



Condit Courier

July 2025

Thoughts from Pastor Sam...

Summer was a time I longed for as it meant an end of school and the beginning of summer vacation. This year, more than before, I notice my kids are longing for it as well. It's an interesting condition: being so focused on the future that you have the chance to miss out on what is happening in front of you. In spring, for example, everything begins to bloom. You first notice flowers. Typically, it is a nice and comfortable temperature. What does summer offer? It offers heat. It offers sunburns. It offers endless cries of "I'm bored," from children. And yet, without fail, this is what people crave.

While summer isn't all bad, it is also far from perfect. I do actually like summer. I'm just not in a rush to have time move faster than it should. See, if we really believe that each day is a gift from God, then why would we be in such a rush to move into something else? Why not take time to enjoy the here and now?

When Jesus begins his ministry, he doesn't do it with cries of some far-off distant event. Instead, he says the Kingdom of God is here now. It is a reality that is currently happening. This is done to get the people to focus on what is literally happening right before them. There is a problem in Christianity. Often, we think too much about the future. We focus solely on the endgame of living in heaven. When we do that, we can't focus on the mission at hand in the here and now. Our job, currently, is not to focus only on the future. It is to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ here and now.

So, I'm asking you all, this summer, to slow down. Psalm 46:10 reminds us to "Be still and know that I am God." That's it. That's the answer. We need to sit back sometimes and just be in God's presence. There is only one constant in the universe: God. Relax some. Don't be so focused on the future that you miss out on all the opportunities of the here and now.



What are some ways we can slow down and experience God? What does a sabbath rest look like to us? How can we be present with God and the people around us while slowing down some?

Blessings,

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Happening in July....



July Bulletin Board- The main bulletin board will be decorated in red, white and blue. Please bring in any July 4th photos or snapshots of summer events you would like to share. Pictures can be added throughout the summer. Please let us see a glimpse of how you are spending your free time. *Submitted by Sheila Micholes*

Summer Bible Study **Monday evenings at 7:30**



Let's open our Bibles to Mark and spend an hour reading and talking about scripture together. No formal curriculum. We will lean into the commentaries in our library to give us context and background. Deb Bergmann will host **June 16, 2025 to August 25, 2025. 7:30 - 8:30PM**
Submitted by Deb Bergmann

July 12 Duncan's Run Bicycle Patch Ride- Condit will again be providing the east side yard as a rest stop for the yearly Harlem Township Heritage, Inc. fundraiser. Water, snacks and restroom will be offered to the riders. If you are interested in volunteering please contact John Whitney. The ride is from **7 a.m. - 3 p.m.**



Food & Fun Take a break from the summer heat and find your way to the Fellowship Hall, a.k.a. Doreen's Diner. Doreen will be serving dinner on **Wednesday, July 9, and Wednesday, July 23, from 5-7 p.m.** Summer means it stays light later, so be sure to hang around for plenty of fun after the filling food.



Condit Chancel Choir Rehearsals have been moved to **Monday evenings from 6-7 p.m.** Recently, their selections have been very upbeat, singing "Peter Gonna Preach", and "Rockin' the Boat", to name a few. Feel free to join choir rehearsal and harmonize as they continue to lift us up in worship through music.



Birthdays

2 Jim Caudill
9 Amanda Kerns
14 Isaia Jacob
19 Patience Muankang
20 Deb Bergman
21 Elijah Monte
25 Darlene Ross
26 Jace Monte
26 Addison Welch
27 Melissa Vermillion
28 Dennis Caudill
31 Dwayne Shick



July Anniversaries

3 John and Georgann Whitney
12 Todd and Connie Jacob
13 Dwayne and Jennifer Shick
18 Michael and Christine Jones



Big Walnut Friends Who Share 2025 Bookbag Project Supply Drive

ITEMS NEEDED:

- 15 – 2" Binders
- 10 – (6 colors) Highlighter Sets
- 10 – (12 count) Colored Pencils

IF YOU HAVE AND DON'T NEED:

- Calculators:
- Standard (4th and 5th grades)
 - TI-30 and/or TI-84 or similar to either

Condit will be collecting supplies Sunday, June 29- Sunday, July 20

Thank You Condit!

