



Condit Courier

June 2025

Keeping that Childlike Wonder

I used to be able to sleep on the floor with a shoe as a pillow. This is actually true; I've done this before at a friend's house. Now, as an adult in my thirties, I get to play the game of "what body part hurts this morning" when I wake up from my nice comfortable bed. I'm getting older. There is no denying that fact. It is strange to me because while I feel the effects of aging in my body, I don't feel it in my mind. It's like some disconnect I have. And I realized that the reason is because I believe in a saying. Getting old is mandatory: growing up isn't.

Paul tells the church in Corinth that, "When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways." This line is sometimes glossed over in 1st Corinthians 13 in favor of the love part of this passage. However, it stands out because love, in general, is something that is done with a level of maturity. Kids have crushes. Adults fall in love. Adults understand the ins and outs of what love is. In a sense, we grow up and learn how to treat other people.

That's a goal we have. It's not something that is often times done as a child. That is when we learn what love is and what showing and expressing different kinds of love means. So as we get older, we understand what it takes to love someone especially as how God loves us. This can only be done via maturing.

So what then do we do with the call from Jesus to be like a child? What does it mean to become child like? Isn't that a contradiction in terms of maturing and growing up? No. Children have this amazing way to look at the world. Look at the summer season. Kids

look forward to it because they don't have school.

When was the last time an adult was excited for summer? For us, it's another season and not much changes. Perhaps this is growing up. Perhaps we should hold this tension. Being mature and knowing how to love as God loves us is great. We can't lose that childlike wonder. We shouldn't. Yes: we grow and age and mature. But that childlike

way of looking at the world as though anything-including God loving us and us loving God and neighbor in perfect harmony- is what we need to keep holding on to.

Blessings,

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A Look at What's Happening.....

Big Walnut Friends



Who Share

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 still be collecting food for Big Walnut Friends Who Share food pantry **through June 8**. Please place your weekly donations in the boxes in the Narthex.

June 1

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

June 8

Pancake Mix
Syrup
Submitted by Kathy Kees



American Red Cross Crew will be in Condit to collect blood **from 12 to 6 on Friday, June 13th**. They have called the event "Camp Do Good" and all donors that day will get a \$15 Amazon Gift Certificate as well as Save 3 Lives.

You may donate one pint or choose to give Power Red which is double the platelets and takes longer time but you do not come back for four months.

Be sure you are registered to give so you get a link to go to Rapid-Pass which you complete at home and save reading pages at the Blood Drive.

You may use your Blood Donor App on your cell phone to register, call Polly Horn, 740-965-3582, or email GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org. *Submitted by Polly Horn*

Food & Fun June 11 and June 25 will be the designated Food & Fun dinner evenings. Come for a filling meal and fellowship between **5 pm – 7pm**. What interesting dinner conversations can you initiate?

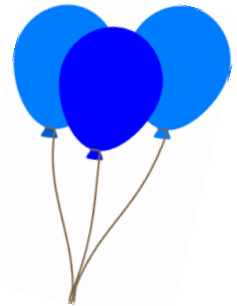


Women's Circle will meet on **Wednesday, June 18, at noon** in the Fellowship Hall. Please read *The Pilgrim's Progress* Chapter 12 and prepare workbook pages 123-129. This will complete the John Bunyan study. July and August will be vacation months for the Circle and we will resume on Wednesday, September 17, at noon with a new topic of study. All women are always welcome. Invite a friend to participate in the fall.



June Birthdays

2- Sheri Linnabary
4- Caitlyn Garner
6- Donna Mucci
15- Ken Bartlett
16- Nathan Kirby
17- Ben Kerns
18- Linda Dado
23- Greg Gaydos



4- Bill and Jennie Kavage
10- Bill and Teresa Gorsuch
14- Mike and Carmie Joseph
25 -Joe and Christy Krinn





The Trustees want to thank all the individuals, crews and teams who participated in our Spring CleanUp Week. Condit is cleaned, scrubbed, mopped, decluttered, dusted, Sunday school room organized, windows washed, new drain for the parking lot, trees trimmed, flower beds prepped and many other annual cleaning tasks. Great Job!

Again this year a couple of tasks neglected for the past few years were conquered, to include cleaning and organizing the choir loft, as well as cleaning out all the junk and rummage of the concession stand !!!

We appreciate everyone's time, effort and diligence in helping us keep our church and physical facilities in tip top shape.

As is true every year, our work is not done. We plan to paint the deck of the manse, mount some signs, power wash the church and manse, and complete any other "Surprises" which pop up. We'll be seeking your help when we have these organized. *Submitted by George Justice*



Condit Youth were found outside on Sunday, May 18, planting flowers in the bed at the back of the church. Pam Sheets initiated this project and Bill Gorsuch prepared the bed. Two children were available to help beautify the church grounds. *Photo below*



Left to right: Teresa, Pam, Ryan, Madi, Mary



Mothers were honored when leaving the sanctuary on Sunday, May 11. The Congregational Care Committee, headed by Sheila Micholes, presented each lady with a small plant in a cup sized vase and a compact rain bonnet for their purse. Several women of the church were also awarded a potted dianthus and recognized for their ongoing service in the church, *photo below.*



Front row, left to right: Mary Kingseed (Events), Melissa Vermillion (Newsletter), Polly Horn (Red Cross), Teresa Gorsuch (Acolytes). Back row: Sheila Micholes (Congregational Care)



Condit Women's Circle hosted the Faith Filled Women's quarterly meeting and luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on May 9. Nineteen ladies were present, representing six different area churches. Valerie Kirkpatrick, secretary of Faith Filled Women, volunteered to be the guest speaker, as she felt called by God to share her faith story entitled *Intersections and Insurance*. (Continued, page 4)



Valerie Kirkpatrick shares her faith story.

