



# Condit Courier

February 2022

## Condit's 2021 Financials By Treasurer Ken Bartlett

Our regular offering ended **\$13,116.21** in arrears of its budgetary amount (\$103,394.14 of \$116,510.35). Total receipts were **\$121,388.67** of the budget amount of \$140,112.35, **\$18,723.68** in arrears. A total of \$8,602.00 was received in 2021 through online giving.

The pre-bought propane for the 2021-2022 winter season and manse repairs due to a water leak issue were the significant over-budget items. Total facility costs were **\$1,431.57** over-budget. Program expense was **\$9,216.04** under-budget. Expenses in total were **\$132,585.94** compared to the budget of \$140,112.35, **\$7,526.41** under-budget.

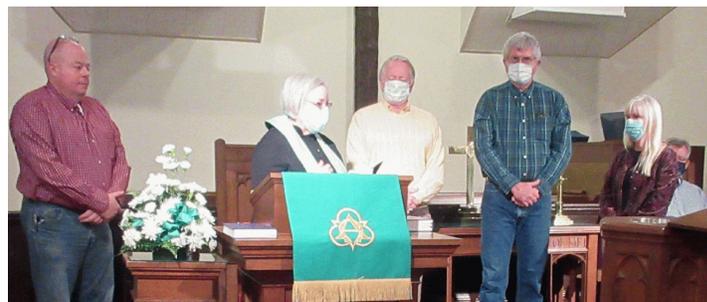
The month of December was **\$9,893.27** in the black, a strong finish to the year. Full year net was **\$11,197.27** in the red.

Receipts were **\$6,176.72** less than a year ago, while expenses were **\$6,419.32** more than a year ago. This results in the net being **\$12,596.04** worse than a year ago.

Investments returned **13.1%** for the year and total **\$192,389.47**. Total funds available were **\$214,958.17** at the end of the year. \$10,000 was approved for transfer from investments to fund operating needs, and through two separate transfers during the year, this amount was transferred to operations. Although operations were in the red **\$11,197.27**, total funds ended the year **\$16,392.90** more than the \$198,565.27 at the start of the year.

Copies of the complete financial report is available in the year-end documents prepared for the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting. Extras are available in the narthex of the church as well as the other year-end reports. All members should pick up a copy so they can understand where Condit stands.

## *Elders Installed at Condit*



*Clerk Welch, Rev. Melick, Elders Doug Kerns, Mick Sheets and Sandy Thacker*

On Sunday, January 9 Clerk Welch and Rev. Annie installed Elders into the Class of 2024. Elder Doug Kerns is renewing his second term, Mick Sheets is starting a third term and Sandy Thacker is starting a first term.

Elders are elected by the congregation to serve as Elders for their life and to serve on Session for a 3 year term which they can renew for another 3 years. At the end of six years, they must step down for at least one year and then they may be reelected to start the process over.

## Annual Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, members in attendance made up the quorum so Condit could continue to operate in 2022. Ken Bartlett was elected Treasurer and Darlene Ross was elected Financial Secretary. Elder Doug Kerns, Trustee Molly Blevins, Members at Large Pam Sheets and Teresa Gorsuch were elected to the 2022 Nominating Committee.

Treasurer Ken Bartlett noted we took in and spent less money in 2021 but still ended in the red. Because we have invested well and those monies did well, Session was able to transfer money into the operating budget. An air conditioner, to replace the failing window units in the manse, was a big item in the budget.

# Children's Messages

*by Rev. Annie Melick*

My stories for the children each Sunday morning are told in a unique style. They are done with a Montessori-type philosophy: children learn and experience the Word of God at their own pace and in their own way. I use physical items that represent the elements of each story. There are usually small wooden "people", wooden buildings and props, and felt land and seas. Stories that are actual historical events are presented in 3D. Stories that are parables (told to demonstrate an idea) are made two dimensionally.



*Rev. Annie Melick*



The children's attention is on the story, not the pastor or congregation. The children are invited to ponder a few questions about the story. I usually don't ask them to verbalize their answers so they are able to hear from God without the influence of others. If it is a concept that might be more difficult for them to process or easily confused, I will make sure they're coming up with the right answer. The same stories are cycled through year after year so that over time, the children will know the most central stories of our faith. It is also important to me that the children are not used as entertainment for the congregation while they are experiencing God's Word. That's why I don't position the children facing the congregation while the story is told.

Each Sunday I encourage the congregation to bless the children with me through the little song, "Go Now In Peace." I believe the words of the song can be instilled in the children's spirits as they experience the love of their church family each week. I think the song of blessing also affects those of us singing it. When we speak a blessing on our children each week, it increases our love for them and our commitment that we made at their baptism to help raise them in the faith. ***Go Now in Peace***

*Go now in peace. Go now in peace.  
May the love of God surround you,  
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.*



## Sunday Worship

### Epiphany Series 2: The Art of Hearing



**February 6**    **Hearing is Believing; God's voice directs us.**

**Luke 5:1-11**

**February 13**    **Hearing and Healing; God's voice heals us.**

**Luke 6:17-26**

**February 20**    **Hearing One Another; God's voice calls us to reconciliation.**

**Luke 6:27-38**

**February 27**    **Transfiguration Sunday**

**Luke 9:28-36**

*FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY MIKE AND CARMIE JOSEPH.*



## Coming to Condit in March

Women from the different area churches meet four times a year to pray, study, eat lunch and enjoy good fellowship. On March 11, Faith Filled Women will be meeting in Condit Fellowship Hall, hosted by Condit's Women's Circle. More plans will be available next month.