Once again, we are small, but mighty...we collected 295 items during our BWFWS Food Drive! The food coordinators send a big thank you. The day the food was delivered a shopping list had been made of things they were going to have to purchase. Item after item was crossed off the list as our donations were carried in. When I mentioned I still had monetary donations to use, I was asked to purchase several different popular canned items. Those items have been purchased and delivered, which brought our donation total to 309 items. Way to go, Condit!

Thank you,
Kathy Kees



Condit's June Blood Drive did very well in spite of it being Friday the 13th! Of the 38 scheduled donors, 4 were deferred for various reasons, 23 each donated a pint of whole blood and 5 Power-Red donors each gave 2 pints to make 33 pints of blood collected at the drive to save 99 lives. Way to go Condit!

It is time to register for the next Blood Drive which will be **12-6 on Friday, August 8**. You may use your Red Cross APP to register or email GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org or call Polly Horn at 740-965-3582 and leave your name and phone number and you will be called to register. *Submitted by Polly Horn*

Treasurer's Report

May 2025 Financials

Submitted by Ken Bartlett



Many Hats

Our regular offering was approximately **66%** of its five-month budget amount (**\$46,540.18** of **\$70,612.50**; **\$24,108.32** in arrears). Total receipts were **\$62,066.61** of the five-month budget amount of **\$81,920.83**, **\$19,854.22** in arrears.

Insurance, real estate taxes, and per capita have been fully paid for the year as of the end of May. This “pre-payment” overage of **\$7,434.20** will amortize over the remainder of the year. Total expenses were **\$82,779.21** against the five-month budget of **\$81,920.83**, resulting in outflows greater than budget by **\$858.38**, approximately **1.0%** over-budget.

May net was **\$6,530.47** in the red, and May year-to-date was **\$20,712.60** in the red.

Receipts are **\$33,713.86** less than a year ago, mainly attributable to a \$30,300 bequest received in 2024. Expenses are **\$10,237.31** more than a year ago. This results in the net being **\$43,951.17 (189.1%)** worse than a year ago.

Investments as a whole were up **1.6%** through May. Investments totaled **\$314,399.95** as of the end of May. Total funds available were **\$330,842.23** as of the end of May. \$142,011.14 of this amount is general undesignated funds, \$157,735.52 is Condit's Building Fund balance, and \$31,095.57 is the aggregate balance of a variety of special funds.

May was not a good month. We are well 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!



Director of Music, Adam Garner, *photo above*, wears many hats at Condit. Most recently he warmly filled the pulpit, sharing the Sunday morning message during Pastor Sam's absence. In this role, he was also able to stand and direct the choir's music selection, while Bill McKown graciously served as pianist. The congregation again thanks Adam for offering to lead worship on short notice and thanks Bill for stepping in so Adam wasn't spread too thin.



May 25, Adam directs the choir, Bill in background plays piano, and choir sings “Rockin’ the Boat.”

Do We Have Success? . . .

Condit's Trustees have been fighting a recurring storm drainage problem for two or three years, with the resulting water leaking into the church basement, seemingly after heavy rains.

Well, Trustees hope that we have that problem fixed after crews from the Delaware County Engineer's office recently replaced a smashed 4 in. clay tile which carries water from downspouts on the northeast section of the church into the county road tile along Hartford Rd.

Trustee President George Justice took the top photo (*below*) of the 4 in. tile shortly after county crews unearthed it last week. The tile, they said, was crushed where it was cut into the 6 in. clay tile in the road right-of-way, about 3 ft. below grade.



