



# Condit Courier

August 2023

## Church Elects New Pastor

Reverend Samuel Monte led the worship service on Sunday, July 23, as a candidate for the solo pastor position available at Condit. After the service a congregational meeting, led by Pastor Wayne Morrison, was held. There was a question/answer period where members could make inquiries to Rev. Monte. Scioto Valley Presbytery representative, Natalie Alter, then escorted Rev. Monte from the sanctuary while a written ballot election led by Pastor Wayne and Session Clerk, Chip Welch, was conducted. Chip announced the vote was in the affirmative that Rev. Monte was approved to serve as pastor of Condit. Rev. Monte returned to the sanctuary and accepted the call to begin leading at the beginning of September.

The process of searching for a new minister has been a lengthy process. The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was formed to perform the search. The group of five (Marianne Westbrook, Grant Bartlett, Carmie Joseph, Doreen Bartlett and Mick Sheets) prepared a Mission Information Form (MIF), entered it into the Presbyterian Call System, reviewed matched Pastor Information Forms (PIF), and agreed upon potential candidates to contact and interview. They discovered Samuel Monte in late May. After three interviews and hearing Rev. Monte preach in a neutral pulpit the PNC felt the need to meet him face to face. After discussion it was agreed to extend to him a call to be our potential pastor, which he accepted and therefore came to Condit on Sunday to lead worship.



*Reverend Samuel Monte and fiancée, Jules.*

Rev. Samuel Monte is currently serving a yoked congregation in northern Ohio. He graduated with a degree in English from Kent State University in 2008, earned a Master of Divinity from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2012. He has been serving in small rural churches since his ordination in 2012. Highly recommended by the Presbytery, he is passionate about his preaching and outreach to the community. In addition to serving as minister he is active in the church projects of grab and go meals, gift wrapping at Christmas and supporting teacher's needs for supplies.

In his free time Rev. Monte enjoys spending time with his family. He is engaged to Jules and has 6 children- Xavier, Elijah, Martha, Odessa, Julian and Nemo. They own a Saint Bernard named Barker Mayfield, so of course, are Cleveland Brown fans as well as Buckeye fans! We look forward to welcoming them all permanently in September. Many thanks to the PNC for their dedicated, time consuming efforts in finding a match for our congregation.

# From the Pastor



Friends in Christ,

Wow! What an exciting time in Condit's history as you prepare for a new Pastor. We've been praying for God to guide the PNC to find the person God has in mind to lead you forward in worship, mission and, hopefully, growth. Welcome Samuel! But let me remind you that you are the church and not the Pastor. Don't expect your new Pastor to be the next Messiah and do everything on his own. He will need your help and support. In First Peter 2:9 scripture says that "you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a people of God's own possession". God has called each of you to proclaim His wonders and His love. Your Pastor may have a special calling and specific training to help lead you, but you are Condit Presbyterian Church.

This may very well be my last newsletter article. I committed to you through August but I don't know for sure when the new call will start. In case this is the last let me say "Thank You". This has been my first Gap pastorate and you have made it most enjoyable. From day one I have felt welcomed and appreciated. I have grown accustomed to your faces on Sunday morning. Let me tell you one more time, you have a lot to offer. There is love here, there is energy here. I have felt both. You enjoy worshipping together and you enjoy each other. You sing with gusto! The building is wonderfully maintained and with the addition of the ADA accessible bathroom you provide a welcoming space for any visitor. Now, go get them! Invite people to come experience the family of God at Condit Presbyterian. Help your new pastor get the Word out.

Finally, because I have enjoyed my experience with you, when my time ends here I will see what other Gap opportunities are available. If none appeal then I will worship with my wife at Rose Run in New Albany until one does. I will miss all of you, I will miss Adam's musical gifts and, as the Apostle Paul says to the church at Phillipis, I will thank God for every remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy for our time together.

