



Condit Courier

July 2020

Session Voted to Provide Online Streaming of Worship Service

For several years Session and Trustees have discussed the pros and cons of streaming our weekly Worship Service online. We began by having the Children's Service filmed and posted on Facebook.

When the Stay-Home because of covid19 temporarily closed our church, Rev. Annie, Lyle Melick and Adam Garner scurried to get everything needed to record and post the services online. A grant from the Presbytery paid for the online platforms and copyright license. Attendance for the online services has varied from 50 to over 150 viewers per week.

Although Condit plans to resume on site Worship as soon as it is safe, we want to continue to serve those watching online who no longer live in the community or cannot attend Sunday services due to health restrictions.

A Committee of Bob Westbrook, Lyle Melick, and Adam Garner studied what is needed to go along with our present audio-video equipment and presented two proposals. One would get us started but still leave equipment needed to make the best presentations. The Elders voted to use some of the special memorial funds and get the equipment for the complete job now. It will cost less than \$5,000 which will include an upgrade to the internet service.

Christian Education to Begin Bible Study **by Sue Milem**

Do you want to read the Bible with understanding?

I will be leading a group starting soon on the Bible and reading it. *The Year of the Bible*, by James Davison, will be our guide.

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Book Study To Meet On Wednesdays

Beginning on July 8 at 7 p.m. a Book Study Group will meet at the church in the fellowship hall. We will meet for 6 weeks, discussing one chapter each week from the book, *Anxious To Talk About It; Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism*, by Carolyn B. Helsel.

This book study will feature interactive sessions designed to deepen our understanding of racial identity development and build concrete skills to talk wisely and well about racism in our world today.

It is available as kindle or paperback on various websites. Purchase your book and read the 1st chapter before we meet on July 7. Contact Rev. Melick if you have any questions.

Opportunity to Hear Our Synod's New Moderator at Our Worship

Condit's Special Guest Speaker for Worship July 5 is Rev. Chip Hardwick. The Online service will be seen via YouTube or Facebook using link on Condit's website at www.ConditChurch.org.

Rev. Dr. Charles B. Hardwick began serving as the Interim Executive for the Synod of the Covenant in spring, 2020. Chip is grateful that the Holy Spirit brought him to this challenging role, where he can work with the eleven presbyteries throughout Ohio and Michigan to develop ministries to help Presbyterians live more faithfully.

Before joining the Synod, Chip served the denomination as *(Hardwick continues on page 2)*



Being a Matthew 25 Congregation

by Rev. Annie Melick



Rev. Annie Melick

Last month, our Session voted to become a Matthew 25 congregation, an initiative by our denomination to encourage vitality in our churches. We anticipate our participation will include educational components, special projects or ministries, and sharing stories with other churches who are involved. As I imagine what it will mean for us to be a Matthew 25 Congregation, I focus on the part of the passage where Jesus talks about serving “the least of these.” This is something Condit has always done, and I look forward to how we will do this in the future.

As we think about who falls in that category of “the least of these,” we might find that it changes over time. In Bible times, it was often the poor, orphans and the widows who were most helpless. Over the years, in addition to those, we’ve seen other groups who might find themselves powerless or disenfranchised: women, minorities, disabled, uneducated, and LGBTQ, to name a few. Much mission and outreach from churches has been focused on helping bring justice and care for these.

One of the Matthew 25 emphases is particularly relevant at this time – dismantling racism. As we have witnessed demonstrations around the world in response to acts of violence against people of color, I hope to help us think theologically about these issues. As Christians, we have a unique way of thinking and responding to the world and in the world because we follow Jesus. I hope we are praying, reading, and listening as we navigate this time. Let’s have open minds and open hearts. Let’s be the people of God for all of our human siblings at this time.

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Director of Theology, Formation, and Evangelism. He has also served churches in Lake Forest, IL, Bloomington, IL, and Atlanta, GA. His education includes a B.A. from Alma College, an M.B.A. from Northwestern University, a Th.M. from Emory University, and an M.Div. and Ph.D. (preaching and worship) from Princeton Theological Seminary. Before seminary he worked at strategy consultancy Bain and Company in Dallas and Madrid, and at Dow Corning Corporation in Kentucky and Michigan.

Chip is a member of the Presidential Advisory Committee at Alma College, a trustee at Princeton Theological Seminary, and an adjunct professor in Dubuque Seminary’s Doctor of Ministry program. He writes the Bible Explorations column for *Presbyterians Today* and contributes to *These Days* and *The Presbyterian Outlook*. His Outlook article “My Mom and Me: Theological Comfort and the Suicide Crisis” won first place in its category in the 2018 Associated

Church Press Awards. His devotional book *Crossbound* was published for Lent, 2015.

Chip is single, grew up in Beavercreek, OH, and lives in the Detroit area, with his two cats Salsa and Queso. He is fluent in Spanish and enjoys photography, pop culture, travel, Spanish culture, and biking. The biggest competitor to Christ’s lordship in his life is the University of Kentucky Wildcats basketball team.

Celebrate July Birthdays & Anniversaries

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12 Ann Ross	12 Todd and Connie Jacob
14 Isaiia Jacob	13 Dayne and Jennifer Shick
20 Deb Bergmann	
25 Darlene Ross	
26 Addison Welch	
28 Dennis Caudill	
31 Dayne Shick	

Enjoy Your Day!



