

# THE CONNECTION

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## *Greetings from Pastor Paul*

Hello Westside,

It has already been 2 months we have been working together to reach the community with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Time flies when you are working hard and I can say I am becoming more comfortable with the schedule. Some of you have come to me with ideas for ministries and classes for Westside. You need to be aware when asking about a new ministry or class I will nearly always say yes if there is space and time, but I will also be asking when you want to start it. In other words your idea will only come to life when you put in the effort to start it.

Thank you to Clarissa, Pam, Debbie, and Lonnie who helped hand out water to runners at the Lifewise 5K run in Elida. If you want to see some pictures, ask Lonnie, he was our master photographer. The event had over 600 participants for the 1K fun run and 5K run, we cheered, handed out water, and had a great time fellowshiping together for a few hours Labor Day morning. It has been suggested we have some kind of breakfast next year for the volunteers. Maybe it is something to think about?

The monthly Family Promise meal prepared by Westside is September 18<sup>th</sup>. Be prepared to sign up to help put a meal together for the residents of Family Promise. The example of feeding people is a reoccurring theme in the Bible and I want to encourage you to be a part of this ministry. Thank you in advance for all your hard work.

Finally, we will finish the Jesus and Me Series, last Sunday we talked about children and Jesus and this week we will look at the Samaritan woman at the well. How she responded to Jesus and how Jesus used their time together to open the gospel not only to her but the village where she lived. The next series, Unafraid, will help us to set aside our fears and to live a life of bold faith. I hope you will join me in person on Sunday, or online, as we continue to explore how we can live our best Christian Life. Until then I will see you in the mission field.

Yours in Christ

Pastor Paul

## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING

Sunday, September 7, 2025    Worship Service 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Liturgist                      Deb Pedersen  
Song Leader                              Clarissa Frail  
Pianist/Organist  
K.I.D.'s Connection                      Jessica Schelb/Sally Leidy

Sunday, September 14, 2025  
Worship Liturgist                      Clarissa Frail  
Song Leader                              Clarissa Frail  
Pianist/Organist  
K.I.D.'s Connection                      Sally Leidy  
Communion Stewards                      Michelle Cole/Carol Blass

Sunday, September 21, 2024  
Worship Liturgist                      Sally Leidy  
Song Leader                              Pam Ditto  
Pianist/Organist                      Eileen Hartles  
K.I.D.'s Connection                      Michelle Cole

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Join the group to assist in the media booth. Skills needed: willingness to serve, no prior experience needed – training is available – be available on Sunday mornings of your choice.

Worship Liturgist are an important part of our service. If you would like to serve, please contact Carol Blass, [kblass1@woh.rr.com](mailto:kblass1@woh.rr.com) or cell 512.712.8672

Sept. 14 -- Communion Sunday = Hospitality Sunday – Bring a savory or sweet treat to share before worship or following worship. This is a time to take a few minutes to re-connect with fellow followers of Christ. The table will be set at 8:30 and remain open after the worship service.

Sept. 18    5:00 p.m. Dinner for Family Promise

Sept. 26    7:00 p.m. Hallelujah Saints Band Concert

Oct. 5        World Communion Sunday

## ***CONNECTION CORNER***

### **LET'S CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS!**

Sept. 7 Bruce Hodges  
14 Carol Blass  
24 Joe Frail

### **ANNIVERSERIES TO CELEBRATE!**

Sept. 11 Tom & Pam Ditto  
27 Jane & Shawn Stevens

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

### **Upper Room Gathering, Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m.**

We will be sharing our ideas on the devotions found in the Upper Room Devotional (Devotional found in the Narthex). Each week there seems to be a lively discussion, which as a small group, we sometimes are in agreement and sometimes we are in a friendly disagreement! However, we each find we are growing with the sharing of thoughts, concerns, prayer needs, and learning to know and understand each other on a deeper level.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Connection Café, grab a cup of coffee, and join us as your schedule allows.

On Sept 3 our discussion will be around "Stronger Together" Scripture Romans 15:1-6  
10 "A Surprise Opportunity" Scripture Galatians 3:23-29

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Delores Gossard	John Hixon
Dave McElderry (home)	Jack & Becky Crabtree
Dewey Taylor (Springview Manor)	Eileen Hartles
Dave Vanbidder	Dante Puleio
Baby Isla Meeks	Responders
Surgery Patients	Government Leaders
Pastors	Beverly Shade

**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:** September Westside will assist in supplying Deodorant, Canned and dry food items, and personal hygiene items are always welcomed too.

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

## **THE ARK@WESTSIDE**

The Ark@Westside is a convenient space for your special occasion! It is available for baby/wedding showers, graduation, birthday parties, meetings or social gatherings.

Call the church office (419.223.2881) where you can leave a message and a return call will be made to you to answer your questions and take reservations.

### **YouTube Channel**

We have a new YouTube channel. You can visit it at **[www.youtube.com@WestsideUMCLima](http://www.youtube.com@WestsideUMCLima)** or go to **YouTube.com** and search for **“Westside UMC Lima”**. Our hope is to eventually transition our Live Streams to YouTube to make it easier for all to view our services.

### **Westside’s Financial Report**

The Leadership Team will publish the monthly report in the Connection each month. Our mortgage on the building is \$190,785.39 as of July 30. Mortgage monthly payment is \$4,606.

To meet the church budget the average monthly income needed is \$12,667.

Income for the month of August, 2025:

Westside offerings	\$ 8,457
Family Promise	1,799
Total Income for August	\$10,256 (short \$2,411)