



Condit Courier

March 2025

Wash, Rinse and Repeat

We really would prefer a happier time of the year, wouldn't we? It's not that this time of the year is necessarily dark per say. Rather, in order to get to Easter, we have to get through Lent. Lent is meant to be this time of honest prayer and fasting. Psalm 51 is how we start off Lent on Ash Wednesday. That starts out with a cry for mercy. We are begging God for mercy according to God's steadfast love. The Psalmist goes on to speak of being washed clean of iniquities. Verse five speaks about how we were born guilty which makes me wonder if Augustine and his doctrine of original sin or John Calvin with his total depravity were ghost writing this piece.

Psalm 51 is just a roller coaster of emotions! There's talk of love and being joyful balanced out with cries for mercy and clemency. In the end, what we are left with is a simple point: only God can save us from sin. We can't do anything about the problem of sin. We're going to mess up and sin. After we do, we will come before God and ask for the good stuff- mercy and love and grace. Then we're fine! Until the next time, that is. It's a cycle- wash, rinse and repeat. What it does is create a Lenten period where we're supposed to be contrite and think about what needs changed.

The problem, again, is that this is hard. I have met people that are incapable of living in a world where they have done anything wrong. They are often miserable and bitter. It would seem, then, that our options are doing the hard work of introspection and penance or living like you're not the issue. Clearly the first option is the correct one which means we just have to go through it. This is the crux of what I call The Resurrection Problem. Everyone wants Easter Sunday

where death is defeated and has no sting. Problematically, we would rather avoid Good Friday. The fundamental problem with Lent is that in order to get to the resurrection, something has to die first. That stinks. It's hard- especially when we don't see the problems we have honestly.

This Lenten season, I am asking you all to join me in the muck of ourselves. What are the parts of us that we need to let go of? How can we honestly live transformed lives? Simply put, we cannot be transformed by the resurrection of Christ if we are unwilling to let that which separates us from God truly once and for all die. What sins do we carry with us? Why are we even carrying them? How exactly can we live into the resurrection? What must we let pass away so that we can fully experience the power of the resurrection? Yes: it's going to be difficult and painful, but remember this, my friends: we'll carry on.

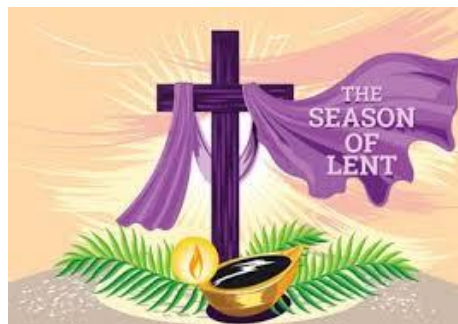
Blessings,

Pastor Sam

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March Calendar



“Visions and Dreams” PIE (Partners in Education) Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Columbus with registration at 9:00 am. The event lasts until 2:30 p.m. and the

\$20 cost includes lunch. Register online or by calling the Presbytery Office.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3 Trent Pettit

12 Marilyn DeFranco

15 Joe Marshall

16 Levi Jacob

22 Madi Howard

24 Lynda O’Quinn

29 Jane Strouse

31 Molly Blevins



Begin Lent by attending the Ash Wednesday Service, Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Food & Fun Gather for a hot Irish meal on Wednesday, March 12. Who will dance a jig? Will you find a four leaf clover? Attend again on March 26 for another dinner warm with hospitality and fellowship. Both meals will be served from 5:00-7:00p.m.



March Anniversaries

5 Marv & Pat Monroe



Faith Filled Women will meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 14, at the Olive Green Church of Christ in Christian Union. Valerie Kirkpatrick host the program. Lunch will be served

following the presentation. Please invite a friend from another church to attend as all women are welcome.



Condit Women’s Circle will meet at noon on March 19 in the fellowship hall. MaryAnn Counts will not be available to lead the discussion so

women will do some light spring cleanup projects after a brief meeting. Mission projects will be the topic of discussion so please bring suggestions. *The Pilgrim’s Progress* study will resume in April with the second half of Chapter 10.

Remember in Prayer

The Sheets Family

Dan Wilson

Kristy Krinn

Homer and Mary Jo Wilson

Carol Pickworth



Food & Fun Valentine's

Submitted by Sheila Micholes

A spaghetti dinner was shared at Food & Fun on Wednesday, February 12. Approximately 30 braved the bitter winter temperature to enjoy a Valentine's meal. A Valentine photo board was created as a special backdrop- here are some of the shots taken.



Bill & Jennie Kavage



Sandy Thacker



Karen & Doug Kerns



Jim & Amy Irwin



Visitors to Condit



Marianne & Bob Westbrook



Dinner displayed on a festive red tablecloth

Dear Condit Family,

Thank you for all of the love and support that you have provided during our time of grief.

