



Condit Courier

September 2022

Special Music is a Treat



When Linda Dado sang “I Believe” for Worship on August 7th members of her family came to share the experience with Condit. They are pictured above with Linda in white in the center of the front row and Adam Garner, Director of Music, in the back row on the left.

Thank you, Linda!

“Fill the Ark” Mission

With another week to go, the Mission has raised \$135 to help a family improve its life. “Fill the Ark” is a family oriented program to encourage families to take time to think about their lives and others who are not so blessed. It puts a value on everyday foods and practices most of us take for granted. Funds will be sent to Heifer International.

If you wish to help but are not back to coming to church, please send a check to Condit Presbyterian Church, 15102 Hartford Road in Sunbury, OH 43074. Write ‘Fill the Ark’ on the memo line.

Sorry About the Audio

Condit Streaming Committee led by Bob Westbrook is trying to get the audio to work on the live streaming of the Sunday morning Worship Services,

Every Sunday Bob comes to church early, and goes through the routine to open the church and get everything ready to work inside and outside the church, We appreciate his dedication. He will get it fixed.

Condit Sunday School Resumes September 11

Boys and Girls will resume studying the “Follow Me Biblical Practices for Faithful Living” they began last year. Children will stay in Worship through the Children’s message then go to their lesson for the remainder of the church service.

Pam Sheets and Sandy Thacker are spearheading the program. They are hoping to have enough teachers so each person only has to miss Worship once every 6 weeks.

A planning meeting is set for Sunday, August 28. If you cannot make the meeting, but are interested in helping, let Pam or Sandy know.

A curriculum planning meeting will be announced later in September.

Special Music Planned for Worship Service, Sept. 4

Condit’s Music Director is planning a Special Music Worship Service for the 4th of September, at 10:00a.m.

Gap Minister Begins September 11

Rev.Morrison was hired for a 4 month term to fill the gap while we continue our search for a minister.

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Rev. Wayne Morrison

Worship at Home for the Month of September

Week of September 4th

Questions for Reflection

Where have you seen relationships redefined by faith? Who have you come to claim as a family member, against all odds? Who do you still label “useless”? What would it take for you to see that person as a sister to brother?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of all creation, you made the hands that stirred unthinking at the start of this day. As the hours slip by, help me to be more mindful of the good they might do: in the greetings they might offer, in the burdens they might bear, in the worry they might soothe. Prompt me to keep them open-not clinging to what you have entrusted but freely offering, freely receiving, in response to this day's needs. May each small motion be a sign of trust, a reminder that my life is in your hands. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of every beginning, every ending, as I remember the faces I saw this day, in moments ordinary and extraordinary- as I recall reports of hardship far away- help me recognize family forgotten by my heart, sisters and brothers entrusted to me. As I rest this night in your care, mend my courage and fire my imagination, that I might be truly useful to you. Plant me where you need me, in the name of the Christ. Amen.

Week of September 11th

Questions for Reflection

How are you a lost sheep, in need of someone to come and search for you? How are you a religious leader, grumbling at the community's disintegrating standards? How are you called to engage in the search for others who live in isolation from God and community?

Household Prayer: Morning

Persistent God, as the day begins and the light increases, let me bring deeply of your grace. As the day unfolds, when my heart strays from you,

call me back to this moment. Come after me as surely as a woman searches for treasure lost. If I am deaf and satisfied, if I resent the needs of others, blow strong against me. Do not leave me in my foolishness- for I would have your mercy flow from me: I would be a refuge for those who wander; I would lend my heart to celebrations; I would speak your name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Patient, persistent God, I offer the day-that-has-been to you, knowing that I was not alone, even when I wandered and filled my heart with noise. As darkness falls, as I yield to sleep, seek me again in my dreams. Call to me in ways beyond my knowing that I might find the strength to feed your people, that I might live, again, to call your name, that I might know the joy of every stranger headed home. For the mercy of the Christ will sustain me and the power of the Spirit send me forth. Amen.