God Bless You All  
In Christ,  
Wayne



August Worship  
Sundays at 10 a.m.  
Sunday school is in recess for the summer  
Ushers: John & Georgann Whitney  
Flowers: Judy Watts





Condit Blood Drive is 12-6 on Friday, August 11th. At our June drive we took in 30 pints

to save 90 lives. It would be nice to do as well this time.

If you have not yet signed up for an appointment, you may use the app on your cell phone, email GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org or contact Polly Horn at 740-965-3582 and leave a message with your phone number.



### Updating Condit Membership Roll

Condit Membership Committee, under the leadership of Elder Judy Watts, is beginning the drive to clean up the membership files. When you joined the church you became a member for life but often circumstances change. We are taking this opportunity to update our files.

#### 1. Active Members

Active members attend church or attend church service online, actively provide funds and or their manual labors to help keep up the church. Active members spread the word about Condit to their family and friends and participate in activities of their choice. These people are also members of Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

#### 2. In-Active Members

In-Active members may not be able to attend church in person or online. However, they keep up with the church activities through the newsletter and attend activities when they can. Many in-active members have moved away but they continue to think of Condit as their home church. They may even continue to support the church financially.

#### 3. Active Friends of Condit Church

These people belong to another church but are living in our community and therefore attend our church. They participate in activities and help support our church.

#### 4. Please Remove me from the List

If you wish to discontinue your membership with Condit please let us know. We will be sad to see any of you leave. If you have an active email in the Condit Directory for 2023, you should receive an email. Others will get a letter. Please select one of the 4 above, mark the number and return your answer as soon as possible. If more than one of you use the email, be sure you both reply to the email. Questions? Ask Judy Watts or Polly Horn.



#### COMMUNITY DINNER

Condit will be providing an outreach dinner on Aug 26 at The Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church. The meal will be served from 5- 7 p.m. to approximately 70 members of their community needing encouragement and help. A menu of chicken and noodles, green beans, mashed potatoes, bread and peach cobbler will be offered. In addition to the dinner a mini church service will be held before the meal is served. Both music and a sermonette will be included as part of this worship experience. If you would be interested in helping with the service or the meal please contact Marianne Westbrook at 614-738-5005.



Condit is hosting a Trunk or Treat event in the parking lot on **Saturday, October 14**, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Be creative and start planning now to decorate your car trunk or pick up bed with a Halloween/Fall/Miscellaneous theme, dress in coordinating costume and bring treats to pass out to area youth. Trunk or Treat will be followed by the traditional Fall Fun Time with bon fire and wiener roast from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Plan now to participate and make both experiences successful.

Faith Filled Women will meet August 11<sup>th</sup> at St. John



Newman Church for their yearly planning meeting. The business portion of the meeting will begin at 11 am with lunch following the discussion. All women of the church are invited to attend.





## Trustees Report

R&R “Restroom Specialists” have been working diligently for the past several weeks to remodel the first floor Restroom and bring it up to ADA Code. The Congregation owes a Huge Thank You to

“Superintendent” Bob Westbrook who provided Leadership and organization of the much needed Improvement!! Initially, “Superintendent” Bob drew up Blueprints and compiled a materials list. He provided the Leadership, Supervision, Expertise and Scheduling through each step of the Journey. Of course the old church structure provided several hidden “challenges” behind the walls. Undaunted, Bob led the way and helped solve each one.



The “Crew” consisted of many volunteers helping in various capacities. “Jumpin” Judy Watts, “Super” Sandy Thacker & “Mighty” Melissa Vermillion stained new trim and door. Kathy Kees shampooed the carpet. “Demo” Doug Linnabary provided his plumbing knowledge and skills for the new toilet, sink, water lines and drain. “Chief Electrician” Mike Mucci ran the needed electric lines, installed

light switches, outlets and lights. “Master of Plaster” John Whitney, “Dyn-O-Mite” Dave Vermillion and “Happy” Harold Ramsey assisted in many various tasks especially applying spackle to the seams of new drywall. “Go-Fer” George Justice helped wherever needed especially painting.



