THE CONNECTION

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Greetings from Pastor Paul

Hello Everyone,

Saturday, October 24th, we will be having a Chicken BBQ here at Westside. We will be meeting our neighbors and raising money to continue to decrease our debt and fund our ministries. Tickets are available from Jane. You have until the 18th when your money and unsold tickets (which you won't have because you are a great seller of Chicken Dinners) are due. If you are a baker of delicious cookies fire up your ovens as we will be adding a cookie to each meal, showing everyone, how good church cookies can be! Thank you in advance for all your hard work. Eat Mor Chiken! as the Chick-fil-A cows say.

It is the time of year when we work on the Leadership Team for 2027. Are you interested in helping make the decisions that help determine the direction of Westside? Do you wonder how decisions around money, ministry, and building are made? Then see me about becoming a member of our Leadership Team in the next couple of weeks as we establish next year's team.

It is time to think about Halloween and connecting with the neighborhood children. Join us on the 29th of October or purchase candy to be handed out or hotdogs and buns as we become the hands of Christ serving families a warm meal on a very busy night. The Candy box is in the narthex fill it up for kids to find Christ's joy in the celebration of All Saints Eve (a.k.a. Halloween).

Monday the 26th, we will be hosting a blood drive for the Red Cross here at Westside in the Family Life Center from noon to 5pm. If you want to give blood please sign up at www.redcrossblood.org and look for Westside on the 26th of October. If you don't want to donate blood, you can help the day of the drive by making a snack, helping sign people in or making sure people have something to drink and eat while they rest after giving blood. Please take a flyer and put it up in a place you see other flyers around town. This is a great way to get people from outside the church to see we are here on Gloria Avenue.

You are invited to 105 E Main St. in Elida to enjoy dessert and hear about Marla's trip to China. She will have pictures from her trip and explain how your prayers and support helped show children in China the love Jesus Christ. Join us this Sunday, October 11th, from 6-7pm as we say Thank You for all your prayers and support.

We will wrap up our Inadequate Series this Sunday and then we will spend a couple of weeks looking at family before we celebrate All Saints Sunday on the 1st of November. I hope you will join me in person at Westside or online as we continue to look for where God is leading Westside UMC. Until then I will see you in the mission field.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING

Sunday, October 11, 2026

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

Sunday, October 18, 2026

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

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.

- Ticket money and/or your unsold ticket for the chicken dinner fund raiser is due Sunday, **October 18th**. All ***must*** be turned in to Jane in the office no later than that date because the order will be placed the following day.

- Please consider giving blood during our blood drive with the Red Cross on October 26th.

- Our Halloween Candy box in the narthex is ready to be filled.

CONNECTION CORNER

BIRTHDAYS

October

02	Ronda Maginnity
06	Sally Leidy
13	Thomas Leidy
18	Peggy Kincaid
25	Stephanie Shutt-Steinke
27	Kathleen Aufderhaar
28	Jack Ditto

ANNVERSARIES

15	Bruce & Loretta Hodges

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	Tom & Pat Bodell
Dave & Helen McElderry	Dewey & Connie Taylor
Jacqui Dill	Chris Kohli

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: October – Toothpaste & Tooth brushes. 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

October

11	9 am Worship
	Hospitality
	6pm Marla's presentation "Trip to China", St Paul's Church
14	9 am Upper Room Study
15	5 pm Provide meal for Family Promise residents
18	9 am Worship
	Chicken Dinner Money & Tickets Due
19	7:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting

Westside's Financial Report

The Leadership Team will publish the monthly report in the Connection each month. Our mortgage on the building is $144,726 as of August 31, 2026. The September mortgage payment was $4,515. To meet the church budget, the average monthly income needed is $12,422.

For the month of September 2026:

Westside Offerings	$ 7,962
Family Promise	2,861
Total Income for August	$10,823
Average Budget Need	12,422
	($ 1,599)

Westside UMC
BBQ CHICKEN DINNER

CARRYOUT / DRIVE THRU ONLY

WHEN:	Saturday, October 24th 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
WHERE:	604 Gloria Ave
TICKETS:	**$12 Donation** per ticket. **Must buy ticket ahead of time** from any member or the office.
PHONE:	419-223-2881

DINNER INCLUDES:

- **Chicken**
- **Green Beans**
- **Mac & Cheese**
- **Delicious Dessert**

Meals prepared by Stites Grocery

