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## Made New in Christ

Spring is springing as it tends to do every year. This is a beautiful time of the year. It also wreaks havoc on my sinuses. However, I think it's worth it. I mean, a sinus infection to see the love of God and new life created is phenomenal. I don't think that things happen by accident. I know that someone somewhere decided that Resurrection Sunday was going to be celebrated in the springtime. Thematically, it makes a lot of sense. Spring is the time when new life comes to the Earth. We are working past the coldness of winter and seeing new life grow.

I think it is also the time most Christians tend to "wake up" from their winter hibernation as well. There is a lot that happens around the months of winter. Yet in the midst of warmer weather, we tend to want to get out there and hit the mission field. This is good! Don't run from that feeling! Spring is a time of new life. We celebrate the new life in Christ. We celebrate the new life found in the world.

We should act like it. We live in a post resurrection world. It is something that has happened. It is also something that has changed us. In 2 Corinthians 5:17, Paul reminds us that "... if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" The resurrection of Christ is what rises us to new life. We are, as Paul reminds us, literally a new creation. We are different because of Christ.

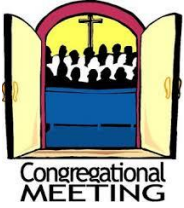
I think that the question, then, is what do we do about this? If we are made new, then we need to live into that calling. There is nothing holding us back because in Christ, all things are made new. In this new life, let us work together bringing the love of God to all peoples.

How can we be a new creation in Christ? What does that look like for you? How can you live boldly as a new creation in Christ this month?

Blessings,

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# April Calendar



Congregational meeting **Sunday, March 29** after worship, see right column.



The American Red Cross will be at Condit from **12 to 5:30** on **Friday, April 10**, for our second drive of 2026.



**Thursday, April 2**, the Maundy Thursday worship service will be incorporated into a soup/sandwich pot luck **dinner at 6 pm** in the fellowship hall. A sign up for food assignments is available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Since this is a small group, meal portions brought to the church to share should only be for 6-8 people.

At the present time, there are time slots available for regular blood donations. You may register in your cell phone APP by emailing [GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org](mailto:GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org) or call Polly at 740-965-3582 and leave your name and phone number and she will return your call. *Submitted by Polly Horn*



Good Friday, **April 3**, the church will be open for individual prayer from **12-3 pm**.



The Session of Condit would like to amend the church Bylaws in order to allow Session to meet every other month instead of every month. A congregational meeting will be held after worship on **March 29** to distribute and read the proposed changes to everyone. **April 12** a second congregational meeting will be held to vote on the proposed changes. Please plan to attend these important meetings so we can collectively decide what is best for the Session and the church. The **April 9** Session meeting will be held as originally scheduled.



**Sunday, April 5**, Easter breakfast will be served from **9-10 a.m.** in the social hall prior to the church service. Breakfast casseroles, biscuits and gravy, sweet rolls and fruit will be available along with drinks. Come and celebrate *Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia!* *Submitted by Mary Kingseed, Events Committee Chair*



Women's Circle **Wednesday, April 15 at noon**. Reference page 3.



Flash 4-H Club **Monday, April 6, 7-8 pm**. Reference page 3.



Flash 4-H Club **Monday, April 20, 7-8 pm**. Reference page 3.

**Food & Fun** Wednesday evenings, **April 8 and April 22** Food and Fun Outreach meals will be served in the Fellowship Hall from **5 – 7 p.m.** Enjoy the spring weather by getting out for a fresh cooked dinner.



## It's Spring Time

In preparation for Easter, the Trustees will be setting up the "Flowering Cross" next to the parking lot. Please feel free to participate in decorating The Flowering Cross. Help make The Cross beautiful by bringing a few flowers of your choice and putting them in place on your way into

the Church Service Easter morning.

As most of you have already seen, the recent storms of very high intense winds blew a section of siding off and loosened some other pieces on the south side wall of the Church. Trustees are working with the insurance company and siding company for repairs.

The Trustees are glad to be leaving the Winter Season and enter Spring!! Of course that means it's time to tidy up the Church, our facilities and grounds. We've designated the **week of Monday, April 27 through Saturday, May 2** as 'Clean Up Week'. As usual, tasks and projects will be posted on the doors. More specifics and details later. We appreciate All who pitch in, select and complete a task or two. See any of the Trustees with questions or suggestions. Thanks to Everyone. *Submitted by George Justice, Trustee*



### **FLASH 4-H Club**

At the March 16 meeting the 4-Hers elected officers and named their club Flash 4-H Club of Delaware County. Between kickoff and the 1st meeting, 11 youth members and 6 adult advisors are our charter members.

At our next meeting, **April 6, 2026**, we will do project enrollments, plan community service activities.

Club meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays **7pm-8pm** at the church.