*Photos:  
Bob Westbrook, top left  
John Whitney, bottom left  
Doug Linnabary, above left  
George Justice, above right  
Dave Vermillion, right*



The Trustees believe the Congregation will be happy and pleased with this long overdue remodeling project. Thanks to ALL who pitched in!!! Job well done!!!

### Wands for Wildlife

Recycle mascara wands to be used to remove eggs and larvae from fur and feathers.  
Wash wands in warm soapy water to remove any mascara. Dry.  
Donate clean wands to the church by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

## *Getting to Know You.....*

### Jacobus ties to charter members

by Jennie Kavage

When Cornelius H. Jacobus wrote out his will on Feb. 15, 1832 he and his wife Abigail Gould Jacobus knew they might never see five of their children again. John C., Joseph, Moses, Mercy and Mariah with their families were leaving Caldwell Township, Essex County, New Jersey and going, or had already gone, to start new lives in what would become Trenton Township, Delaware County, Ohio.

Three from this family would be charter members of Trenton Presbyterian Church, the forerunner of present-day Condit Presbyterian Church. They were **Mercy Jacobus Wheaton**, wife of Squire Wheaton who was also a charter member along with their daughter Sarah; **Mariah Jacobus Condit**, wife of Alvin P. Condit, another charter member, and **Sarah Gould Jacobus**, wife of John C. Jacobus.

It is Sarah Gould Jacobus that ties past to present for Condit members George Justice and Donna Mucci and the four Saunders brothers - Gary, Bruce, Ray and Dean - featured in last month's newsletter.

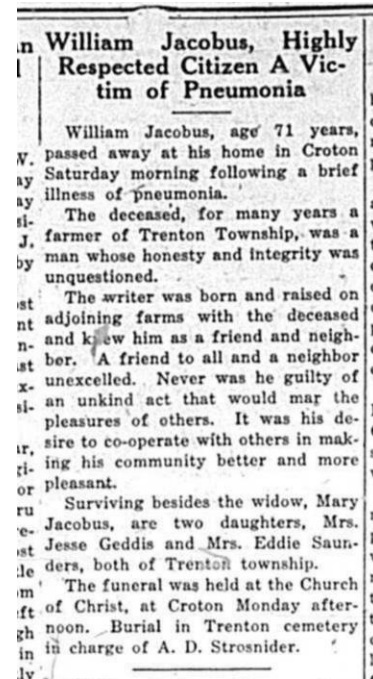
Debbie Layton Saunders, Gary's wife, remembered being given a charter member ribbon at a church celebration years ago but neither she nor Gary knew how they were connected to those 20 people who signed the charter on Oct. 15, 1836. Then Gary mentioned his grandparents who had lived east of the church on Hartford Road - George E. and Agnes Faye Jacobus Saunders – **Jacobus**, a name on the charter member list.



*Agnes Faye Jacobus Saunders*

George E. Saunders, called Eddie, probably because his father was George, and Agnes Faye Jacobus were married Dec. 9, 1909 by the Rev. John Glenn, pastor of Trenton Presbyterian Church.

The parents of Agnes were William Jacobus and Jennie Curry. In his will of 1921 William Jacobus bequeathed to his daughter Agnes the McNeely farm containing 84 acres located in Trenton Township.



Many children were born to Agnes Faye and George E. Saunders including Raymond, father of the four Saunders brothers mentioned earlier, and Dorothy Saunders Justice, mother of Condit members George Justice and Donna Mucci.



