



# Condit Courier

August 2024

## The Ultimate Fix

There are times when my abilities as a father are called into question at least to myself. When presented with a toy that is broken, I will do my best to fix it. It's in my nature to try to fix things anyway. Usually, I'm okay with it. Usually, I am able to identify the problem and work to fix it. Perhaps it comes from having to build a bunch of toys. The amount of things that I have had to build has been huge over the years.

But sadly, there are times when the scale of the brokenness of a toy is too much for me to bear. Make no mistake: I will still try. I have worked and taken apart electronics just to realize that I can't actually fix what is wrong. It's frustrating to me when that happens. Again, it is in my nature to want to fix things so when I can't, I feel powerless.

It's noble to want to fix broken things, I think. At the end of the day, however, I have to understand that I can't fix everything. I think that is something that we all understand and find frustrating. We have all been in situations where, no matter how much we may want to, we cannot fix a problem.

We are left to sit with our discomfort in those moments. They stretch out before us and feel infinite. What we learn, however, is that it's not a forever thing. Often times we don't find that we are "over it" by any stretch. Something is made unbroken, however. Perhaps the situation is resolved. Perhaps you as a person have grown and changed because of it. Whatever the resolution is, it happens. The thing that was once broken is made whole.

I feel like this is part of the reason Jesus quotes the prophet Isaiah from chapter 61. "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the

captives and freedom to prisoners." In identifying with this section, Jesus is telling us that one of the main things he has come to do is to heal brokenhearted people.

The ultimate fix to everything is Jesus. There are always going to be things in this world that we can't fix. It's easy for us to get overwhelmed by this fact. However, we can rest easy in the knowledge that we worship the one who saves, redeems, and heals the broken things of the world. What is something that you have tried to fix? How did it go? What are some things in your life only God can fix for you?

Blessings,  
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### Remember in Prayer

Ralph and Cindy Monte  
Carol Pickworth  
Mary Jo Wilson  
Max & Peggy Sheets  
Tina Koval  
John Vetter



# August Events



Faith Filled Women will hold its annual summer planning meeting on **Friday, August 9 at 11 a.m.** at the Hope Lutheran Church. Attendees will need to bring a sack lunch to the meeting. Order forms will be distributed for the Scripps holiday gift card sale fundraiser so cards can be delivered at the November meeting in time for the holidays. All women are welcome and should plan to attend.



Cross APP on your phone or email [GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org](mailto:GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org), talk to Polly at church or call 740-965-3582 and leave a message with your phone number.



Condit will be serving a meal at Hoge Presbyterian Church for their community. This ministry is called HM3 and benefits many members of the nearby neighborhood. Our Saturday is **Aug 10** and the meal will be served at 5:30 pm following a Christian message at 5:00 p.m. We will be serving Johnny Marzetti, salad with ranch dressing, roll, and peach cobbler. If you are interested in helping by donating, cooking, delivering, or serving, please contact Marianne Westbrook, 614-738-5005. It is a blessing to serve others. *(Submitted by Marianne)*



**Saturday, August 17** Condit will participate in a community outreach event. This is a new endeavor for the church. Please reference page 4 for more information and to learn how you can volunteer to assist.

**Food & Fun** will take place **August 14** and **August 28**. Invite a friend to Condit for food, fun and fellowship for either/both of these dates. All are welcome.



Women's Circle will meet **August 21 at noon** in the Fellowship Hall. Pack a brown bag lunch and settle in with the provided dessert to discuss Chapter 7 of *The Pilgrim's Progress*. All women are encouraged to attend.



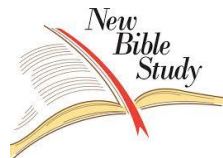
**EUCHRE**

Plan to close the month of August by attending Euchre on **Saturday, August 31 from 7-9 p.m.** All ages and playing levels are welcome.

## Mark Your Calendar



**September 8-** Sunday School will resume for youth 5 years old through sixth grade. Youth will be excused from worship after the children's message to attend a brief class. Sunday school will not be offered on communion Sundays. Please invite any children you know who might be interested in attending.



As a result of the spring survey, beginning **September 16, on Monday evenings at 6 p.m.**, Pastor Sam will be offering a **6 week** Bible study entitled "Making a Prophet." He has designed this study from a course he led in the past. A handout, instead of a book, will be provided each week with scripture to read and questions to think about before each session. Pastor Sam is also tailoring the Sunday sermons to coordinate with this study. The course will conclude **October 28**. Please listen to church announcements for sign up information. Please prayerfully consider whether you should participate. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



**Saturday, October 12** Annual Bonfire and Wiener Roast. More information will be provided in future newsletters.

## Following Up from the Past



Elder Mick Sheets presents the Brenner Scholarship to Abigail Welch at her graduation party on Saturday, June 22. Congratulations, Abby!



### **B.W.F.W.S.**

*Submitted by Kathy Kees*

Condit was asked to provide 45 college ruled spiral notebooks, 25 zippered pencil pouches, 50 wide dry erase markers and 250 #2 pencils to the annual BWFWS School Backpack Project. Through supply donations and financial donations we exceeded all of the requested numbers! Thank you to the congregation for your generosity again this year. All donations are greatly appreciated and well used.



