



Condit Courier

November 2025

Gather Together

Between 2007 and 2012, people were doing something very, very dumb. It was called The Cinnamon Challenge. The point of the challenge was to eat a spoonful of cinnamon in under 60 seconds. However, its next to impossible. The mouth gets coated and dries. You can gag and get sick. It could also lead to risk of pneumonia or a collapsed lung. Yes: it is a stupid idea. I genuinely don't even understand why anyone would eat cinnamon by itself, let alone that much of it.

Cinnamon is also one of the ingredients of pumpkin pie- one of the best desserts for this time of the year and Thanksgiving. A lot of ingredients go into the making of a pumpkin pie. Separately, they aren't very good. Much like how I would never want to eat cinnamon on its own, I absolutely love it in pumpkin pie. It makes sense. Things being together means new and exciting opportunities.

In the same way, we, as the church universal, are better when we are together. Matthew 18:20 reminds us where two or three are gathered in Christ's name, he is there. Understanding this, we know that when we gather together, we are in the presence of Christ. This is good and proper.

We, as humans, were meant to be in fellowship with one another. We have an innate desire to be in groupings. In the book of Revelation, there is a scene of the throne room of God surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. A vast number of people too big to even count stands before the Lord. Everything that we do is meant to get to this point. The endgame of everything is togetherness with God and with one another.

In this season, let us remember this. Let us remember and draw near to one another to be in communion with one another. Let us gather together when we are thankful and let us praise God for the gift of community.

What are some ways that we can build community? What does our community look like to us? Are there people we want outside of our community? What does it mean for us to actively be in community with others and with God?

Blessings,

Pastor Sam

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Remember in prayer

Reverend & Mrs. Samuel Monte
Homer & MaryJo Wilson
Marv & Pat Monroe
Max Sheets
John Kerns
John & Helen Szakas
Chris Lawless
Randy Longshore
Baby Colin



November Calendar at a Glance



Operation Christmas Child is underway for 2025. It is a fantastic mission opportunity. You fill a shoebox with fun items for a boy or girl somewhere in our world. You can write a note to the child as well. We have the boxes at church. The cost for shipping can be paid online or in the box. Filled boxes are due back to the church by **Sunday, November 9**. Thank you for participating.

There will be a shoe box packing party in Newark at the Newark YMCA on **Friday, November 14**. If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact me, my email is mwwsallyride@gmail.com. Submitted by Marianne Westbrook, Missions Committee Chair

BIG WALNUT FRIENDS WHO SHARE



It is time to fill the Christmas Food Boxes given by Big Walnut Friends Who Share to their clients each year. Once again, we have been asked to provide 120 boxes of JIFFY MUFFIN MIX. The collection will take place **Sunday, November 9 through Sunday, December 14**. There will be boxes in the vestibule for your donations. As always, if you prefer, Kathy is happy to do your shopping for you. If you have questions, please see Kathy Kees. Submitted by Kathy Kees



Mittens, hats and gloves will also be collected during the above dates. Please feel free to donate to decorate the mitten tree.

Food & Fun dates for November will be **Wednesdays, November 12 and November 26**. Yes, Doreen will definitely offer a light meal the evening before Thanksgiving, so take a break from your own Thanksgiving prep and allow her to serve you! Doors are open from **5 – 7 pm** so come while dinner is hot!



Faith Filled Women's quarterly meeting will be on **Friday, November 14 at 11 am**, hosted by The Bridge. Debbie Skeens will be leading the program and has asked that all women attending wear their favorite apron. Condit Women's Circle will be making a donation to the gift card fundraiser which supports various missions. All women are invited to attend. Lunch is provided after the meeting.



Women's Circle will meet on **Wednesday, November 19 at noon** in the Fellowship Hall. MaryAnn Counts will continue the study about Women of the Bible, with Leah being the selected character for discussion. MaryAnn will provide a list of scripture to read in preparation for the lesson as time draws closer. All women are invited to pack a brown bag lunch and come share fellowship while studying God's word.