We are grateful for:

- the planter with fresh flowers that beautified the church and now our home
- the pastoral care of Pastor Sam who helped organize and provide a wonderful service
- the trustees who prepared the church for our many guests
- Sheila & the people of the church who prepared and served the delicious meal
- Bill M. who stepped in at the last minute to provide the music for the service
- the choir who shared their talent and sang "Christ Arose"
- all of the cards, donations to the church, hugs, and words of comfort.

We are blessed to be members of such a loving church.

God bless,

The Family of Peggy Sheets

February 8, 2025



In spite of vacations, sickness and very cold weather, the Condit Blood Drive made its goal plus two other pints on Valentine's Day. The 22 pints will be used to save 66 lives. Thanks, Condit!

One of the donors, Damon Bower, was recognized for the 26 gallons he has donated during his life. He started when he was in the service and has donated one pint at a time at 208 trips to blood drives.

Justin Byers, the Red Cross team leader for this Condit

Drive, gave Damon a bag with Red Cross items in it as extra thanks for his dedication. (Photo below)



Beginning in April, Condit Blood Drives will collect Power Red as well as regular whole blood. The donation will take longer but the donor will give every 4 months instead of every 2 months. Donors will need to designate Power Red when registering to donate.

The next Condit Blood Drive is **12-6 p.m. on April 11**. Donors may register on the Red Cross App, or by emailing GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org or by calling Polly at 740-965-3582 and leaving your name and phone number. *Submitted by Polly Horn*

Per Capita Update from Elder Bob Patterson, Presbytery Treasurer



The Presbytery approved an increase in Per Capita for 2025 to \$44.00 per member. The Per Capita is made up of: Presbytery of Scioto Valley \$29.76, Synod of the Covenant \$3.40, and General Assembly \$10.84. Please pay Per Capita dues by the end of March. If paying by check enter "Per Capita" on the memo line.

Treasurer's Report

January 2025 Financials

Submitted by Ken Bartlett

Our regular offering was approximately **55%** of its one-month budget amount (**\$7,821.93** of **\$14,122.50**; **\$6,300.57** in arrears). Total receipts were **\$9,825.20** of the one-month budget amount of **\$16,384.17**, **\$6,558.97** in arrears.

Insurance and real estate taxes have been fully paid for the year as of the end of January. This “pre-payment” overage of **\$8,580.20** will amortize over the remainder of the year. Total expenses were **\$23,626.29** against the one-month budget of **\$16,384.17**, resulting in outflows greater than budget by **\$7,242.12**, approximately **44%** over-budget.

January net was **\$13,801.09** in the red.

Receipts are **\$2,716.13** less than a year ago, while expenses are **\$5,036.78** more than a year ago. This results in the net being **\$7,752.91 (128.2%)** worse than a year ago.

Investments as a whole were up **3.1%** in January. Investments totaled **\$319,047.65** as of the end of January. Total funds available were **\$342,401.08** as of the end of January. \$149,713.02 of this amount is general undesignated funds, \$161,364.58 is Condit's Building Fund balance, and \$31,323.48 is the aggregate balance of a variety of special funds.

B.W.F.W.S.



Big Walnut Friends Who Share had an abundance of certain canned items and stuffing mix.

They have generously shared the excess with Condit, both for Food & Fun purposes and for general use. If you are interested please feel free to take items home for personal consumption. Items are located in the kitchen and in the fellowship hall.

2025 Chairs of Session Standing Committees

Communications	Sandy Thacker
Congregational Care	Sheila Micholes
Education	Melissa Vermillion
Outreach/ Membership	Judy Watts
Missions	Marianne Westbrook
Nominating	Marianne Westbrook
Personnel	M. Sheets/G. Whitney
Stewardship & Finance	M. Sheets/G. Whitney
Special Events	Mary Kingseed
Worship & Music	Kathy Kees

If God Had Voice Mail

Thank you for calling heaven.

I am sorry; all of our angels and saints are busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us and we will answer it in the order it was received. Please stay on the line.

If you would like to speak to:

God, press 1.

Jesus, press 2.

The Holy Spirit, press 3.

If you would like to hear King David sing a Psalm while you are holding, press 4.