The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Duncan's Run Bicycle Patch Ride on **July 6<sup>th</sup>** was well attended again this year. One hundred thirty five bikers stopped at Condit for snacks, water and restroom. Thank you to

Valerie Pederson from the Harlem Township Heritage, Inc. for inviting Condit to serve as a rest stop and to John Whitney for coordinating the event from Condit's end. Condit volunteers on biker day were Teresa Gorsuch, Bob & Marianne Westbrook, Bev Saksa, Judy Watts, George Justice and John Whitney. Thanks to everyone for making this a successful event!

### **DROP A PEBBLE IN THE WATER**

*Submitted by Jennie Kavage*

Drop a pebble in the water; just a splash and it is gone;  
But there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on  
and on,  
Spreading, spreading from the center, flowing on out  
to the sea,  
And there is no way of telling where the end is going to  
be.

Drop a pebble in the water; in a minute you forget,  
But there's little waves a-flowing, and there's ripples  
circling yet.  
And those little waves a-flowing to a great big wave  
have grown;  
You've disturbed a mighty river just by dropping in a  
stone.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness; just a flash and it is  
gone;  
But there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on  
and on,  
Bearing hope and joy and comfort on each splashing,  
dashing wave  
'Til you wouldn't believe the volume of the one kind  
word you gave.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness; in a minute you  
forget;  
But there's gladness still a-swelling, and there's joy  
a-circling yet,  
And you've rolled a wave of comfort whose sweet  
music can be heard  
Over miles and miles of water just by dropping one  
kind word.

—James A. Foley



# Treasurer's Report

June 2024 Financials  
Submitted by Ken Bartlett



Our regular offering through June was approximately 72.7 of its six-month budget amount (\$61,775.80 of \$84,998.00; \$23,222.20 in arrears). A \$30,300 bequest was received in May. Total receipts through June were \$107,116.85 of the six-month budget amount of \$97,998.00, \$9,118.85 more than budget.

Insurance and real estate taxes have been fully paid for the year, per capita has been paid through half of the year. Total expenses through June were \$84,166.26 against the six-month budget of \$97,998.00, resulting in outflows less than budget by \$13,831.74.

June year-to-date net was \$22,950.59 in the black.

Receipts through June were \$44,903.54 more than a year ago, while expenses were \$43,224.19 more than a year ago. This results in the net being \$1,679.35 better than a year ago.

Investment returns were up 6.9% year-to-date. The \$30,000 bequest received in May was invested and investments totaled \$296,621.15 as of the end of June. Total funds available were \$345,966.59 as of the end of June.

## August Birthdays

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



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## Outreach Event

Submitted by M. Westbrook

Condit will be participating at Sunbury Sizzle and Sounds, an annual summer festival that is held around the Sunbury town square. The Mission and Outreach Committee will be manning a booth from **11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 17**. We are planning a game for children with prizes and Bible verses. Updated information about what is happening will be available in our church announcements. If you would like to participate in planning, set up, staffing the booth, or tear down, please contact Marianne Westbrook 614-738-5005.

## 3 Bean Salad Submitted by Mary Kingseed

Ingredients:

- 1 cup green beans- drained
- 1 cup wax beans- drained
- 1 cup kidney beans- drained
- ½ cup chopped green pepper
- ½ cup onion
- ¾ cup sugar
- ½ cup vinegar
- 1/3 cup vegetable or canola oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper

Directions:

1. Dissolve sugar with small amount of hot water.
2. Let cool and mix with vinegar & oil.
3. Fold in vegetables, salt and pepper.
4. Marinate in fridge, mixing occasionally.

Recipe can be double or tripled for a large crowd.



# August

| Sunday                                   | Monday | Tuesday                    | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday                               | Saturday  |
|--|--------|----------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| <p><i>August Flowers- Judy Watts</i></p> |        |                            |   | 1   | 2<br>                                | 3   |
| 4<br><b>Worship with Communion 10 am</b> | 5      | 6<br><b>Exercise 6 pm</b>  | 7<br><b>Choir 6 pm</b>                                  | 8<br><b>Exercise 5:30 Session &amp; Trustees 7 pm</b> | 9<br><b>Faith Filled Women 11 am</b> | 10<br><b>Hoge Dinner 5 pm</b>                               |
| 11<br><b>Worship 10 am</b>               | 12<br> | 13<br><b>Exercise 6 pm</b> | 14<br><b>Food &amp; Fun 5-7pm</b><br><b>Choir 6 pm</b>  | 15<br><b>Exercise 6 pm</b>                            | 16                                   | 17<br><b>Booth at Sunbury Sizzle &amp; Sound 11 am-5 pm</b> |
| 18<br><b>Worship 10 am</b>               | 19     | 20<br><b>Exercise 6 pm</b> | 21<br><b>Women's Circle @ noon</b><br><b>Choir 6 pm</b> | 22<br><b>Exercise 6 pm</b>                            | 23<br>                               | 24  |
| 25<br><b>Worship 10 am</b>               | 26     | 27<br><b>Exercise 6 pm</b> | 28<br><b>Food &amp; Fun 5-7pm</b><br><b>Choir 6 pm</b>  | 29<br><b>Exercise 6 pm</b>                            | 30                                   | 31<br><b>Euchre 7 pm</b>                                    |

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Kathy Kees

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Doug Kerns    Mick Sheets  
Sandy Thacker

Minister    Rev. Samuel Monte  
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