The Condit Church Flower List is being updated for 2026. Please let Sheila Micholes know if you would like to stay on the list of sanctuary flower providers by **November 30**. Thanks to everyone who provided the altar flowers we had in 2025. All flowers were special and beautiful. Submitted by Sheila Micholes



November Birthdays

6 Mick Sheets
9 Marvin Monroe
10 Joshua Shick
11 Jacquelin Kerns
12 Harold Ramsey
17 Kathy Kees
26 Michael Jones
28 Mary Jo Wilson

Advent begins November 30....



December is quickly approaching. Please mark your calendars and save the date for **Sunday evening, December 7**. Condit Christmas will be celebrated and Adam is trying to make plans for a wonderful evening program. (see below) The Special Events Committee will also be organizing volunteers to bake cookies for a special time of fellowship afterwards. Prayerfully consider how you can participate this year.



In this time of gift giving, we celebrate the gifts given to us by God. Whether it is music, art, oration, soap carving; whatever talent you have been given we invite you to share it with the congregation. Please reach out to Adam to find out how you can share your craft. Additionally, Adam is looking for volunteers for speaking roles in both a pageant as well as a short play. Please reach out to Adam if you would be willing to fill a role. *Submitted by Adam Garner, Director of Music*



POINSETTIA TREE

Christmas Season will soon be here! That means it's time to erect our Poinsettia Tree to decorate for The Season. This has been a tradition for many, many, years. Anyone who desires may participate. Just fill in the order form below, include in honor of, in memory of, and your payment. The poinsettias are \$8.25 each.

Orders will be taken through **November 30, 2025**.

Please give your order form and payment to George Justice or Kathy Kees. You may also mail it to:
George Justice
16019 Hartford Road
Sunbury, OH 43074

Poinsettia Order Form

Order by November 30

Name _____

Quantity _____ x \$8.25 each = \$ _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Make check payable to Condit Presbyterian Church
(write Poinsettia on memo line of check)

Please give or mail to George Justice, 16019 Hartford Road, Sunbury, Ohio 43074



*7 Mick and Pam Sheets
16 Ken and Doreen Bartlett
27 Gary and Jackie Covert*



On October 10th Condit completed 11 years of collecting blood to save lives. Beginning with the December 2014 Blood Drive, Condit had 23 people donate blood to save 69 lives. The next year, Red Cross canceled a drive for water on the floor and other for a staff issue. We missed one drive during covid. All other years have had six successful drives.

The little church in the country sponsored 57 drives, collected 1246 pints of blood to save 3,792 lives by our 10th celebration on October 11, 2024. We celebrated with balloons, cupcakes and carnations.

This past year we collected another 172 pints to save 516 lives. This totals 63 blood drives where we collected a total of 1246 pints to save 4202 lives since we started in 2014.

We are beginning our 12th year with the **December 12th** Blood Drive. Register in the Red Cross App. or call Polly Horn 740-965-3582 or email GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org. Submitted by Polly Horn



Special Events and Congregational Care would like to thank everyone for the nice turn out on Wednesday, September 24 for **Food & Fun**. A BIG THANK YOU to Mary Kingseed, Teresa Gorsuch, Jane Lahmon, Kathy Kees, Pastor Sam,

Beverly Marshall and Sheila Micholes for the wonderful meal they prepared and shared in Doreen's absence. Approximately 40 attended. Thank you also to everyone who helped clean up afterward.