Condit Women's Circle does not meet in January or February.

### Per Capita and Mission Giving Update from Presbytery from Robert Patterson, Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Treasurer

Per Capita and Mission Giving represent the primary way the PC(USA) churches support the mission of our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. The Presbytery approved continuing the Per Capita for 2022 at \$40.00 per member. Each church's total Per Capita is calculated on the number of members on the church roll as of December 31, 2020, as reported through the annual Statistical Report.

The 2022 Per Capita is distributed as follows: Presbytery of Scioto Valley, \$27.80; Synod of the Covenant, \$3.25; General Assembly, \$8.95. Congregational Mission Giving supports ministries in the Presbytery and throughout the denomination. Mission support giving level is at the discretion of the congregation. Unless otherwise specified by the congregation the dollars will be divided as follows: Scioto Valley Presbytery 67%, General Assembly (PCUSA) 32%, Synod of the Covenant 1%. You will receive more communication in the near future.

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### Have a Heart, Give Blood



1-6 Friday  
February 11

[GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org](mailto:GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org)

## Condit Supports Local Missions



*Julie Zdanowicz, left, Development Officer of SourcePoint, is accepting Condit's check from Marianna Westbrook and Judy Watts.*

Funds were raised at the August Auto Show with cars and tractors, an ice cream truck, and many raffled items.

SourcePoint wrote, "Thanks to our friends at Condit Presbyterian Church for the generous donation of \$596.06.

"This donation to SourcePoint will support our Meals on Wheels efforts which provide delicious hot and cold meals to home-bound seniors.

"We are incredibly grateful for your support – thank you!"

Marianne and Judy head the Condit Missions Committee,

## Monthly Card Game Returns

Euchre for the community will be held at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> in the Condit Fellowship Hall. The game is open to the public. If you have not played before you are welcome to come learn the game. Please bring your own snacks and drinks.

## February

10 Trish Gilbert  
17 Helen Gilbert  
21 Alex Sheets

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



## *Town Girl Moves to the Country . . . .*

# Meet Jennifer Shick

*by Jennie Kavage*

This time last year Jennifer Shick was living in Sunbury where she had lived since sixth grade when her parents, Joe and Judy Lewis, moved there from Kentucky. Other family members preceded them so Jennifer always had lots of cousins nearby. Today she lives in rural Porter Township in a big brick house built by one of the area's early settlers.



Donald and Joan Shick, her inlaws, owned the house for nearly 50 years. Husband, Dayne, grew up there and always wanted to return to his childhood home. After his parents died, they had the opportunity. Relatives and friends warned Jennifer she wouldn't like being out in the country. She says she loves it. She loves the space, eight-plus acres; the woods in the back; and the sun rising over the pond. She even enjoys mowing all that grass.

Jennifer, Dayne and their children Sarah, Josh and Hannah have spent the last eight months making the house their own - one room at a time. Jennifer could hardly wait to get out the Christmas decorations. She started in November putting up 11 Christmas trees, her Christmas village and touches of joy everywhere.

Jennifer not only lives in the house; she works there, too. A 25-year Aetna employee, she has worked on compliance with state regulations and manages a team for work-flow solutions. Mostly it's problem solving, she says, and involves lots of zoom meetings and conference calls.

While Jennifer enjoys reading, jigsaw puzzles and being outside, her favorite thing is spending time with her children. She considers the isolation periods of the Covid pandemic a gift in a way because "the family got to spend so much time together without the pressure of having to be somewhere. Our kids get along really well, laugh a lot and have so much fun," she notes.

Sarah, 22, is the oldest and working at Diamond Cellar. She will graduate from Columbus State in May with an associate degree in marketing. Sarah started going to Condit Presbyterian Church with a friend a dozen or so years ago. The family liked the church and was soon involved. Jennifer recalls it was when the Rev. Alexander McDougall with his charming Scottish accent was pastor (2008-2010).

Josh, 17, is a junior and on the baseball team at Big Walnut High School. He enjoys hunting and fishing with his cousin Joe Lewis and the boys have learned taxidermy from their Lewis grandfather. A trail camera he has set up in the woods keeps the family

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*Don't Wait to Be Asked . . .*

## Committees are the Muscles To Make Condit Work

Elders and Trustees are the backbone of the church but the Committees are the muscles which make the body work.

Each year, Elders select the committees to supervise. They do not have to serve as chairperson for the committee but they make sure the committee gets the job done and reports are turned in.