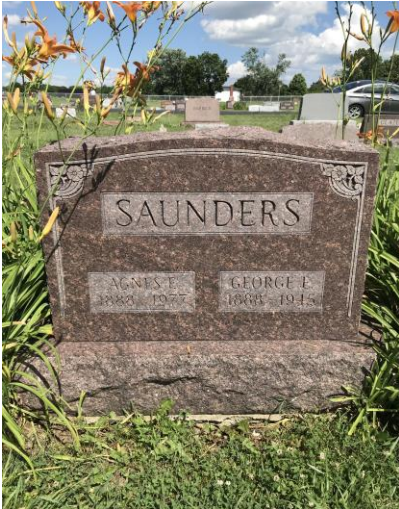
*Raymond Saunders*



*Dorothy Saunders Justice*

The father of William Jacobus was George Jacobus who married Harriet Miller in Feb. 17, 1844 in Delaware County, OH. Born in 1818 in New Jersey, he was the son of John C. Jacobus and his wife Sarah Gould Jacobus, who joined the Trenton Presbyterian Church as a charter member October 15, 1836. *Continued on page 6*





Still today there are six properties in the Jacobus name in eastern Delaware County, probably descendants of those from New Jersey who tamed the land and started the church we call Condit Presbyterian. There must be many more like the Saunders and Justices married into other families, living under other names, who are also descended from Condit's founders.



MOSES JACOBUS  
DIED  
SEPT. 19, 1851  
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*Above: Trenton Township Cemetery tombstones standing in memory of past Jacobus family members.*

# 2023 Duncan's Run Bicycle Patch Ride a Success



Condit served 162 bike riders on July 8<sup>th</sup> during the Harlem Township Heritage, Inc. (HTH) yearly bike ride fundraiser. The ride originated in 2011 as a family event and has evolved into a larger course for more serious riders. Participants park and register at John Beltz Retreat Center and complete a course of 30, 60 or 80 miles. The full course offers two rest stops and one water stop. Condit Presbyterian Church provides the east side yard as a rest stop, allowing HTH a site to offer water, snacks and restrooms for the participants. The second rest stop is Branstool Orchards in Utica. At the conclusion of the ride, bikers return to the retreat center where lunch is served. This year the luncheon was catered by The Glass Rooster Cannery.



Each year a unique patch is included in the registration fee for the first 100 registered riders. The 2023 patch featured Polly Horn riding the high-wheeler in the mid 1950's. (The full photo was included in the feature article written about Polly by Jennie Kavage in the June 2023 Condit Courier.)

HTH is a group dedicated to preserving the heritage/history of Harlem Township and to promoting a sense of community by hosting a variety of events. One activity is held each month.

Upcoming events are:

Harlem Community Farmers Market in the Park, May – October, Thursdays 4-7 p.m.

Harlem Township Days, August 19<sup>th</sup>

Chicken Noodle Dinner, September 29<sup>th</sup>

Trunk or Treat, October 28<sup>th</sup>

Please reference <https://harlemtwpheritage.org> for more detailed information.

HTH appreciates the Condit volunteers who assisted at the rest stop and extends many thanks to the church for the use of the side yard and restroom.





## Women's Circle

The Women's Circle of Condit met Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Thirteen were in attendance, the biggest gathering to date in recent years. Attendees have decided to support two mission projects. A total of \$375 was collected to donate to the Tom Fennessy/Mike Harden Back-to-School Project, which buys and fills backpacks for kids from struggling families. This undertaking is separate from the BWFWS school backpack project that Condit already supports. The funds donated to this project will be allocated specifically for the Big Walnut School District youth, so we continue to help our area children be prepared for the academic year.

The second project will be sewing pillow cases to donate to Country View of Sunbury, the local nursing home. Plans are still underway for this endeavor but we hope to provide whimsical pillowcases to give patients an emotional boost and brighten up their rooms. More details will be disclosed as the project comes to fruition.

Mary Ann Counts led the discussion covering the second half of Chapter 2 of *The Pilgrim's Progress*. The group will take a summer break in August and resume September 20<sup>th</sup> at noon with a brown bag lunch and discussion about Chapter 3. All women are welcome to attend.



"Thank you everyone for the beautiful graduation gift, kind words, well wishes and for all you have done for me over the years. You will continue in my thoughts and prayers as I begin my nursing career."