Week of September 18th

Questions for Reflection

How do we, individually and corporately, embody both lament for the world and hope that is in Christ?

Household Prayer: Morning

In this moment of stillness before I dress in the claims of the day, let me stand bare before you with questions unanswered...Fill the silence with your nearness, that I may hear you speak your word and live this day for you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Source of my life, this day I was not promised now is ending. I thank you for the grace it was, noticed and unnoticed. I lay before you all that I saw. I trust to you all that I failed to see. In the gift of the gathering darkness brood over your creation again, and restore your image in me, that I might bear both your grief and your joy in the world; for I pray in the name of Jesus, whose service was in love. Amen.

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WORSHIP SEPTEMBER



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Week of September 25th

September 4 Music Service led by Adam Garner, Condit's Musical Director

September 11 Rev. Wayne Morrison

September 18 Rev. Marion Redding Stenner

September 25 Rev. Wayne Morrison

Greeters and Ushers for September are Judy Watts and Sandy Thacker

Flowers are provided by Sandy Thacker

Remember in Your Prayers



Mary Jo Wilson, Joe Cox, Max and Peggy Sheets, the Counts Family and Joe Murphy.

Report on August 12th Meeting



FFW Womens' Annual Planning Meeting was held on August 12 at The Bridge Church with Hope Lutheran Church providing the program. Each person brought their own lunch. Dessert and beverages were provided. Our speaker was Linda Taylor who talked about her personal cancer battle and how faith and prayer has helped her through this difficult time.

We turned in our money and order forms for the O'Charley's gift certificate drive. As a group we sold 78 cards at \$1950 which brought in \$395 for our missions. Condit sold 15 cards which was great! Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser.

The next meeting will be November 11 in Sunbury United Methodist Church. Condit has the program

Questions for Reflection

Like the prophet Amos, Jesus has harsh words for those who live in luxury and ignore the needs of the poor. The epistle reading warns that "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Tim. 6:10). What is an appropriate Christian attitude towards wealth? How are we called to treat those who are poor?

Household Prayer: Morning

My God, out of the darkness that stalks the night you bring the light of the morning. Let my love for you not waste at noonday, but burn until evening again. Amen

Household Prayer: Evening

My God, Most High, day is done. I rest in your shelter, abide in your shadow, trust in you. Amen.

Made Goal +3 To Save 63

Condit Blood Drive on August 11 should have failed. On Sunday before the drive we were down 10 people. "I called or emailed everyone I could think of to try to fill our slots," noted Polly Horn, Condit Blood Drive Coordinator. Our regulars were at the Hartford Fair, had surgeries or were on family vacations.

By the end of Monday we were only down 4 so it looked like we would be OK.

On Thursday a new bunch of cancellation calls came in. Most were covid quarantines. By Friday morning we were down 7 donors and I debated whether to call Red Cross and cancel or just go ahead and miss goal.

Most of the open spaces were between 3 and 4:30 so a changed sign read Walk-Ins 3-4 .

Four people walked in so we got 21 pints of blood for goal +3. ***63 more people have a chance to live.***



Getting To Know You. . . .

Reverend Wayne Morrison

By Jenny Kavage

“God’s love does not waiver. If God can love me he can love anybody. I can relax in that love,” the Rev. Wayne Morrison believes and that is the revelation he wants to preach. Pastor Morrison will be serving September through December as “gap minister” for Condit Church as the search for a permanent minister continues.

He will fill the Condit pulpit most Sundays but due to prior commitments will not be here Sept. 4 and 18 and Oct. 30. Pastor Morrison says his approach to ministry is very people oriented and he looks forward to getting to know the people of Condit on an individual basis. His contract is for 19 hours of ministry a week and he plans to have office hours if that is wanted, to visit shut-ins and those in hospitals and care facilities, to run session and congregational meetings, officiate at weddings and funerals and, as much as time permits, get to know the community.