They need committees to do all the individual tasks needed to make the church function properly.

Christian Education oversees the Bible lessons for children, teens and adults. These can take many forms: classes, readings, crafts, displays, even games. You do not have to lead a big program or volunteer endless hours. Check with Sue Milem to see how you can help.

Worship and Music adds the extras to the Sunday service such as seasonal decorations, printing and folding bulletins, prayer cards in the pews, taking attendance, etc. Offer your services to Darlene Ross.

Congregational Care Committee has Shepherds who send people greeting cards to brighten their day, make phone calls to check housebound members, and even oversee funeral dinners when needed. If you can be a Shepherd, let Marianne Westbrook or Judy Watts know.

Special Events are sometimes planned for the community like the Auto and Tractor show and sometimes they are planned for our congregation like the Sunrise Breakfast or Fall Bonfire. Let Mick Sheets know if you have any ideas or are willing to help with any of the events.

Outreach is very important to the future of our church. This committee might call on new people in the community to invite them to visit us. They call those we haven't seen in church for a long while and see what can be done to get them to come home. They hunt for the latest phone numbers or addresses to update the membership list. If you would like to help, Judy Watts is the one to use your talents. Call her.

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## Remember In Your Prayers

Joe Cox,  
Peggy Sheets,  
and Mary Jo Wilson

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apprised of the variety of wild animals that roam the property.

Hannah, 15, a BW sophomore, played soccer and basketball until she was sidelined with an ACL injury. After surgery and recovery, it happened again. After the second surgery and recovery there was another accident and she had to go through it all a third time. Hannah works at PJ's restaurant and plays the guitar and the trumpet. A cat lover, she got a kitten for Christmas, bringing the family pet total to 4 cats and 3 dogs.

Dayne's dad started a security company and Dayne eventually became a partner in the business he now owns - Ultimate Technology and Security Solutions. He does both residential and commercial work. When he gets a chance he likes to golf and fish and watch TV. He and Jennifer have enjoyed working on their new old house together. She, who has never been a gardener, is thinking about starting a vegetable patch in the spring.

Coincidentally, the Shick property has an early Condit Church connection.

*Learn more,  
read the  
Aaron  
Harrison  
Story  
on Page 6.*

**Newsletter  
Deadline  
is Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>**



**7 p.m. Saturday  
February 26**

**in  
Condit**

**Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall**

**Please bring your  
snacks and drink.**

*Condit Church Connection . . .*

## **Aaron Harrison Story**

by Jennie Kavage

Aaron R. Harrison who settled on the property (where the Shick Family now lives) about 1833 was married to Mary Condit, daughter of Simon and Hannah Pierson Condit. They were all residents of Orange, Essex County, NJ. Simon and his second wife Elizabeth Douglass (a widow of Hamilton Douglass) came about the same time settling just east of Van Dorn's Tavern, where they met for worship and organized Trenton Presbyterian Church (now Condit Presbyterian), of which they were charter members.

Aaron and Mary Condit Harrison apparently attended Kingston Presbyterian Church, known as Old Blue for its distinctive color. It is noted in the church death register that he was an elder. His property ran on the north side of Chambers Road from East Liberty North Road west to the Kingston Township line and into that township for probably another 100 acres. The James Eaton map published in 1849 shows he had another large amount of land to the north in Morrow County.

The Baskin 1880 history of Delaware County says Aaron and Mary Harrison brought their family of nine children to Ohio in wagons. His double log house was erected just opposite the house built later by his son Zenas. There is a dot on a later township map that would indicate the house Zenas built is the present Shick house, north of Chambers Road on the east side of State Route 61. Aaron's house must have been on the west side of the road known then as the Sunbury-Mt. Gilead Road.

When Aaron Harrison died the land to the north went to his son George and Zenas got the Porter Township property. His will had been witnessed by the Rev. Ahab Jinks, second minister at the Trenton church and a long-time minister at Old Blue.

Aaron, Mary and several of their children are buried in Stark Cemetery.

George and Zenas married daughters of the Rev. John Hunt, minister of Porter Presbyterian Church in East Liberty 1845-46. The Baskin history reports Zenas



*Five year old, Cameron Gale, learns from his Grandpa John Whitney to ring the Condit Church Bell to call the neighbors to Worship.*

served in various township offices and at least two terms as county commissioner. His daughter Zenetta and her husband Frank O. White moved into the house with her mother Catherine and raised their children there until Catherine died in 1912. By the 1920 census they had moved to Delaware.

### ***Committees Continued from page 5***

Our newest Elder, Sandy Thacker is responsible for the Communications Committee. The committee is responsible for getting information about Condit to the public as well as to our members. At the present time, the committee needs more helpers for Lyle Melick and Bob Westbrook who are streaming our Sunday Worship. Things already in place are the website, monthly newsletter, This Week in Condit, Prayer Chains, Church Directory, Searles Sign and moveable street signs. Karen Kerns deliver flyers about the Blood Drive to area businesses. Articles about events are sent to area newspapers.

***Numbers for all the Elders are in the newsletter.***





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