



Condit Courier

September 2025

Stewardship, A Response to God’s Blessings

It’s easy to get disheartened nowadays. It’s easy for us to be too bogged down in what we think we can’t do. Too often we believe that we simply do not have “enough.” It would be foolish to think that, with limited resources, we can do all of the things that we want to do or need to do. After all, we are taught to be logical people. You cannot get blood from a turnip no matter how hard you try!

And yet, I have seen remarkable things happen when people use what they have. I have stood in awe, watching silently as people take bits and pieces of what they have and create a full-fledged meal out of it. Logic would have dictated that it shouldn’t have happened. There simply “wasn’t enough.” And yet, when resources are pooled, you might find that you get what you need.

Stewardship functions much in the same way. Deuteronomy 16:17 reminds us that “all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.” When we participate in stewardship, we do so not out of an obligation, but as a joyful response to the blessings that God has already given us.

During the beginning of this month, we will be looking at stewardship through the traditional view of time, talents, and treasures. We will also be meeting to

discuss what that can look like in our modern context. I am encouraging everyone this month to take a good, hard look at what sits at the center of your heart. This isn’t about asking for more of anything. It is an examination of if our actions match with our hearts.



Does talking about stewardship make you nervous? Why or why not? What do you believe you’ll find when you examine your own, personal stewardship? Is there one of these that is inherently easier to commit to? Why or why not?

Blessings,

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September Calendar



A special brunch will be held in the Fellowship Hall after church on **Sunday, August 31**. Doreen Bartlett, Pam Sheets, Deb Bergmann and several others are preparing a delicious meal. Please plan to attend and enjoy this opportunity to fellowship after worship. Thank you in advance to the team who put the thought and time into this special event.



Stewardship Sermon and Study Series

Pastor Sam is beginning a special sermon series on the topic of Stewardship, which will include a coordinating study. The sermons will begin on **Sunday, September 7**, for three consecutive Sundays. On **Monday evenings** the study series will tentatively meet at **7:00 p.m.** to discuss one of the topics; time, talent or treasure. The study series will begin **Monday, September 8** and meet for three consecutive Mondays. Please clear your calendar and plan to attend worship on those dates and to participate in the study.



Condit Missions

Condit is participating in the Church World Service (CWS) Emergency Cleanup Bucket donation. We are hoping to fill two disaster clean up buckets with the necessary supplies. Marianne Westbrook has the list to sign up for specific supply donations. These should be dropped off at the church by **September 13**. These supplies are sent out to communities experiencing disastrous circumstances. The list can be found at cwskits.org. Thank you Condit! *Submitted by Marianne Westbrook, Missions Committee Chair*

Food & Fun September Food & Fun dates will be **Wednesday, September 10 and September 24, from 5-7 p.m.** Please gather in the Fellowship Hall for food, fun and fellowship both of these evenings. In lieu of Doreen's September 24 planned absence, Mary Kingseed (Events Committee) and Sheila Micholes

(Congregational Care) will be stepping in to make sure an abundant hot dinner will still be provided. Pastor Sam has volunteered to make his special Pulled Pork; sides will be baked beans and cole slaw. Kathy Kees will offer an option of Shredded Chicken for those who don't care for spicy pork. Dessert will be pie and brownies. *Details submitted by Sheila Micholes*



Condit Women's Circle will meet on **Wednesday, September 17 at noon** in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to attend. Please pack a brown bag lunch, your Bible, and a notepad. Fellowship will be enjoyed over lunch then a new study about women of the Bible will be led by MaryAnn Counts. Start the academic year off right by attending.



A church wide picnic has been planned for **Sunday, September 28**. This will be an **after church** potluck with grilled burgers being provided. Bring a side dish or dessert of your choice to share and lawn chairs. Paper products and drinks will be provided. Please plan to attend. *Details provided by Deb Bergmann*

Month of October: Save the Date



The Condit Blood Drive on Friday, August 8, brought in 27 pints of blood to save 81 lives. Thank you to all of the wonderful donors who made this possible. Also recognized are John Whitney, Sheila Micholes and Donna Mucci for volunteering to work the drive in the absence of Polly Horn and Bev Saksa.

The next blood drive will be held on **Friday, October 10, 12-5:30 p.m.** 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.

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Condit's annual Fall Wiener Roast will take place on **Saturday, October 11 at 5:30 p.m.** The Events Committee will be providing hot dogs/buns, s'mores and paper products. The committee

requests everyone bring a side dish or snack to share. Bring your lawn chair, your own beverage and come prepared to color a pumpkin or to play games in the crisp autumn air around the blazing fire. *Details submitted by Mary Kingseed, Events Committee Chair*



Boundary Training for CREs and Teaching Elders will be **October 6, 2025**. Training will be offered on a later date for elders in churches.



The Condit Chancel Choir will be attending the Taizé Vespers Service on **Friday, October 17**. Anyone

from the congregation is welcome to meet at the church at **5 p.m.** to carpool to Columbus to attend. This is a contemplative worship experience in the style of the Taizé community in France offered the third Friday of each month at Indianola Presbyterian Church. If you have questions please contact Deb Bergmann.



Pastor Sam will be vacationing from **October 21 through November 4**. Please plan ahead for any meetings, discussions, etc. you may need and schedule it prior to his time away.

Looking Ahead to 2026



**P.I.E. Training
January 31, 2026**

The Church at the Crossroads:
Turning Toward What's Next
@ Covenant Presbyterian Church



September Birthdays

7 Abigail Welch
16 Rose Manyi
18 John Whitney
19 Beverly Marshall
Mike Mucci
21 Teresa Gorsuch
Rick Ross
23 Zachary Joseph
26 Mary Kingseed
Dave Vermillion
28 Sheryl Hernandez
30 Jennifer Shick



7 Doug & Sheri Linnabary

Commercial Challenge

In response to Mary Kingseed's Commercial Challenge last month, three current brands were submitted:

God is like...**Snickers**...He's so satisfying.

