



# Condit Courier

May 2025

## Rainstorms

One of the nice things about living in Ohio is the weather. It keeps us alert and on our toes, ready to change at the drop of a hat. One moment, it will be a nice, 70 degree day and then the next minute the weather drops and it is snowing or raining. It's hectic and, to be perfectly honest, it creates a lot of hardships. How am I supposed to plan a nice trip to the zoo for the family when I can't be sure if I can't even plan for the weather?!

In all honesty, this is just how life, in general goes. No matter what we may plan for, something is going to happen that is going to mess up our plans. What is the old saying? Man plans and God laughs. And our lives feel like that, especially when we are going through a rough patch.

It would be nice to think that we don't ever need to worry about having a rainstorm on a day when it is supposed to be warm and sunny. But that's not possible, is it? There are always going to be unexpected rainstorms in life that we just can't plan for.

So what, then, are we to do? Well, first, I would remember the adage "April showers bring May flowers." The point of rain is not to ruin one's day, but rather to help the earth grow. Rainstorms are necessary for life to grow.

I think it would help to remember Roman's 8:28. "And

we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." Presbyterians are very big on the notion of the sovereignty of God. This means that, essentially, God is in control of all things. Everything that happens happens because it needs to happen.



This includes the bad things. Yes: we don't have to like the rainstorms in our lives. We can be unhappy that things happen that way. What we need to remember is our trust and faith is not in the powers or forces of this world, but rather in the God who is in control of all things. This is our source of hope and comfort in the rain.

When the world seems harsh and uncaring, what do you do in your life to reorient it? How do you see God at work through the rainstorms of life? What are some ways we can trust in God through our personal rainstorms?

Blessings,

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# May Calendar



Spring Cleanup- There is still time to check the task sheets on the front church doors and sign up to complete a few odd jobs. Please cross out the tasks when they have been completed. Trustees appreciate and thank everyone for donating their time and talents toward the upkeep of the church, manse and grounds. "Cleanup Day" runs **April 26-May 3**.

**Food & Fun** Doreen is back from Florida and cookin' again! Please venture out in the fresh spring weather to a filling meal on **Wednesday, May 14 or May 28 from 5:00-7:00 pm**. Invite a neighbor or two to join you.



Condit Women's Circle will host Faith Filled Women for the quarterly luncheon meeting on **Friday, May 9 at 11 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Hope Lutheran Church will host the program. Our menu will be stromboli, pasta salad, vegetable tray and various cookies. All women are invited to attend.



Mother's Day will be celebrated during the worship service on **Sunday, May 11 at 10:00 am**. All mother's young and old should plan to attend.



Weather permitting, the Youth of Condit will be planting flowers in the back flower bed during worship service on **Sunday, May 18**. Pam Sheets will be leading the youth in this activity. Youth should wear clothes appropriate for outdoor work activities.

**Big Walnut Friends**



School is almost out and the children of Big Walnut School District will be home for the summer. Since that means no school lunches, there is a need to feed our children. Condit will be collecting food for Big Walnut Friends Who Share food pantry **May 18 through June 8**. Please place your weekly donations

in the boxes in the Narthex. Donation suggestions are as follows:

## May 18

Ramen Noodles  
Cereal

## May 25

Peanut Butter  
Jelly (No glass jars)

## June 1

Canned Potatoes  
Canned Oranges  
Boxed Pasta Entrees (i.e.: Hamburger Helper)

## June 8

Pancake Mix  
Syrup



Women's Circle will meet **Wednesday, May 21**, in the Fellowship Hall. Please pack a brown bag lunch and prepare Chapter 11, workbook pages 111-122 for discussion. MaryAnn Counts will be guiding us through the final two chapters of *The Pilgrim's Progress* during the next two meetings. After such a long study don't miss the ending! Plan to attend, all women are welcome.



Chancel Choir will be meeting for practice on Monday evenings in May. Adam Garner, Music Director, will inform the choir of practice times as his schedule unfolds. Please listen to Sunday morning worship announcements for schedule updates. New voices are always welcome to join in the harmony.



**May 5 Larry & Jayne Strouse**  
**May 26 Mike & Donna Mucci**



# Review of Holy Week

**Palm Sunday** Instead of opening Palm Sunday service with a procession of palms the service was instead closed to the beat of a drum while singing the South African song, *Marching in the Light of God*, and waving palms.



*We were marching.....*



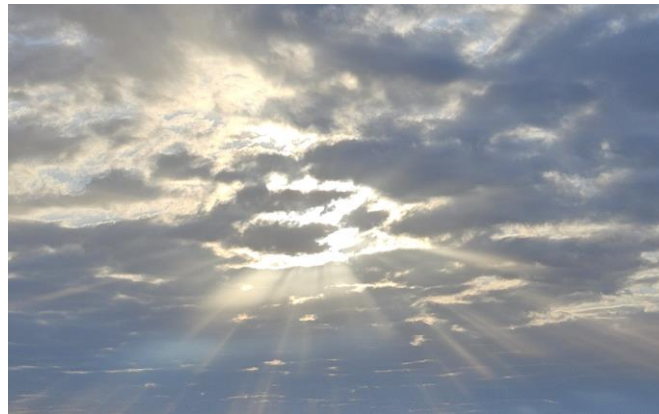
*We were dancing.....*



*We were singing.....*



*We were praying....*



*...in the light of God.*

**Maundy Thursday** Twenty four gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck/worship service. Pastor Sam incorporated “fellowship” into his message about the community Jesus shared with his disciples during the Last Supper. Communion was offered and the evening closed with the moving hymn, *What Wondrous Love Is This*.