Worship- July 2020



Beguiled by Beauty; Cultivating a Life of Contemplation & Compassion

7/05/20	A Special Service with our new Synod Moderator, Rev. Chip Hardwick	
7/12/20	The Beauty of a World Without a “Why”	Song of Songs 4:1-7
7/19/20	From Beauty to Compassion and Justice	Isaiah 52:7-10
7/26/20	Nothing Can Separate Us From God	Romans 8:26-39

At-Home Preparations for Worship

Welcome to our summer worship series, “Beguiled by Beauty: Cultivating a Life of Contemplation and Compassion.” Here you’ll find some ideas for making a sacred space in your home and participating in this series by creating visual art. We hope you’ll enjoy the journey!

Gather items to help you create a sanctuary space. Candles, prayer rugs or scarves, bells, pillows, any ritual items that represent your personal connection with the holy...you can get creative here. And this doesn’t have to be a permanent spot in your home — you can always repurpose the space for normal use during the week apart from worship.

Wind chimes are an item of focus for this series. There are lots of cool DIY craft ideas for making your own wind chime! Look on Pinterest and Google to find suggestions. You might hang your wind chime somewhere close to your chosen worship spot so it can catch the breeze.

Make signs for each week of the series with messages that affirm our central messages. You could make and decorate cardboard/chalkboard/ whiteboard signs to display in your home as a reminder of the worship theme throughout the week, or even simply write these affirmations in a journal and meditate on them. Here are the messages to put on signs for each week of the series:

Week 5, July 12: “Look at you! So beautiful, Dearest. So beautiful. Believe this voice of the Divine Lover... for the beauty of the earth.”

Week 6, July 19: “A contemplative life can empty us and ready us to become instruments of the Good.... for the beauty of the earth.”

If you have children at home, please know that we have prepared a scavenger hunt activity each week of this series for children’s time! Parents, you’ll want to take a peek at these ideas beforehand and make sure you have the items hidden somewhere in your home for children to find easily when the time comes. Here are the scavenger hunt activities/items for each week:



Week 5, July 12: A mirror

Week 6, July 19: A megaphone (can be homemade out of a rolled piece of paper)

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We will meet to discuss how to get started and do so and then we will occasionally meet to talk and stay on track. You can do it! Let me know if you have interest and we can decide time and dates. Call Sue at 614-984-7966.



Remember in Your Prayers

Ann Ross, Jim Irwin,
Joe Cox,
Peggy and Max Sheets,
Sue Overturf

224th General Assembly Goes Thru June 27. . . .

Theme: From Lament to Hope

The 224th General Assembly of PC(U.S.A.), which began on Saturday, June 19, has been effectively breaking new ground by doing all business virtually.

First plenary (general meeting for all) of the General Assembly put technology to the test. More than 400 commissioners, over 180 advisory delegates, and hundreds of staff, churches, and spectators tuned in to take part in the first-ever, fully online 224th General Assembly (2020) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) on Friday night. Initially slated for two hours of business followed by the Co-Moderators' election, the session lasted nearly four-and-a-half hours, prompting the rescheduling of the election.

With a technical crew and staff scattered across several conference rooms at the Presbyterian Center, the online assembly worked well, with only a few minor pauses and a few muted microphones.

The assembly opened with a series of music performances from Presbyterian churches around the country, followed by recognition of Indigenous lands.

The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, opened the plenary by recognizing the various challenges facing the U.S. and the world, including the COVID-19 pandemic and racial justice issues.

“This is a time of unrest in our streets. The Breonna Taylor and George Floyd families must be remembered and recognized for how they found themselves at the center of this movement. We also have to remember Ahmaud Arbery and the loss of his life,” Nelson said. “We must get off of our blessed assurance and do what God is calling us to do.”

Election results made Elona Street Stewart and Gregory Bentley Co-Moderators. They stressed the building of relationships through the Matthew 25 initiative.

Take time to watch this historic General Assembly from wherever you are just like our Presbytery Commissioners are doing. Using your phone, computer or ipad, you can watch the work of our General Assembly. A web search for GA224 will bring each of you into the business, events, activities and worship through livestreaming.

Jeanne Harsh asks us to continue to hold in your thoughts and prayers our Presbytery's Commissioners who are actively participating in this General Assembly: Mark Gauen, Presbytery Moderator; Kae Merold, Pastor, Outville PC; Kathi Bubb, Elder, Gahanna Mifflin; and Sarah Juist, Pastor, Hanover PC, and Milo Browne, YAAD, Westminster PC.



Matthew 25 in the PC(USA):

A bold vision and invitation

We are a Matthew 25 church!

Our congregation has accepted the PC(USA)'s invitation to follow Jesus' teachings in Matthew 25:31-46 by becoming active disciples and making a difference in our community and the world.

As part of our Matthew 25 commitment, we pledge to embrace one or more of these three areas of focus:

- Building congregational vitality by deepening and energizing our faith and growing as joyful leaders and disciples actively engaged with our community as we share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed
- Dismantling structural racism by fearlessly applying our faith to advocate and break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color
- Eradicating systemic poverty by acting on our beliefs and working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor

To learn more and for ideas on how to get involved and do your vital part as a member of a Matthew 25 church, please visit pcusa.org/matthew25.



Letter from Bruce Saunders

Hello,
Greetings from Wilmington, Ohio.

I grew up in the Condit Church. I moved to Wilmington, Ohio, and joined the Presbyterian Church here. I just finished a year of serving as moderator of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley. I am a commissioner for this year's GA which starts tonight.

I will definitely represent the interests of small churches at our General Assembly.

I'm grateful to have spent my first 18 years at Condit. I have great memories of my experiences there.

Keep up the good work at Condit Church!
Bruce Saunders

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		<h1>July 2020</h1>					
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