Wayne grew up on James Road between Main and Broad, went to Eastmoor High School and then to Muskingum College as a 175-pound offensive guard on the football team. He and his wife, Betsy, from Hudson, OH, met at Muskingum and married between their sophomore and junior year. After graduation in 1972 they moved to Memphis, TN where Wayne became a very successful commodities trader for Sofico. The Morrison family grew to include three little girls - Amy, who now lives in Clintonville, Emily with an adopted daughter in St. Louis, and Jennifer with two sons in Westerville.

“I made a lot of money, had a great house and a great family. I should have been very happy,” he says, “but there was an empty feeling in my soul.” He started going to church and reading the gospel which led him to the conclusion that it didn’t matter how many top (Continue on page 5)

grades he got or dollars he made “God loved me just the way I was.” He began to feel a call to the ministry. When he told Betsy, she said simply, “I know.”

In 1984 they moved to Decatur, GA where Wayne attended Columbia Theological Seminary, a Presbyterian school. Then in 1987 he and Betsy came back to Ohio and he pastored for 29 years at First Presbyterian Church in Eaton, west of Dayton. (Yes, it’s the place Condit’s former pastor Annie Melick is now.) Young families liked his laid back style. The membership doubled and tripled. His ministry included active involvement in the community. He founded and chaired the local Habitat for Humanity chapter, chaired the Community Action Partnership, the United Way and the ministerial association to mention a few.

Wayne retired from Eaton Presbyterian on June 1, 2016 and by July was working part-time as Associate Pastor of Visitation and Pastoral Care at Worthington Presbyterian. He retired for the second time in 2021 and has been serving as a visiting preacher around the Presbytery since. His 93-year-old mother lives at Wesley Glen and he leads a Bible study there on Wednesdays.

Betsy, who was an alto in the Eaton choir, worked for 26 years as a case manager for the Preble County Board of Developmental Disabilities and spearheaded the planning, fundraising and construction of an accessible community playground. Unfortunately Condit won’t see too much of Betsy. She will be taking Wayne’s mother to church on Sundays.

Wayne loves to golf and play pickleball. He’s a lifelong Ohio State fan and, because his grandson Tyler plays for Westerville South, plans to be in the stands for all his “Friday Night Football” games. He and Betsy have visited every state park lodge in Ohio and just spent their 52nd wedding anniversary at Geneva on the Lake.

If a permanent pastor has not been found by the end of his four-month gap ministry Wayne and the church will decide if they want to extend the relationship. In the meantime he brings his experience, his energy and a lot of enthusiasm as Condit members determine the future they want to build.

Join The Fun at



**7 p.m. Monthly
on Last Saturday
Cards and Fellowship
Public Welcome!**



September

5	Sue Overturf
7	Abigail Welch
18	John Whitney
19	Beverly Marshall
19	Mike Mucci
21	Teresa Gorsuch
21	Rick Ross
23	Zachary Joseph
26	Dave Vermillion
30	Austin Gilbert
30	Jennifer Shick

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h1 style="color: green; font-size: 2em;">September 2022</h1> 						
<p>* Sunday School begins September 11 during Worship</p> <p>Ushers and Greeters are Judy Watts and Sandy Thacker in September</p>				1	2	3
4 * 10 Worship	5	6 <i>6:00 Fitness Club</i>	7 6:00 Chancel Choir	8 <i>6:00 Fitness Club</i>	9	10
11 * 10 Worship	12	13 <i>6:00 Fitness Club</i>	14 6:00 Chancel Choir	15 <i>5:30 Fitness Club</i> 7 p.m. Session & Trustees	16	17
18 * 10 Worship DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER	19	20 3:30 Presbytery Meeting <i>6:00 Fitness Club</i>	21 <i>Condit Women's Circle at O'Charley's</i> 6:00 Chancel Choir	22 <i>6:00 Fitness Club</i>	23	24 7:00 Euchre Game Night in Fellowship Hall
25 * 10 Worship	26	27 <i>6:00 Fitness Club</i>	28 6:00 Chancel Choir	29 <i>6:00 Fitness Club</i>	30	



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