**Easter** Resurrection Sunday began with flowering the cross upon arrival, followed by breakfast and worship.



Thirty six attended the breakfast which was organized by the Special Events Committee, headed by Mary Kingseed, with the help of Sheila Micholes. Deb Bergmann, Karen Kerns, Bob Westbrook and unnamed others helped lay out a delicious spread. Thank you to all who cooked, baked and ate.

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On Friday, April 11, 28 of the 30 registered blood donors came to the Condit blood drive. Our first Power Red donated 2 pints of blood and will be able to donate again in August. Two donors were deferred for various reasons so 26 people donated 27 pints of blood to save 81 lives.

We are now taking reservations for the next Red Cross visit on **Friday, June 13, from 12 to 6**. If you register online, note some spaces are only for Power Red donors. *Submitted by Polly Horn*



Please CHECK your Carbon Monoxide and Gas Detector. I have a gas furnace and hot water heater. The end of February, I had the latter replaced. A couple of weeks later, I thought I was catching a flu bug but was able to keep going. The end of

March a motor on my furnace was going out and I was getting sicker and unable to reason or think thru anything. I have a monitor and pushed the button and it did its thing so I was ruling out gas.

Ken Bartlett's son, Steve, of Wise Plumbing and Heating, replaced the furnace motor and checked the appliances and discovered there was a very small gas leak in the hot water tank. My brother John checked the monitor which did its thing when he pushed the button but on the bottom it said REPLACE AFTER 10 YEARS - mine was 25 years old. I have since used my Alert Button to have the BST&G Fire Department check my house for gas and it is clear but I thought the new monitor was plug in or battery. It needs both. Please pass the word to any of your neighbors and friends. *Submitted by Polly Horn*



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Congregational Care requested the above address be printed. Please keep it handy for the next time you have a friend recovering and you would like to send well wishes.

## Treasurer's Report

March 2025 Financials

*Submitted by Ken Bartlett*

Our regular offering was approximately **50%** of its three-month budget amount (**\$21,162.18** of **\$42,367.50**; **\$21,205.32** in arrears). Total receipts were **\$32,796.50** of the three-month budget amount of **\$49,152.50**, **\$16,356.00** in arrears.

Insurance, real estate taxes, and per capita have been fully paid for the year as of the end of March. This "pre-payment" overage of **\$9,618.70** will amortize over the remainder of the year. Total expenses were **\$55,104.61** against the three-month budget of **\$49,152.50**, resulting in outflows greater than budget by **\$5,952.11**, approximately **12%** over-budget.

March net was **\$3,567.28** in the red, and March year-to-date was **\$22,308.11** in the red.

Receipts are **\$8,262.65** less than a year ago, while expenses are **\$9,894.01** more than a year ago. This results in the net being **\$18,156.66 (337.4%)** worse than a year ago.

Investments as a whole were up **0.8%** through March. Investments totaled **\$311,846.65** as of the end of March. Total funds available were **\$326,693.24** as of the end of March. \$139,423.83 of this amount is general undesignated funds, \$156,499.17 is Condit's Building Fund balance, and \$30,770.24 is the aggregate balance of a variety of special funds.



### *May Birthdays*

10 Kathy Longshore  
11 Adam Garner  
12 Sheila Micholes  
15 Hannah Shick  
17 Noah Agnew  
Sue Milem

20 Polly Horn  
26 Rebecca Bergmann  
Todd Jacob  
27 Joe Krinn  
29 Ryann White



The choir sang a special “Easter Alleluia,” directed by Bill McKown. The editor apologizes that Deb Bergmann and Marv Monroe are hidden in this photo.



Zeke learned that Jesus died for the sins of the world, he was resurrected, thus conquering death and giving us new life in Christ.



Congregants paused by the flowered cross to take pictures when exiting the church grounds.

## Remember in Prayer

- Jim Irwin
- Gene Wampler
- Gary Covert
- Terry Holobaugh & family
- Family of Johnny Jacob
- Stephanie (brain surgery)
- Homer & Mary Jo Wilson
- Max Sheets
- Brent McPherson (Pastor Sam’s uncle)
- Carol Pickworth
- Kristy Krinn
- Cindy Monte
- Grandma Angie



Sunday, April 6, the Sunday School class iced Easter cookies to be served at the April 9 Food & Fun dinner. Thank you to Pam Sheets and Bev Saksa for leading this activity. Photo below





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Altar Flowers - John &amp; Georgann Whitney</i>				1 	2	3 <b>Spring Cleanup Final Day</b>
4 <b>Worship with Communion 10 am</b>	5 <b>Choir TBD</b>	6 <b>Exercise 6 pm</b> <b>Election Day</b>	7	8 <b>Exercise 5:30</b> <b>Session &amp; Trustees 7pm</b>	9 <b>Faith Filled Women 11 am</b>	10
11  <i>Mothers Day</i> <b>Worship 10 am</b>	12 <b>Choir TBD</b>	13 <b>Exercise 6 pm</b>	14 <b>Food &amp; Fun 5-7 pm</b>	15 <b>Exercise 6 pm</b>	16	17 
18 <b>Worship 10 am</b>	19 <b>Choir TBD</b>	20 <b>Exercise 6 pm</b>	21 <b>Women's Circle @ noon</b>	22 <b>Exercise 6 pm</b>	23 	24
25 <b>Worship 10 am</b>	26  <b>Memorial Day</b>	27 <b>Exercise 6 pm</b>	28 <b>Food &amp; Fun 5-7 pm</b>	29 <b>Exercise 6 pm</b>	30	31

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Mary Kingseed

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Melissa Vermillion

*Class of 2025*

Georgann Whitney    Sheila Micholes  
Kathy Kees

Minister    Rev. Samuel Monte  
Music Director    Adam Garner  
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