

THE CONNECTION

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HE IS RISEN!

During this Holy Week we are reminded of the sacrifice our Lord Jesus made for each of us. His journey during this Holy season reminds us of our call to serve one another and to encourage others that may be unfamiliar with the message of love and forgiveness that is offered to all believers. We have been gifted with the freedom to approach the Throne of Grace through our repentance and prayers. Jesus' resurrection shows us that God has a plan for each of us and His grace is sufficient.

The Old Testament prophet, Jeremiah says in Jeremiah 29 ***"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."***

God has a plan for Westside, our Prayer for Westside has not been prayed in vain. God has provided us with an opportunity to grow spiritually and further our ministry in our community and world. Transitioning from pastoral leadership from Pastor Dan to Pastor Paul Scannell means we will "stretch" and be open to change for the glory of His Kingdom.

St. Paul UMC, Elida is sharing Pastor Paul with us and their service is each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. Beginning July 1, Westside will need to change our time of worship each Sunday in order to give the Pastor time to commute between the two churches. During worship on May 4, all person who are in worship will be able to vote on the time of our worship. We have two choices. We all probably have our preference, however, we need to think who we would like to reach and what time would be best for those persons?

9:00 a.m. Worship & 10:00 Sunday School

OR

10:00 a.m. Sunday School & 11:00 a.m. Worship

Let's continue to pray for God's plan in our lives. ***"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done."***

LOOKING AHEAD FOR APRIL

Sunday, April 20, 2025

EASTER – HE IS RISEN!

9:00 a.m. Sunday School, Family Life Center
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Liturgist: Gene Aufderhaar
Song Leader: Pam Ditto
Pianist/Organist: Eileen Hartles
K.I.D.'s Connection: Michelle Cole

Scriptures: Acts 10:34-43; Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24
I Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18; Luke 24

Sunday, April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Sunday School, Family Life Center
10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship

Liturgist: Lonnie Pedersen
Song Leader: Pam Ditto
Pianist/Organist: Eileen Hartles
K.I.D.'s Connection: Jacqui Dill

Scriptures: Acts 5:27-35; Psalms 150;
Rev. 1:4-6; John 20:19-31



OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE AND NEWS

Church United Pantry (C.U.P.) appreciates and needs the non-perishable food items our church family shares with them. In addition each month specific items are requested.

Westside has been asked to assist in the month of:

April – Soap or Body Wash; May - Deodorant

UPDATE ON HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY AND CHURCH

Serving is fun and rewarding. For security reasons, the church entrance doors will be locked once the service is in session. If you would like to be a Greeter one Sunday or more, please call the church office. **You are needed.** Office number is 419-223-2881. Leave a message. OR you can tell anyone on the Leadership Team! We appreciate Mike Leidy, and Sue Osmon for stepping up to assist.

- **Family Promise Needs:** Bus passes, Twin mattresses with air pumps, snacks for kiddos, paper products: plates, napkins, paper towels, plastic silverware. Items may be taken to the Family Promise office or left in the narthex.
- Note the needs for C.U.P. (**Church United Pantry**) listed regularly in the newsletter along with the continual need for non-perishable food items. If you are interested in assisting in the distribution, please contact Kay & Tim Kunkleman.
- Thursday, April 17, 5:00 p.m. Share with a light meal with the Family Promise families. All are welcome to come and become familiar with the ministry of Family Promise.
- The Ark@Westside is ready to be used by you and our community. This is a convenient, safe and nice place for graduation parties, showers, meetings and family gatherings. Contact the church office to get your preferred date on the calendar.
- Check out our newly updated website at limawestsideumc.com where you can find the latest services, newsletters, and the church calendar!

Note special events happening on the following dates – more information coming soon:

May 4 - Native American Sunday – Special Offering
11 - Fellowship and donuts before worship
12 - Leadership Team Meeting
15 - Dinner with Family Promise Families
17 - Spring Work Day
18 - Worship Service led by District Superintendent, Rev. Jim Wilson
June 8 - Pentecost Sunday

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(Information and opportunities to help others and to help you!)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ron Farley
Connie battling breast cancer
Gene Aufderhaar
Eileen Hartles
Larry Kirtland
Jeff Crawford
Tim Kunkleman
Errol Plate
The Peter's Family

HOME/HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME

Springview Manor
Dewey Taylor

Home Bound
Beverly Shade



Anniversaries:

May 9 Joe & Clarissa Frail
16 Pastor Dan & Vanessa Lee

Birthdays:

May 1 Cindy Crawford
5 Kevin Shelb
12 Jason Newland
17 Jonah Lee
23 Caden Triplett
27 Sandy Lauck

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

FUTURE DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

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April 17 5:00 p.m. Dinner with Family
Promise families
20 Easter Sunday – Christ is Risen
Morning worship 10:15 a.m.
23 9:00 a.m. Upper Room Gathering
27 10:15 Worship with guest speaker
Charlotte Hefner

May 4 10:15 Worship Service and vote on
change of worship time begin-
ning July 1, 2025
11 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and refresh-
ments in Narthex
10:15 Worship & Mother's Day

MAY/JUNE UPPER ROOMS DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

IN NEED OF A GREETING, GET WELL, BIRTHDAY CARD? CHECK OUT THE CARD
RACK IN THE CONNECTION CAFÉ – “TAKE A CARD – SEND A CARD”

Have a Blessed Week!