***ANNVERSARIES***

November

10 Sandy Dill

15 Bettye Jo Frail

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Delores Gossard
Dave & Helen McElderry
Carol Blass
Jacqui Dill
Beverly Shade
Tom & Pat Bodell
Dewey & Connie Taylor
Larry Kirtland
Sonny Newland

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: November – Shampoo. Non-perishable food items such as canned goods and dried food items are always needed.

Family Promise Needs: Bath towels, cleaning products, laundry supplies, bed pillows, gas vouchers, gift cards to Dollar General, Walmart or Meijer, over-the-counter adult medicine: Tylenol, Band Aids, Cough Drops, Alcohol Swabs, baby products, and toiletries. Or contact Family Promise to make a 'gift-in-kind' donation.

Important Dates for your Calendar

November

8	9 am Worship
	Communion
	Hospitality
11	9 am Upper Room Study
15	9 am Worship
	10:20 am Choir Rehearsal
16	7:30 pm Leadership Meeting
18	9 am Upper Room Study
19	5 pm Provide meal to Family Promise
22	9 am Worship – Consecration Sunday
	10:20 am Choir Rehearsal

Westside's Financial Report

The Leadership Team will publish the monthly report in the Connection each month. Our mortgage on the building is $140,211 as of September 30, 2026. The October mortgage payment was $4,515. To meet the church budget, the average monthly income needed is $12,422.

For the month of October 2026:

Westside Offerings	$ 7,972
Family Promise	2,915
Total Income for August	$10,887
Average Budget Need	12,422
	($ 1,535)