



Condit Courier

January 2024

Thoughts for the New Year

One of my favorite things to do is to judge the seasons by the seasonal sections at stores. After Christmas, while those items start to go on sale, stores will highlight fitness equipment in the season section in the front of the store. This is because the idea of “New year: new me,” is so prevalent. The idea is simple: since it is a brand-new year, this is the best starting point to try something new and to be something new. This ties into New Year’s Resolutions.

It cannot be overstated- through Christ we are brand new creations. It does not say we are changed- it literally says we are brand new creations. Think about what this means for us. We literally are not the same as we once were. We are able to be the something new that we long desire. Every year we want and long to be something new- to recreate ourselves. Yet what we fail to realize is that Jesus has already accomplished that work in us. Through Christ we are new.

I think, however, that most people forget that as believers in Christ, we are already different. 2nd Corinthians 5:17-21 reads, “¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”



This year, instead of New Year’s resolutions, I propose that we simply understand that Christ has already made us new and freed us from our sins. We should now act like it. We should take the advice to the Corinthians and act like the ambassadors for Christ that we are. If God is able to redeem us, then we should know that God is able to do that for others. If you want to be new, live like it. Don’t just make a plan but actually do it. Live like the new creation in Christ that you are.

What are some ways that we can live into this idea of being “a new creation?” What exactly does this mean for us? If we can apply this notion to ourselves, can we apply it to our churches? How can we spread the new creation to others?

Blessings,

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Questions for Reflection

Pastor Sam has provided thought provoking questions (below) for spiritual reflection for the month of January. The questions, listed by each Sunday's date, should be used that week as a means to reinforce the pastor's message and to reflect inward for personal spiritual application. The questions follow the liturgical calendar and therefore blend with the sermon topics of that respective week.

January 7

What is the difference between baptism with water alone (John's baptism; see Acts 19:3, Mark 1:8) and baptism with the Holy Spirit (baptism into Jesus; see Acts 19:4–5, Mark 1:8)? Why is it still important to use water in baptism? What does water mean in your daily life? What difference does the Holy Spirit make in baptism? What difference does the Holy Spirit make in your daily life?

January 14

Where, in what place, and through what person or persons do you hear the call of the Lord? Consider it each day this week. Who has awakened in you a new prayer, a hope, an insight? Give thanks for those persons and moments as signs of God's love for you.

January 21

Psalms 62 ends by saying, "God, you repay to all according to their work." Some of us may find that statement unsettling. Would you rather have God treat you with the payment you deserve or with the grace that you hope for in Jesus Christ?

January 28

What is the name of the demon, the spirit, the idolatry you carry? If you can think of this answer as many "troubles," try to find the root cause, a name to give to that which needs to be cast out. The answer may take different forms throughout the week. You may also consider the same question with regard to your family and to this nation. What is the Holy One casting out today in your presence?

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2024!

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Be sure you have checked the Condit Church Directory 2023 to be sure your information is correct. If it has changed, contact Polly Horn or Donna Mucci.

Training for Church Elders



Partners in Education (P.I.E.)

Leadership Training for: Clerks,
Elders, Deacons, Educators & more!

Saturday January 20, 2024, 9:00 - 3:00 Covenant
Presbyterian Church
2070 Ridge Cliff Road
Columbus, OH 43221

The cost for the event is \$15, including lunch.
Register by January 13. Parts of the event will be live
streamed on the Covenant Presbyterian Church
Columbus FB page.



There will be an **annual congregational meeting** in January. The date will be determined in the January 11th Session meeting. Please listen to church announcements to learn the definite date.



Wands for Wildlife
Recycle mascara wands
to be used to remove eggs
and larva from
fur and feathers.

**Wash wands in warm soapy
water to remove any
mascara. Dry.
Donate clean wands to
Sheila Micholes
by January 30 at
Condit Presbyterian Church
15102 Hartford Road
Sunbury, Ohio 43074**

A December Follow Up: Holiday Choirs



The Chancel Choir opened the Advent season December 3rd with “Have Yourself a Merry Christmas Little Christmas.” Continuing with seasonal carols, the choir performed “White Christmas” the next Sunday. December 17th, the Bell Choir performed “Silver Bells” with the entire congregation singing along. Christmas Eve the Chancel Choir sang for both morning and Christmas Eve services. Both choirs are led by Condit Director of Music, Adam Garner. Please reach out and thank Adam for the extra time he puts in in December to make our Advent season joyful.