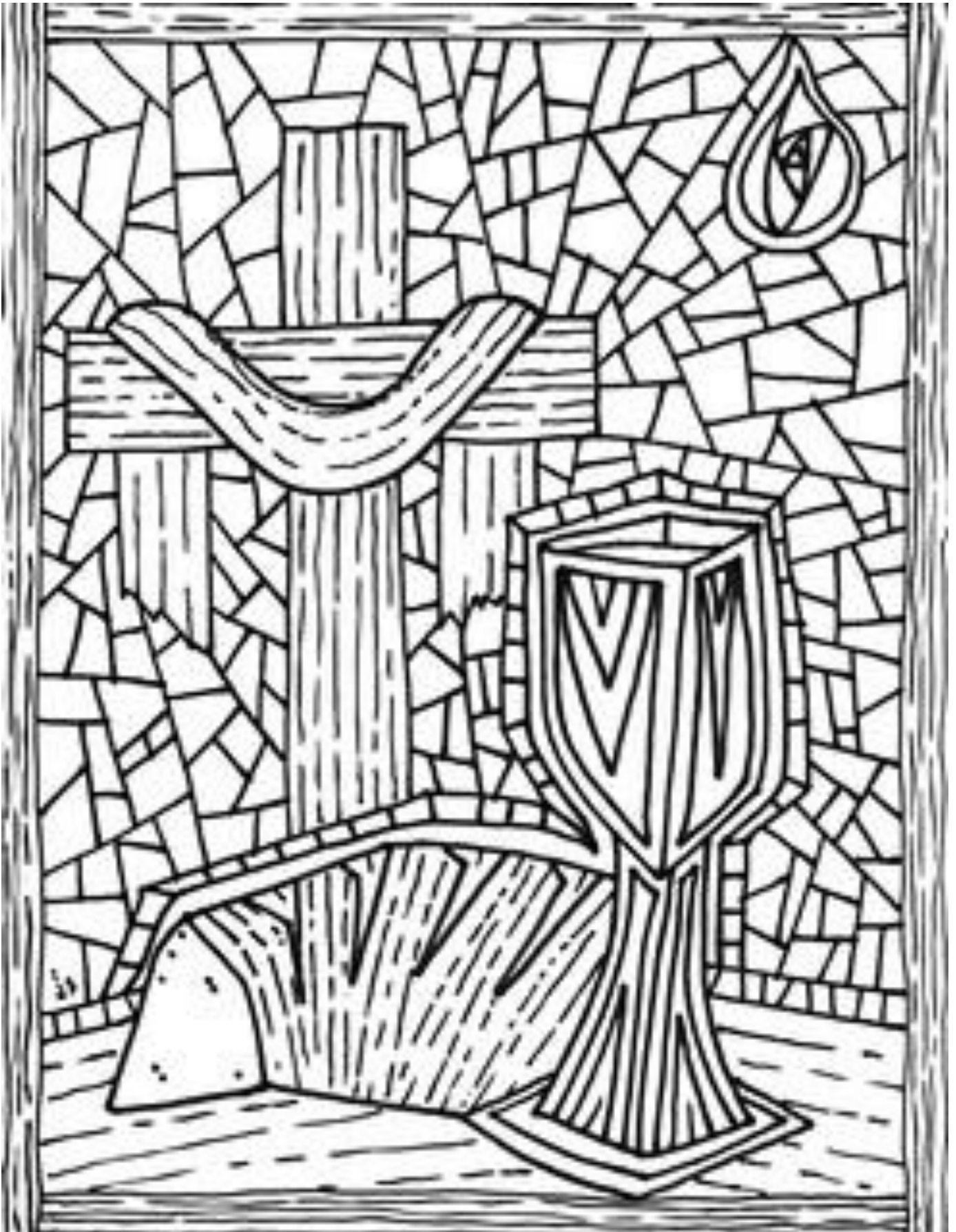
To find a loved one who has been assigned to Heaven, press 5, then enter his or her social security number followed by the pound sign. If you get a negative response, please hang up and try area code 666.

For reservations in Heaven, please enter J-O-H-N 3:16.

For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth, life on other planets, and the location of Noah's Ark, please wait until you arrive.

If you are calling after hours and need emergency assistance, please contact your local pastor.

Submitted by Mary Kingseed





2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 P.I.E. Workshop 9 :00-2:30
2 Worship with Communion 10 am	3	4 Exercise 6 pm	5  Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 pm	6 Exercise 6 pm	7	8
9 Worship 10 am	10	11 Exercise 6 pm	12 Food & Fun 5-7 pm Choir 6 pm	13 Exercise 5:30 pm Session & Trustees 7pm	14 Faith Filled Women 11 am	15
16 Worship 10 am	17  St. Patrick's Day	18 Exercise 6 pm 	19 Women's Circle @ noon Choir 6 pm	20 Exercise 6 pm	21	22
23 Worship 10 am	24	25 Exercise 6 pm	26 Food & Fun 5-7 pm	27 Exercise 6 pm  Opening Day	28	29
30 Worship 10 am	31					

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SESSION

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Sandy Thacker Mick Sheets
Mary Kingseed

Class of 2026

Marianne Westbrook Judy Watts
Melissa Vermillion

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Kathy Kees

Minister Rev. Samuel Monte
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Clerk of Session Deb Bergman
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Website: <http://ConditChurch.org>

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Class of 2026

John Whitney

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Bob Westbrook George Justice

Church Directory

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Website, Streaming Bob Westbrook

Acolytes Bill & Teresa Gorsuch
All Contact Info in Church Directory
available in the church