

# THE CONNECTION

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*Hello Everyone,*

We need you! We are looking for people to light the advent candles all the Sundays of Advent, as well as Christmas Eve service. There will be a short reading and lighting of the correct number of candles. Please contact me or the church office to volunteer.

Thank you to everyone who packed or purchased a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. In total, 208 boxes were delivered from Westside, St. Paul's, and T&D Interior. You have made a great impact for Jesus Christ in the lives of children around the world.

You have a couple of Sundays to get your gifts in for the Family Promise Adult gift bags. We will be packing bags on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December so the 7<sup>th</sup> of January is the last Sunday to drop stuff off. Below is a list of items you can get for the gift bags Wallets, Billfolds, Small Hand Tools, Picture Frames, Spices, Batteries, Hand Towels, Soap for shower, Gas card/Walmart card, Stamps, Pocket calendar, Pens/pencils, Notepads, Nail clippers, Flashlight, Chap stick, Card games, Socks, Keychain, Devotional book, Slipper socks, Umbrella, Cosmetic bag, Lip balm, body sprays, Nail polish, nail polish remover, nail file, Hair brush, Candles or whatever else you can think to get. Thanks for all that you do to help those in need.

Remember if you would like to be included in the ramp building ministry please contact me or the church office and I will include you in future ramp build information. No special skills are required, only a willingness to work and learn on the job. It is more rewarding than I can tell you and it is great fellowship with builders and clients alike.

For the next 4 weeks we'll be taking A Journey through Advent as we explore the people of Jesus' birth and what their journey was like. We will be looking at Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth and the people of Bethlehem. I hope you will join us in person or online as we explore the Journey that is Advent. Until then I will see you in the mission field.

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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](mailto:4PastorPaul@gmail.com).

# THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Worship Liturgist	Deb Pedersen
Song Leader	Pam Ditto
Pianist	Eileen Hartles
K.I.D.'s Connection	Carol Blass/Sally Leidy

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Worship Liturgist	Phil Osmon
Song Leader	Pam Ditto
Pianist	Eileen Hartles
K.I.D.'s Connection	Jessica Schelb

## ***IDEAS FOR THE FAMILY PROMISE ADULT GIFT PACKAGES***

Box is available for your gifts in the Narthex and contributions due by **December 9.**

Wallets	Gas card/Walmart card	Card games
Billfolds	Stamps	Socks
Small Hand Tools	Pocket Calendar	Keychain
Picture Frames	Pens/pencils	Devotional book
Spices	Notepads	Slipper socks
Batteries	Nail Clippers	Umbrella
Hand Towels	Flash Cards	Cosmetic Bag
Soap for shower	Chap Sticks	Tools

## **Happenings Around Westside**

**Fear\*Less group** met for the final session on Saturday, Nov. 22, at Shawnee United Methodist Church. This was an inspirational and learning time for all who participated.

**Friendsgiving Dinner,** Eighteen Westsider's enjoyed a meal and fellowship with the families residing with Family Promise. We enjoyed good food, great fellowship, and the children enjoyed the inter-action with so many adults! We give thanks for the opportunity to share with our neighbors.

**Christmas Shoebox** outreach for children. Westside partnered with St. Paul UMC with eight boxes for the Christmas Shoebox ministry. This was a blessing for us in a new outreach ministry for children in need.

**Decorating the Sanctuary** – Many stayed after worship Sunday morning to offer helping hands decorating the sanctuary. We were done in a timely manner and are prepared to welcome our family and guests during this Christmas season. Thank you to all the adults and children who participated.

**Holiday Schedule:**

Christmas Eve Candlelight service, December 24 - 7:00 p.m. Westside Sanctuary.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Sunday, December 28 we will host our sister Lima Area United Methodist Churches for worship at **10:30 a.m.** Forest Park, Shawnee, Trinity, and St. Paul's United Methodist Churches will join us for a Wesleyan Covenant worship and a time of fellowship. Please mark your calendars to join in this opportunity to welcome our neighbors for worship and fellowship.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

November

- 26 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Upper Room Gathering
- 27 THANKSGIVING DAY
- 30 9:00 a.m. Worship - First Sunday of Advent  
Immediately following worship – Choir Practice in Sanctuary

December

- 3 9:00 a.m. Upper Room Gathering
- 7 Second Sunday of Advent – Worship at 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice at 10:00
- 9 7:30 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting
- 10 9:00 a.m. Upper Room Gathering; 10:00 a.m. Prepare gift bags for Family Promise Adults

***CONNECTION CORNER***

**LET'S CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS!**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

December 24 Jim Briggs  
29 Larry Kirtland

December 7 Dewey & Connie Taylor

**REMEMBER OUR HOME BOUND FRIENDS:**

Bruce & Loretta Hodges  
Peggy Beery

Beverly Shade  
Phyllis Snyder

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

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Delores Gossard	Kelsey
Jack & Becky Crabtree	Ed Scannell
Dewey Taylor (Springview Manor)	Mike Blass
Jerry Ditto	Debbie Briggs
Pam Boedicker	Dave & Helen McElderry

**FAMILY PROMISE MINISTRY AND THE 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**      December – Feminine Hygiene Pads & Bladder Control Products

**Family Promise needs**    Cleaning supplies; paper products; bath towels and wash cloths; Men, women and children shampoo; lotions; snacks for children.