Advent Study Group

The Advent study group met several times in December to discuss “The Carols of Christmas, Volume 2.” Discussions covered one carol each week and then respective hymns were sung during our Sunday worship service. Thank you to Pastor Sam and Pam Sheets for leading the discussions and to Adam Garner for incorporating the songs into the worship itinerary. Please listen for announcements for the next book study which will occur during Lent.

Congregational Meeting

A special congregational meeting was held after the worship service on December 10th. The congregation nominated and voted to accept new Elders to Session. Kathy Kees has accepted a two year position to complete the spot vacated by Sue Overturf. Melissa Vermillion will serve a three year term made available by Georogann Whitney’s completion of her term. Both nominees were approved by the congregational vote.

Blood Drive

Submitted by Polly Horn

Even with last minute vacations, illnesses, and busy holiday activities, 31 donors, including 2 Walk-Ins, came to Condit Friday, Dec 8th. We collected 27 pints to save 81 people. Since December 2014, Condit has held 52 Blood Drives, collected 1,118 pints to save 3,354 lives. Thank You, Condit!

Our next blood drive is Friday, February 9th. Make an appointment by email: GiveBlood@Conditchurch.org or check with Polly Horn.

Women’s Circle

Women’s Circle met at the home of Mary Kingseed for a Christmas potluck and an afternoon of fellowship. A fun time was had by all. The next meeting will be January 17th at noon. This will be a regular meeting with the study of *A Pilgrim’s Progress* resuming. Members should complete workbook pages 61-67 for discussion.

Condit Christmas 2023

Condit Christmas was held the evening of December 10th under the direction of Adam Garner. All were entertained by the variety of readings, skits and music selections performed. Delicious cookies and punch were served afterward during a special visit with Santa. Thank you to everyone who participated to make this a festive evening for all.



Heartfelt Thanks



My dear church family,

I pride myself on being able to find the right words in the right situations. Very rarely am I ever at a real loss for words. This past Christmas season, however, things have changed. I found myself at a literal loss for words.

The Christmas season came and I and my family were overwhelmed with your love. It was stunning. It was so stunning, in fact, that I am only now able to process it. Your generosity to me and my family has left a mark in our lives. This is the love of God made manifest.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you. I am humbled by your love for my family and I. It truly means more to me than you will ever know.

Sincerely,

Pastor Samuel Monte

Thank a Trustee



Many thanks to the Trustees and to everyone who helped decorate and get the church ready for the holiday season. What a transformation! The results, as always, were stunning.



Remember in Prayer:

Bill Walker and Sheila Micholes
Shelli Evans
Jane Cockrell
Clayton Davey
MaryJo Wilson
Emalee & Tina
Max and Peggy Sheets



Food & Fun

**Wednesdays
January 10 & 24**

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

**Condit Presbyterian
Church Fellowship Hall
15102 Hartford Road
Sunbury, Ohio**

740-965-2911 www.ConditChurch.org

2023 Poinsettia Tree



Ken and Doreen Bartlett

In honor of: Our Parents

In memory of: Musical Mates

Deb Bergman

In memory of: Sue Overturf

Jane Cockrell

In honor of: My children

In memory of: My husband, Dean Cockrell; My grandson, Chase Cockrell; Sue Overturf

Linda Dado

In honor of: My children and grandchildren

In memory of: Ralph Dado

Vicki Eckhart

In honor of: The Eckhart Family; Condit Church

In memory of: Alicia Eckhart, Pete and Millie Eckhart; Diamond Boggs

Bill and Teresa Gorsuch

In honor of: Jane Cockrell; Our children and grandchildren

In memory of: Dean Cockrell; Bob and Ann Gorsuch; Chase Cockrell

Jim Irwin

In memory of: My wife, Sharon K. Irwin

Todd and Connie Jacob

In honor of: Our mothers, Nancy Sparrow and Betty Lou Stull; Our sons, Levi and his wife Taylor, Isaia, and Jaden

In memory of: Our fathers and grandfathers, John Stull, Ray Jacob, and James A. Kees

