

# THE CONNECTION

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## ***Greetings from Pastor Paul Scannell***

Hello Westside,

Are you excited? Are you a bit apprehensive? Are you both at the same time?

I know without a doubt I am both at the same time. I will begin with you in ministry on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, my first day in the office. My first Sunday will be July 6<sup>th</sup> and I want to take that time to introduce myself to you. Who I am, where I come from, who my family is, what I enjoy, what I dislike, who I cheer for, but especially how God has gotten me to this point in my ministry with you and where it is we will be going. If you are looking for those type of details here well sorry to disappoint you but you will have to show up to church at 9am on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Can't make it on the 6<sup>th</sup>? You can always watch on Facebook live to see what's happening at Westside and hear my story.

Speaking of the 6<sup>th</sup> I want you to know some of the logistics about how church on Sunday is going to happen. You have graciously changed the time of your service to 9am and I will be doing a service at Elida St. Paul's at 10am every Sunday. Which means I am not going to have much time at the end of service to greet and meet all of you. My goal is to be walking out your door at about the same time as St. Paul's is beginning their service which means if I talk a lot there may be no greeting you after church. But I will be available before church begins every Sunday and on that first Sunday, I will park myself at the back of the church to meet you all before the service begins. I hope you will stop and introduce yourselves so we can begin to get to know one another better.

I will also be in the office most Tuesdays between 10-4 and I am at St. Paul's in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10-2 and Sunday 1-5 (by appointment). You can always call or text me on my cell at 734-660-1984 and I will get back to you as soon as possible. I am usually off on Fridays and Saturdays but there are always exceptions to that rule like on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July we (yes, you and I) will be Weeding Westside from 8:30am to 10:30am working on beautifying the outside of the church. So, bring a pair of gloves and your gardening tools and meet the new pastor.

Finally, I want to say to you there will be some minor things that change as we move forward in this new relationship but there will be a lot of things that remain the same. I am going to ask you to tell me your story and how it is that you ended up at Westside. I really want to hear your story and how God has gotten us to this moment in time together in this place. I know God will use all of us together to begin to grow the kingdom of God here in Lima, we just have to be brave enough to step out in faith together to do God's work. I see it already happening in the stories I have heard and I am confident that you will be a part of what happens here at Westside. I hope to be filling this section of the newsletter every time it comes out, sometimes I will be repeating myself, other times it will be all new but I believe communication is one of the most important things we can do to maintain a good relationship.

Whew, there is so much more to say but the paragraph before this started with finally so I will save it for the next newsletter. Until then I will see you in the mission field!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Paul

p.s. I need a few people to help with AV on Sundays. Running the sound board, setting up the livestream, running the slides during service. Yes, you can learn how to do it, I know you can, and the more people who volunteer the less often you have to do the job. (Many hands make light work), let me know if you are willing to help out on Sunday mornings. Thanks in advance!

## LOOKING AHEAD FOR JUNE

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

Liturgist: Sally Leidy  
 Song Leader: Pam Ditto  
 Pianist/Organist: Gretchen Schneider  
 K.I.D.'s Connection: Jacqui Dill

Scriptures: I Kings 19:1-15a Psalms 42  
 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39

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

Liturgist: Gene Aufderhaar  
 Song Leader: Pam Ditto  
 Pianist/Organist:  
 K.I.D.'s Connection: Carol Blass, Sally Leidy

Scriptures: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalms 77;  
 Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62



### 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:

***June – Toothbrushes & Toothpaste; July – Toilet Tissue***

## **UPDATE ON HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY AND CHURCH**

***Join in the fellowship immediately following worship Sunday, June 22, in the Ark@Westside for a covered dish dinner to share with Pastor Dan and Vanessa Lee and show your appreciation to them for their leadership at Westside these past four years...***

- The local United Methodist Churches celebrated Pentecost Sunday, June 8, at Faurot Park. It was a wonderful time of worship and was well attended. If you missed it, you missed great music, the opportunity to share with other believers and inspirational worship. We collectively were able to share financially with Bradfield Center and C.U.P.
- **Sunday, July 29, 2025** – don't miss worshipping with Pastor Dan. This will be the last Sunday with Dan and Vanessa's leadership. Don't miss the opportunity to worship, greet and visit with the Lee's.
- **Sunday, July 6** we will begin our new worship schedule. Worship will be at 9:00 **a.m.** with Pastor Paul Scannell leading us. Come introduce yourself to Pastor Paul. God has blessed us with pastoral leadership and is challenging each of us to respond to our call as children of the Living God.
- **Saturday, July 12. 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.** we will gather in the back picnic area of the church lot and clean up the area for the children who will enjoy the play area this summer. Bring your garden tools, gloves and energy, working as long as you can and share your skills with our neighbors and friends.
- Interested in media? Do you enjoy the on-line service? We need you to come and serve one Sunday or several Sunday's (whatever works in your schedule) with our media and sound booth Training is available and the need is great.

# Connection ♥ ⇌ ♥ Corner

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

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Ron Farley  
Delores Gossard  
Kyle Rockhold  
Dave Vanbibber  
Baby Brian (cancer patient)  
Eileen Hartles  
Deb Pettigrew  
Beverly Shade

## HOME/HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME

Springview Manor  
Dewey Taylor

Home Bound  
Beverly Shade



### Anniversaries:

June 17 Phil & Sue Osmon  
29 Kevin & Jessica Schelb

### Birthdays:

June 13 Mike Leidy  
15 Bill Foulkes  
17 Cheryl Hefner  
18 Phyllis Snyder

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

## FUTURE DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

- .....
- June 22 Covered Dish dinner to  
Show appreciation to the Lee's  
29 Last worship service led by  
Pastor Dan
- July 1 10:00 - 4:00 Office hours with  
Pastor Paul Scannell  
6 9:00 a.m. First service at 9:00 a.m.  
Pastor Paul leading worship  
12 8:30 – 10:30 Clean up time at the  
Church  
14 7:30 p.m. Leadership Team Mtg.  
Narthex of the church

**JULY/AUGUST UPPER ROOMS ARE 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!