THE CONNECTION

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Greetings from Pastor Paul

Hello Everyone,

October 24th we will be having a Chicken BBQ here at Westside. The tickets are sold (154 of them), the supplies are purchased, and now we need your help. Saturday October 24th from 1-4:30 PM we will be serving meals to everyone who purchased a ticket. We need servers, runners and ticket takers/traffic conductors. Please join us and we will find something for you to do.

The 27th 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 27th 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.

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).

Operation Christmas Child has officially begun and now until the 15th of November you have an opportunity to give a child a present for Christmas. Samaritan's Purse sends Christmas boxes all over the world. Marla and I have been building boxes since 2014 and our boxes have traveled to 4 continents and 18 different countries. I have never seen one of my packages delivered but I know the love and prayer that has gone into them. I believe God has used what is being done by Operation Christmas Child to bring Jesus to children all over the world. Information is in the narthex or you can go to Samaritan Purses website for a list of dos and don'ts or you can buy a box online for just $30. Let's share Christ with children all over the planet this year.

I hope you will join me this week and next as we discuss family and then celebrate All Saints Day as we remember those who have come before us. Until then I will see you in the mission field.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING

Sunday, October 25, 2026

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

Sunday, November 1, 2026

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

Thank You! ***Thank You!*** ***Thank You!*** ***Thank You!***

- We sold 154 chicken dinners (yay!) but so far we only have 59 cookies to add as desserts. Please consider bringing cookies to the office. We will be setting up at the church at 1pm on Saturday if you are unable to bring them ahead of time. Any extra cookies will be used at our blood drive Monday.

- 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.

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

- Our Halloween Candy box in the narthex. Trick or Treat is next week!

- November – December Upper Rooms are available in the narthex.

CONNECTION CORNER

BIRTHDAYS ***ANNVERSARIES***

October

25	Stephanie Shutt-Steinke
27	Kathleen Aufderhaar
28	Jack Ditto

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
Carol Blass	Larry Kirtland
Jacqui Dill	Sonny Newland

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

21 9 am Upper Room Study
22 11:15 – 1 pm Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, 125 S Central Ave, Lima
24 2 – 4 pm Chicken Dinner Fundraiser
25 9 am Worship
2 pm Fall Charge Conference at Forest Park UMC
26 12-5 pm Red Cross Blood Drive
28 9 am Upper Room Study
29 5 - 7 pm Neighborhood Trick or Treat

November

1 2 am Turn clocks back 1 hour
9 am Worship – All Saints Day



American Red Cross

We Need YOU!

Give Blood. Make a Difference!

Westside Methodist Church
604 Gloria Ave, Lima OH

is hosting an

American Red Cross

BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, October 26th
from Noon to 5

Go to
RedCrossBlood.org
to register today for your time slot.

Light snacks and refreshments provided.

Be the Reason Someone Lives.