Mike and Carmie Josephi

In memory of: Doris McGuire; Martin Josephi

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<i>Virginia Kavage</i>	<i>In memory of: Lucy and Fred Weber; Sarah and Nick Kavage; Willie and Morris Gibbs; Mary and John Weber; Emma and Clem McConnell; Sophie and Tode Kavage</i>
<i>George Justice and Kathy Kees</i>	<i>In honor of: Betty Lou Stull; The Justice and Kees families In memory of: Donovan and Dorothy Justice; Rev. James A. Kees; Rev. John W. Stull; Jerry Gordon; Ron Stemen; Ron Coleman</i>
<i>Doug and Karen Kerns</i>	<i>In honor of: Our children, family, and friends In memory of: Our parents and loved ones</i>
<i>Mary Kingseed</i>	<i>In honor of: My children, Lisa (Brad), Brent (Stacie), and Mark (Diane); My grandchildren; The birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ In memory of: My husband, Al Kingseed; My parents, Betty and Fred Unckrich</i>
<i>Jane Lahmon</i>	<i>In honor of: Julie; Jack; Emily; Brian; Brittany; Brennan; Jaxson In memory of: Jim – somewhere in the sunshine; My Parents; 7 brothers and 4 sisters; Aunt Betty; Jonah</i>
<i>Doug and Sheri Linnabary</i>	<i>In memory of: Frank Linnabary; Walther and Minnie Linnabary; Herta Nutt; June Sweeney</i>
<i>Sheila Micholes</i>	<i>In honor of: My love, Bill Walker In memory of: My parents, Gee and Nancy Fuller</i>
<i>Marv and Pat Monroe</i>	<i>In honor of: Mick Sheets and family; Mark Monroe and family; The people of Israel In memory of: The Neumann and Price families; The Monroe and Allen families</i>
<i>Mike and Donna Mucci</i>	<i>In honor of: Our children, Nick and Laura In Memory of: Our parents, Donovan and Dorothy Justice; Norman and Roberta Mucci</i>
<i>Beverly Saksa</i>	<i>In memory of: Tim Saksa</i>
<i>Raymond G. Saunders</i>	<i>In memory of: My parents, Ray and Jane Saunders; Ed and Agnes Saunders; Eric and Ellen Benson; Sue Overturf; William R. Neibarger</i>
<i>Jennifer and Hannah Schick</i>	<i>In honor of: Joe and Judy Lewis In memory of: Joan and Don Schick</i>
<i>Mick and Pam Sheets</i>	<i>In honor of: The Monte family; Our parents and children In memory of: The forefather and foremother musicians of Condit</i>
<i>Sandy Thacker</i>	<i>In memory of: My parents, Nina and Roger Post; My father-in-law, Charles Thacker</i>
<i>David and Melissa Vermillion</i>	<i>In memory of: Aunt Judy</i>
<i>Judy Watts</i>	<i>In memory of: My mom and dad, George and Ann Ross; Glenn Wolfe</i>
<i>Molly and Chip Welch</i>	<i>In honor of: Our daughters, Abigail and Addison</i>
<i>Bob and Marianne Westbrook</i>	<i>In memory of: James and Mary Kathleen Wilson; Bob and Agnes Westbrook; Sue Overturf</i>
<i>John and Georgann Whitney</i>	<i>In honor of: Tessa; Allie; Cameron; JoJo</i>

History Behind the 1908 Photo of Condit

by Polly Horn

Originally a group of Presbyterians from New Jersey met in 1835 in Van Dorn Tavern. At the meeting they decided to have a Presbyterian church. Committee of Alvin P. Condit and J. S. Condit were to secure a preacher and arrange for the organization.

On October 15, 1836, 20 charter members signed in Ogden School House (located on future SR-37 between Vans Valley Road and 605). Silas Ogden, Robert Lewis and Andrew Herron were Trustees. Church named the First Trenton Presbyterian Church.

Rev. C. N. Ransome was the first pastor and served for \$18.50 salary. For the first year services were held in Van Dorn Tavern or Ogden School. In February 1837, they decided to acquire a site and build a building with the Vans Valley Cemetery nearby. This served well but Trenton Township was growing north. When the church was ready on Hartford Road this building was sold to United Bretheran Church for \$100 in 1858. It eventually became a machine shed and barn.

More members lived north than in the Vans Valley area so a new site was acquired in South Condit on the north side of Hartford Road just west of 605 and a building built in 1856. The new church cost \$500 and was dedicated on October 4, 1856. The building became too small so Elder Edgar Condit donated the land on the south side of Hartford Road. (The older building became a Pierson barn when the church moved.)

A church in Gothic Revival Architecture was constructed for \$2,888.96 and dedicated May 25, 1879 as Trenton Presbyterian Church. It was one large room serving as a sanctuary. Entrance was in northeast corner with bell tower over it. The chancel was a recessed alcove in the west end where the large raising partition is behind the quilt. The seating was arranged crosswise in the room facing the chancel putting a three window combination in the east wall behind the congregation. The windows were in place but not the ones we see today.