Faith Filled Women, *continued from page 3*

Valerie described her family's trying situations during 2020- COVID struggles, her father's death, and the cancer diagnosis of her teenage son. She explained that monumental life decisions are similar to road intersections. One needs to carefully consider how to proceed and cautiously select the correct way. When drawn, an intersection looks like a cross, reminding us that Jesus is always present and helping us decided our path. She read Acts 16:25-34 and discussed the decisions that Paul and Silas made, encouraging us to be intentional about our decisions and to consider them with prayer. Valerie incorporated the insurance aspect of her story since her family faced insurance coverage issues with imaging facilities while diagnosing her son's condition. She reminded us we have the best life insurance plan imaginable with God. There is no copay, no deductible, and it is free for everyone. We just need to share the good news of this plan with everyone.

During the business portion of the meeting Evelyn Brookens from The Bridge volunteered to serve as the next president. Valerie will continue to serve as secretary. Donna Orders was presented a hanging basket to thank her for her time served as president. It was decided that gift cards will be sold as a fundraiser in the fall.



Debbie Skeens (treasurer), Donna Orders (president), and Valerie Kirkpatrick (secretary) (left to right)

Condit Women's Circle then served hand baked stromboli, pasta salad, vegetable tray, and cookies for the luncheon.

MaryAnn Counts (left) and Bev Saksa (right) with the homemade stromboli.



The next Faith Filled Women meeting will be the annual brown bag lunch planning meeting at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 8, at Hope Lutheran Church. All women are invited to attend.

Remember in prayer

Family of Gene Wampler
The Groseclose Family
Gary Covert
John & Helen Szakas (Jane Lahmon's
brother & sister in law)
Homer & Mary Jo Wilson
Max Sheets
Brent McPherson
Cindy Monte
Grandma Angie



Transfer of Membership



Pastor Sam and son, Elijah Monte

Elijah Monte officially joined Condit Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 27 by transferring his membership from the First Presbyterian Church in Ashtabula,, Ohio. He was received into membership during the worship service. Welcome, Elijah!

Treasurer's Report

April 2025 Financials
Submitted by Ken Bartlett

Our regular offering was approximately **72%** of its four-month budget amount (**\$40,810.18** of **\$56,490.00**; **\$15,679.82** in arrears). Total receipts were **\$54,324.83** of the four-month budget amount of **\$65,536.67**, **\$11,211.84** in arrears.

Insurance, real estate taxes, and per capita have been fully paid for the year as of the end of April. This “pre-payment” overage of **\$8,526.45** will amortize over the remainder of the year. Total expenses were **\$68,506.96** against the four-month budget of **\$65,536.67**, resulting in outflows greater than budget by **\$2,970.29**, approximately **4.5%** over-budget.

April net was **\$8,508.02** in the black, and April year-to-date was **\$14,182.13** in the red.

Receipts are **\$5,473.35** more than a year ago, while expenses are **\$9,317.73** more than a year ago. This results in the net being **\$3,844.18 (37.2%)** worse than a year ago.

Investments as a whole were down **0.9%** through April. Investments totaled **\$306,535.92** as of the end of April. Total funds available were **\$329,508.58** as of the end of April. \$146,141.79 of this amount is general undesignated funds, \$153,021.57 is Condit's Building Fund balance, and \$30,345.22 is the aggregate balance of a variety of special funds.

April was a very good month, but we must not be lulled into complacency. We are still behind last year's pace, and need to continue to work towards increased giving – either through increased contribution levels, through increasing our base of contributors, or through additional fundraising efforts and sources. Thank you all for your efforts!




A special session meeting was held after worship on Sunday, May 11, with the sole purpose of hearing a motion from the personnel committee to grant Pastor Sam study leave from May 12-26, 2025. Session approved the study leave. Dr. Paul Kim served as a guest minister on Sunday, May 18. Adam Garner led worship on Sunday, May 25. The congregation thanks these two individuals for filling in on short notice and making worship possible in Pastor Sam's absence.





June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship with Communion 10 am	2 Choir 6 pm	3 Exercise 6 pm	4	5 Exercise 6 pm	6	7
8 Worship 10 am  Pentecost (Wear Red!)	9 Choir 6 pm	10 Exercise 6 pm	11 Food & Fun 5-7 pm	12 Exercise 5:30 pm Session & Trustees 7 pm	13 Blood Drive 12-6 pm	14  FLAG DAY
15 Worship 10 am Trinity Sunday Father's Day	16 Choir 6 pm	17 Exercise 6 pm	18 Women's Circle @ noon	19 Exercise 6 pm Juneteenth	20	21
22 Worship 10 am	23 Choir 6 pm	24 Exercise 6 pm	25 Food & Fun 5-7 pm	26 Exercise 6 pm	27 	28
29 Worship 10 am	30 Choir 6 pm	<i>Alter flowers- Connie Jacob & Kathy Kees</i> 				

Read Acts Chapter 2 and then complete the following word search.

Holy Spirt Comes At Pentecost

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 FILLED
 AMAZED
 SMOKE
 GOD
 ROME
 VISIONS
 BLOWING
 GALILEANS
 PROPHET
 WIND
 HOUSE

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/2418416/>

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