God is like ...**Generac**...He powers your life.

God is like...**Mastercard**...There are some things money can't buy... a relationship with Him, "priceless."

Trustee Work Day

Wednesday morning, August 20, Condit Trustees met at the church to begin a morning of miscellaneous chores. Sidewalks were edged, the hedges trimmed, and the deck area behind the manse was spruced up. The brush pile in the parking lot will soon be burned to complete late summer tasks. Please take notice of a new addition to the property at the northeast entrance to the rear parking lot- a blessing box. Look for more information in the next newsletter for details about how you can help with this mission outreach and how it evolved.

Thank you, Trustees, for your diligence in maintaining the church grounds.



Bill Gorsuch trims sidewalk edge.



The nicely edged sidewalk.



The new blessing box.



Faith Filled Women met at Hope Lutheran Church on Friday, August 8. This was a planning meeting for 2026. The calendar is as follows:

Date	Host	Program
November 14, 2025	The Bridge	Debbie Skeens
March 13, 2026	Olive Green Church CCU	The Bridge
May 8, 2026	Sunbury Christian	Condit Presbyterian
August 14, 2026	Hope Lutheran	Planning Meeting
November 13, 2026	Condit Presbyterian	Sunbury Christian

Faith Filled Women are planning a gift card sale for the holidays. Condit Women's Circle will be discussing whether to participate in this project at their September 17 meeting.



Remember in Prayer

Marv & Pat Monroe, Cindy Monte, Polly Horn, John Kerns, Chris Lawless, Cameron Gale, Homer & Mary Jo Wilson, Max Sheets, Randy Longshore, Mother of Kathy Kees/ Connie Jacob, Students & School Staff

Treasurer's Report

July 2025 Financials

Submitted by Ken Bartlett

Our regular offering was approximately **62.6%** of its seven-month budget amount (**\$61,931.18** of **\$98,857.50**; **\$36,926.32** in arrears). Total receipts were **\$81,714.70** of the seven-month budget amount of **\$114,689.17**, **\$32,974.47** in arrears.

Insurance, real estate taxes, and per capita have been fully paid for the year as of the end of July. This “pre-payment” overage of **\$5,249.70** will amortize over the remainder of the year. Total expenses were **\$114,539.77** against the seven-month budget of **\$114,689.17**, resulting in outflows more than budget by **\$149.40**, approximately **0.1%** over-budget.

July net was **\$7,527.68** in the red, and July year-to-date was **\$32,825.07** in the red.

Receipts are **\$33,253.94** less than a year ago, mainly attributable to a \$30,300 bequest received in 2024. Expenses are **\$17,612.34** more than a year ago. This results in the net being **\$50,866.28 (281.9%)** worse than a year ago.

Investments as a whole were up **4.4%** through July. Investments totaled **\$303,103.71** as of the end of July. Total funds available were **\$327,433.70** as of the end of July. \$132,970.53 of this amount is general undesignated funds, \$162,591.27 is Condit’s Building Fund balance, and \$31,871.90 is the aggregate balance of a variety of special funds.

July offering continued to lag behind our budget and spending levels. And we continue to lag behind last year’s all-in pace. At the end of July, \$20,000 was withdrawn from our investment funds to rebuild our checking account balance for the remainder of the year. There is no need to panic, but we do need to continue to look at what we see our future to be, and how we will be able to achieve what we set out to accomplish.

Thank you all for your diligence and efforts!

Unexpected Visitors

Former Condit members, the Quinn Family- Ben, Kristen, Avery and Waylon- visited Condit on Sunday, August 17. They happened to be visiting relatives in the area and made it a point to return to Condit for worship.



Avery blessed the congregation with her beautiful voice during the offering. Thank you for returning to Condit and sharing your special gift of music with us!



4-H Coming to Condit

Session has approved the 4-H Club led by Deb Bergmann in Westerville to be moved to Condit. They will be meeting at the church two times a month once the transition takes place. Their meetings will be scheduled around the church activity schedule. Approximately 15 youth are planning to participate so if you are interested in serving as a 4-H advisor please see Deb Bergmann to initiate the application process.

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Worship 10 am followed by Brunch	1  Labor Day	2 Exercise 6 pm	3	4 Exercise 6 pm	5	6
7 Worship with Communion 10 am	8 Stewardship Study 7:00 pm Choir 6 pm	9 Exercise 6 pm	10 Food & Fun 5-7 pm	11 Exercise 5:30 pm Session & Trustees 7 pm	12	13 Clean Up Bucket Donation Deadline
14 Worship 10 am	15 Stewardship Study 7:00 pm Choir 6 pm	16 Exercise 6 pm	17 Women's Circle @ noon	18 Exercise 6 pm Little Brown Jug	19 	20
21 Worship 10 am	22 Stewardship Study 7:00 pm Choir 6 pm	23 Exercise 6 pm	24 Food & Fun 5-7 pm	25 Exercise 6 pm	26	27
28 Worship 10 am followed by Picnic	29 Choir 6 pm	30 Exercise 6 pm	September Altar Flowers- Sandy Thacker 			

Women of the Bible Word Search



Find these words: Abigail, Adullamite Woman, Ashtoreth, Athaliah, Bathsheba, Concubine, Deborah, Dinah, Drusilla, Hadassah, Handmaid, Head covering, Impurity, Issue of Blood, Jael, Jezebel, Keturah, Lydia, Martha, Miriam a Nazarene, Orpah, Peninnah, Priscilla, Queen Vashti, Rebecca, Rebekah, Sapphira, Sarai, Seven hundred, Zilpah

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