Submitted by Sheila Micholes, Congregational Care Committee Chair



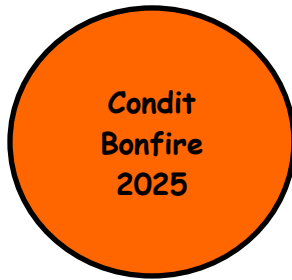
September 28 was a BEAUTIFUL day for a picnic and Condit had a wonderful time doing just that. Approximately 20 congregants stayed after worship for grilled hamburgers and chicken prepared by Deb Bergmann and Bill Gorsuch. Thank you to all who shared side dishes, especially the pies, ice cream cake, cookies and cupcakes for dessert. A special thank you to Deb Bergmann for organizing the picnic and putting it on the calendar. Submitted by Sheila Micholes



Approximately 30 gathered around the Condit Fire Pit on Saturday, October 11 to roast hot dogs and toast marshmallows for S'mores at the annual Condit Bonfire. Kids tossed the football, played corn hole and other games while adults chatted and laughed around the fire. Pumpkins were available to decorate. Everyone had a great time in the fall fresh air and scattered as soon as darkness came. Thank you to Mary Kingseed and Sheila Micholes for organizing and Ken Bartlett, Bob Comstock and John Whitney for managing the fire.



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Treasurer's Report

September 2025 Financials

Submitted by Ken Bartlett

Our regular offering was approximately **58.8%** of its nine-month budget amount (**\$74,794.28** of **\$127,102.50**; **\$52,308.22** in arrears). Total receipts were **\$99,083.59** of the nine-month budget amount of **\$147,457.50**, **\$48,373.91** in arrears.

Insurance, real estate taxes, and per capita have been fully paid for the year and propane has been pre-bought for the winter season. Total expenses were **\$143,627.11** against the nine-month budget of **\$147,457.50**, resulting in outflows less than budget by **\$3,830.39.75**, approximately **2.6%** under-budget.

September net was **\$6,419.68** in the red, and September year-to-date was **\$44,543.52** in the red.

Receipts are **\$31,894.87** less than a year ago, attributable to a \$30,300 bequest received in 2024. Expenses are **\$14,564.50** more than a year ago. This results in the net being **\$46,459.37** worse than a year ago.

Investments as a whole were up **8.2%** through September. Investments totaled **\$314,804.32** as of the end of September. Total funds available were **\$327,566.04** as of the end of September. \$124,631.71 of this amount is general undesignated funds, \$169,499.76 is Condit's Building Fund balance, and \$33,434.57 is the aggregate balance of a variety of special funds.

Through the end of September, offering has continued to lag behind our budget and spending levels. And we continue to lag behind last year's all-in pace. Spending has continued to be generally in line with or less than budget. With reserves currently in place, there is no need to panic, but we do need to look our commitment to discipleship and being good stewards for our church. We need to ask what we see our future to be, and how

we will be able to achieve what we set out to accomplish.



One last bonfire photo:



November



2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Altar Flowers: Ken & Doreen Bartlett</i>						
2 Worship with Communion 10 am	3	4 Exercise 6:00 pm Election Day	5 Choir 6 pm	6 Exercise 6:00 pm	7 	8
9 Worship 10am Shoebox Deadline	10 	11 Exercise 6:00 pm Veteran's Day	12 Food & Fun 5-7 pm Choir 6 pm	13 Exercise 5:30 pm Session & Trustees 7 pm	14 Faith Filled Women 11 am	15
16 Worship 10am	17	18 Exercise 6:00 pm	19 Women's Circle @ noon Choir 6 pm	20 Exercise 6:00 pm	21	22
23 Worship 10am	24	25 Exercise 6:00 pm	26 Food & Fun 5-7 pm Choir 6 pm	27 Happy Thanksgiving Day 	28	29 
30 Worship 10am Poinsettia Deadline Advent Begins						

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SESSION

Class of 2027

Sandy Thacker Mick Sheets

Mary Kingseed

Class of 2026

Marianne Westbrook Judy Watts

Melissa Vermillion

Class of 2025

Georgann Whitney Sheila Micholes

Kathy Kees

Minister Rev. Samuel Monte

Director of Music Adam Garner

Treasurer Ken Bartlett

Financial Secretary Doug Kerns

Clerk of Session Deb Bergmann

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