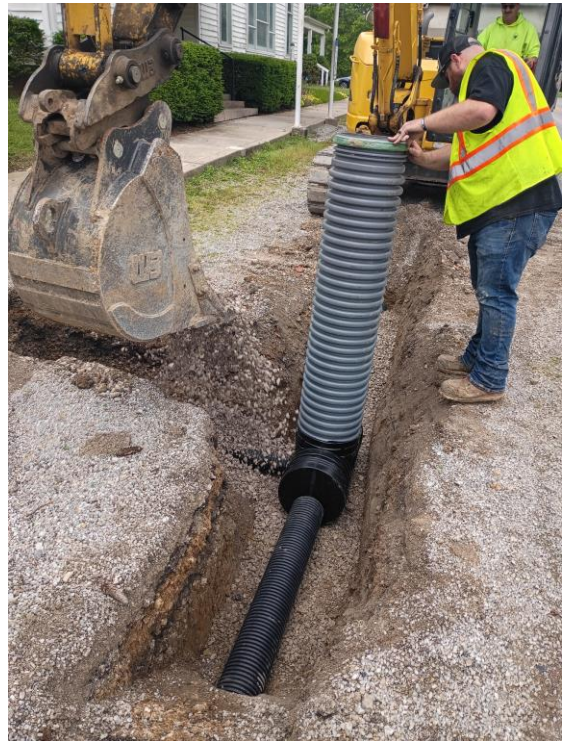
Top photo, damaged drainage tile

Trustee John Whitney took the second photo (*below*) of county road/drainage employee Dennis Rahn connecting a new 4 in. plastic drain pipe to a new 6 in. plastic pipe section along Hartford Rd. Third photo, Denny uses his backhoe to fill the ditch in with stone



Second photo, Dennis Rahn

after repairs had been made, while a fellow employee steadies the pipe which now represents a catch basin and cleanout for the sewer junction.



Third photo, Dennis Rahn and fellow employee

And, within a couple hours after the county finished their repair, Condit received an inch of rain in less than a half hour to test it. "It ran fine," Whitney says, "right down to the open drainage ditch which follows CR 605 south to Rattlesnake Creek's North Branch."

So, with "fingers crossed" and a deliberate "sigh of relief," Trustees hope the tile replacement will keep Condit's basement dry for the foreseeable future. And, the project was not done at church expense due to the failed tile being located in the county road right-of-way.

Trustees thank Wells Plumbing & Drainage for running a camera down the downspout tile and finding the suspected blockage, and the Delaware County Road/Drainage Crew of Jimmy Drumm, Brett Bergefurd, Rahn his fellow crew members, for their very quick and efficient work in fixing our problem.



Women's Circle met on Wednesday, June 18 at noon to discuss the last chapter of Bunyan's *"The Pilgrim's Progress."* In addition to completing the study the women celebrated the 88th birthday of Linda Dado with a lemon cake and ice cream provided by Sandy Thacker, *photo below.*



Women's Circle will be on summer break the months of July and August. We will resume September 17 and begin a three month study about heaven. All women are welcome to attend so plan to come and bring a friend. Help the Circle grow.



Pentecost Sunday, June 8, found many wearing red. The choir was particularly "on fire for the Lord" as they sang "Peter Gonna Preach." The Editor thanks them for their weekly dedication and willingness to serve the congregation with their gift of music.



Condit Chancel Choir singing on Pentecost Sunday 2025

Remember in Prayer

Family of Deputy D. "Weston" Scherrer
 Condit children on summer vacation
 John & Helen Szakas (Jane Lahmon's brother &
 sister-in-law)
 Homer & Mary Jo Wilson
 Max Sheets
 Brent McPherson
 Cindy Monte
 Grandma Angie



Attitude is Everything

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only three hairs on her head. "Well," she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today." And she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror, and saw she had only two hairs on her head. "Hmm," she said, "I think I'll part my hair down the middle today." And she had a grand day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only one hair on her head. "Well," she said, "today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony tail." And she had a fun, fun day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on her head. "Yea!" she exclaimed, "I don't have to fix my hair today!"

Attitude is everything!

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle. Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly.... Leave the rest to God.

Author Unknown, *Submitted by Mary Kingseed*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Exercise 6pm	2	3 Exercise 6pm	4 	5
6 Worship with Communion 10 am	7 Choir 6 pm Study of Mark 7:30 pm	8 Exercise 6pm	9 Food & Fun 5-7 pm	10 Exercise 6pm No Session & Trustees	11	12 Duncan's Run Bike Ride 7am-3pm
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