--Emily Miller  
(grand-daughter of Jane Lahmon)

**Remember in prayer:** Family of Adam Garner, Shelli Evans, Bill Walker, Clayton Davey, Max & Peggy Sheets, and Joe Cox

## BWFWS

A **BIG** thank you to all who participated in this year's Big Walnut Friends Who Share Backpack Project. Our donations exceeded the requested supplies so we were able to make a small donation towards the project as well. As always, we are small but mighty!

Thank you, Kathy

## August Birthdays

- 2 Allison Skinner
- 3 Amy Pettit  
Daniele Salyer
- 5 Jacob Jaden
- 14 Carmie Joseph
- 15 Andrew Bergmann  
Joseph Fuller
- 16 Connie Jacob
- 17 Judy Watts
- 20 Abby Marshall
- 21 Grant Bartlett
- 23 Gary Covert
- 24 Alita Markley
- 25 Sandy Thacker
- 29 Georgann Whitney



**Wednesdays  
August 9 & 23**

Stop in for Homemade Food  
any time between 5 and 7 p.m.

Stay for games or cards  
or fellowship.

**ALL AGES WELCOME!**  
Need not be a member of the church

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740-965-2911 [www.ConditChurch.org](http://www.ConditChurch.org)

## COMMUNITY



**7 p.m. Saturday  
August 26**

in  
**Condit**

**Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall  
15102 Hartford Road**

**Cards and Fellowship  
Public Welcome!**



| Sunday                                  | Monday | Tuesday                    | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday              |
|---|--------|----------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------|
| August                                  |        |                            |   |   |  |                       |
|   |        | 1<br>Fitness Club<br>6:00  | 2<br>Chancel<br>Choir<br>6:00                               | 3<br>Fitness Club<br>6:00                                       | 4  | 5                     |
| 6<br>Worship with<br>Communion<br>10:00 | 7      | 8<br>Fitness Club<br>6:00  | 9<br>Food/Fun<br>5:00-7:00<br><br>Chancel<br>Choir<br>6:00  | 10<br>Fitness Club<br>5:30<br><br>Session &<br>Trustees<br>7:00 | 11<br>Blood Drive<br>12:00-6:00<br><br>Faith Filled<br>Women<br>11:00 @ St.<br>John Newman | 12                    |
| 13<br>Worship<br>10:00                  | 14     | 15<br>Fitness Club<br>6:00 | 16<br>Chancel<br>Choir<br>6:00<br><br>No Women's<br>Circle  | 17<br>Fitness Club<br>6:00                                      | 18   | 19                    |
| 20<br>Worship<br>10:00                  | 21     | 22<br>Fitness Club<br>6:00 | 23<br>Food/Fun<br>5:00-7:00<br><br>Chancel<br>Choir<br>6:00 | 24<br>Fitness Club<br>6:00                                      | 25   | 26<br>Euchre!<br>7:00 |
| 27<br>Worship<br>10:00                  | 28     | 29<br>Fitness Club<br>6:00 | 30<br>Chancel<br>Choir<br>6:00                              | 31<br>Fitness Club<br>6:00                                      |       |                       |

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## SESSION

### *Class of 2025*

Grant Bartlett     Sheila Micholes  
Sue Overturf

### *Class of 2024*

Doug Kerns             Mick Sheets  
Sandy Thacker

### *Class of 2023*

Georgann Whitney     Judy Watts  
Marianne Westbrook

Gap Pastor     Rev. Wayne Morrison  
Treasurer             Ken Bartlett  
Music Director             Adam Garner  
Financial Secretary     Doug Kerns  
Acolytes     Bill and Teresa Gorsuch  
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Website: <http://ConditChurch.org>

## TRUSTEES

### *Class of 2025*

Bob Westbrook             George Justice

### *Class of 2024*

Allison Skinner             Kenneth Bartlett

### *Class of 2023*

John Whitney             Molly Blevins

### *Church Directory*

Donna and Laura Mucci

*Custodian*             Lynette Meliorre

*Newsletter Editor*     Melissa Vermillion

*Website, Streaming*     Bob Westbrook

*Ushers/Greeters*     Georgann Whitney

All Contact Info in Church Directory  
available in the church