Major Renovation in 1904 added Sunday School space on the west. Old bell tower was replaced with a new

one moving the entrance more to the center of the north wall. The addition on the west side meant the chancel had to be moved to an alcove built in the south wall. Seating was changed to face the alcove. The new entrance is behind the congregation. Stained glass windows were replaced by memorial stained glass windows. Three large window combinations on the east wall were replaced with the Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane window.



Trenton Presbyterian Church

Mid 1920's name changed to First Presbyterian Church of Condit, then Condit Presbyterian Church, then Condit United Presbyterian Church and now Condit Presbyterian Church, again.

"Marion Presbytery" published by Press of Delaware Gazette in 1908.

Author's Note: The photo was an ad in the Sunbury Owl 1902, page 69, (Sunbury School yearbook). It is cleaner than mine which someone colored. The photo was taken for a book titled Marion Presbytery published by Press of Delaware Gazette. (Yes the county newspaper holding on.) The photo I am giving the church is an original with the ID number used when the book was published. It is too dark to use in the newsletter.

BWFWS



Condit was able to help BWFWS again this holiday season. Teresa Gorsuch was proud to report Condit was able to donate

40 hats
49 mittens /gloves
two scarves
three earmuffs &
two hooded sweatshirts

to Big Walnut area families in need. Kathy Kees reported that Condit greatly surpassed the required 120 Jiffy Muffin Mix request. Excess mixes will be used in the food pantry for families in need. Kathy will also donate excess contributed cash to BWFWS. Thank you Condit congregation for helping with this local mission. Thank you to Teresa and Kathy for organizing the collection boxes and mitten tree again this year.



January Birthdays

2 Mike Joseph
8 Doreen Bartlett
12 Karen Kerns
16 Christy Krinn
Richard Day
19 Jeff Marshall
Peyton White
26 Jeff Groseclose
27 Laura Mucci
28 Jane Markley
30 Jane Lahmon
31 Virginia Kavage

Happy Anniversary

23 Rick and Darlene Ross



Treasurer's Report

November 2023 Financials

Submitted by Ken Bartlett

Our regular offering is approximately 72% of its eleven-month budget amount (\$84,988.00 of \$118,031.22; **\$33,043.12** in arrears). Total receipts are \$106,269.58 of the eleven-month budget amount of \$140,109.04, **\$33,839.46** in arrears.

Insurance, real estate taxes, and per capita are fully paid for the year. As the budget was prepared as though a full-time pastor was in place for the entire year, the net savings year-to-date for our pastoral leadership is **\$38,944.91** through November. Total expenses were **\$92,860.27** against a eleven-month budget of **\$140,109.04**, resulting in outflows less than budget by **\$47,248.77**.

November net is **\$8,743.59** in the red, and the year-to-date net is **\$13,409.31** in the black after eleven months.

Receipts are **\$33,329.98** less than a year ago, while expenses are **\$6,565.50** less than a year ago. This results in the net being **\$26,764.48** worse than a year ago. This is mainly attributable a one-time \$30,000 estate bequest received in 2022 offset slightly by the changes in our pastoral situation.

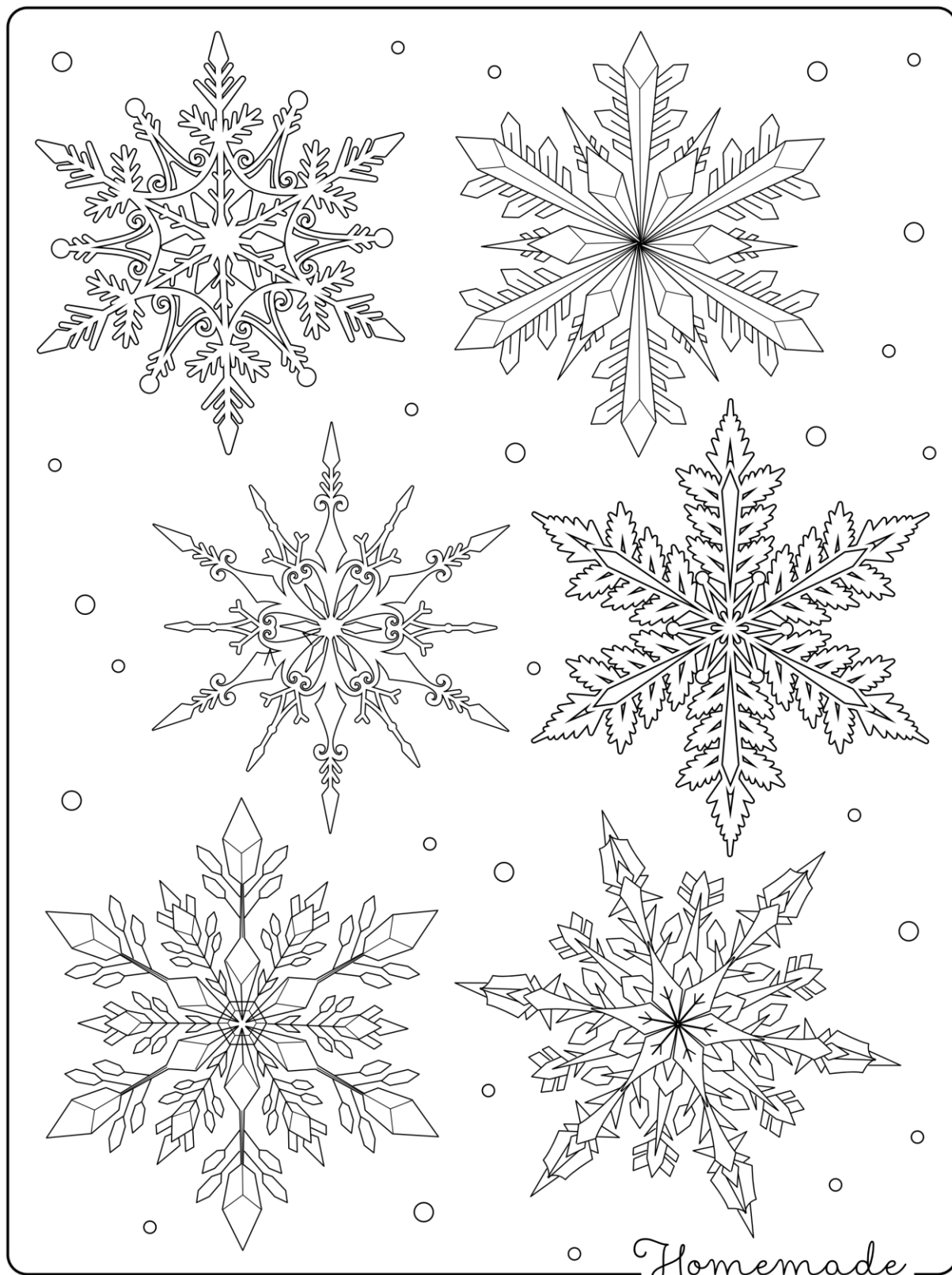
Investment performance improved in November and investments are now up **7.3%** year-to-date, totaling **\$240,812.70**. Total funds available are **\$273,334.49** as of the end of November, **\$22,928.71** higher than the beginning of the year.

COMMUNITY
EuChre!
7 p.m. Saturday
January 27
in
Condit
Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
15102 Hartford Road
Cards and Fellowship
Public Welcome!

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3 Choir 6:00	4	5	6
7 Worship & Communion 10:00	8	9 Exercise Club 6:00	10 Food & Fun 5-7 Choir 6:00	11 Exercise Club 5:30 Session & Trustees 7:00	12 	13
14 Worship 10:00	15 	16 Exercise Club 6:00	17 Women's Circle at noon Choir 6:00	18 Exercise Club 6:00	19	20 P.I.E. Elder Training 9:00-3:00
21 Worship 10:00	22	23 Exercise Club 6:00	24 Food & Fun 5-7 Choir 6:00	25 Exercise Club 6:00	26 	27 Euchre! 7:00
28 Worship 10:00	29	30 Exercise Club 6:00	31 Choir 6:00	<i>January Flowers- Mick and Pam Sheets</i>		

No Exercise Club December 26-January 8.



Homemade
GIFTS MADE EASY

God made each snowflake unique. We too are made unique.
Psalm 139:14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made

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 Sunbury, Ohio 43074

SESSION

Class of 2026

Marianne Westbrook Judy Watts
 Melissa Vermillion

Class of 2025

Grant Bartlett Sheila Micholes
 Kathy Kees

Class of 2024

Doug Kerns Mick Sheets
 Sandy Thacker

Minister Rev. Samuel Monte

Music Director Adam Garner

Treasurer Ken Bartlett

Financial Secretary Doug Kerns

Clerk of Session Chip Welch

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Church Directory

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Ushers/Greeters TBD

Acolytes Bill and Teresa Gorsuch

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