The Advisors are Betsy Hildebrand, Deb Bergmann, Mick Sheets, Bev Saksa, Kelly Zakrajsek, and Lindsey Schlagel. Members must attend 60% of meetings and be enrolled by **April 15, 2026** to be eligible to compete at Fair. Parents are encouraged to attend meetings.

Ohio 4-H membership is based on a child's age and grade as of January 1. Eligibility for participation in 4-H projects and competitive events begins when a child is age 8 and in the 3rd grade. Cloverbud participation begins when a child is age 5 and enrolled in kindergarten and continues until they are eligible for project membership.

<https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/how-join-4-h>

Find out more about 4-H Projects

at <https://projectcentral.ohio4h.org/>

*Submitted by Deb Bergman*



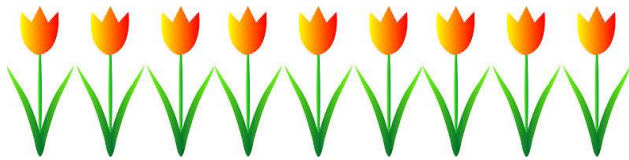
Condit Women's Circle met Wednesday, March 18. It was reported that Lead Pastor, Michael Hansen, of the Vineyard Church Delaware County has accepted the invitation to speak on May 8 at the Faith Filled Women meeting. He will be discussing the role of the Big Walnut Ministerial Association in the Sunbury community. Suggestions for mission projects in 2026 were also discussed. These projects will be voted upon in April.

MaryAnn Counts continued instruction about the history of the church, discussing highlights of the seventh through the ninth centuries. A timeline created by MaryAnn has been added to the wall in the Fellowship Hall marking major milestones.

The April meeting will be **Wednesday, April 15 at noon** in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome to pack a brown bag lunch and participate.



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| 3 Sam Files       | 14 Heather Day     |
| 4 Christine Jones | 19 Vicki Eckhart   |
| 5 Elizabeth Files | 23 Sarah Allicardi |
| Randy Longshore   | 24 Doug Linnabary  |
| 6 Beverly Saksa   | 29 Max Monte       |
| 7 George Justice  | Odessa Monte       |
| 9 Homer Wilson    |                    |
| 10 Cheryl Caudill |                    |
| Doug Kerns        |                    |
| 13 Larry Strouse  |                    |



The Presbytery approved an increase in Per Capita for 2026 from \$44.00 to \$46.00 per member. The Per Capita is made up of: Presbytery of

Scioto Valley \$31.34, Synod of the Covenant \$3.40, and General Assembly \$11.26. Please pay Per Capita dues by the **end of April**. If paying by check enter "Per Capita" on the memo line of the check.



## Treasurer's Report

February 2026 Financials

*Submitted by Ken Bartlett*

Our regular offering was approximately **123%** of its two-month budget amount (**\$34,158.00** of **\$27,799.33**; **\$6,358.67** ahead). Total receipts were **\$38,062.67** of the two-month budget amount of **\$32,301.33**, **\$5,761.34** ahead.

Insurance and real estate taxes have been fully paid for the year as of the end of February. This "pre-payment" overage of **\$7,496.60** will amortize over the remainder of the year. Total expenses were **\$35,463.14** against the two-month budget of **\$32,301.33**, resulting in outflows greater than budget by **\$3,161.81**, approximately **10%** over-budget.

February net was **\$19,284.45** in the black, February year-to-date net was **\$2,599.53** in the black.

Receipts are **\$15,521.55** more than a year ago, while expenses are **\$5,818.81** less than a year ago. This results in the net being **\$21,340.36** (approximately **114%**) better than a year ago.

Investments as a whole were up **3.7%** through February. Investments totaled **\$333,609.66** as of the end of February. Total funds available were **\$364,059.48** as of the end of February. \$147,919.90 of this amount is general undesignated funds, \$180,107.27 is Condit's Building Fund balance, and \$36,032.31 is the aggregate balance of a variety of special funds.

Some contributions have been front-loaded for 2026, helping inflows outpace outflows and putting us ahead of budget through February. Most of the expense savings results from (1) the discontinuation of our advertising campaign and (2) Adam's change in work schedule such that we no longer require an outside accompanist. This expense savings will continue to be realized. Hopefully inflows will be more consistent throughout the year, and we will be able to continue to be on pace with outflows and budget. Time will tell. Thank you to all for your continued stewardship!



*Sandy Thacker, left, Melissa Vermillion, right.*

### One Great Hour of Sharing

The Mission and Education Committees paired together to promote The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS) in the month of March. The program was introduced to the congregation on February 22 by Missions Committee Chair, Sandy Thacker. Fish coin banks and Lenten calendars were distributed for home use. March 1, Melissa Vermillion, Education Committee Chair, explained why the color blue is used in the Presbytery OGHS program and the symbolism of the fish. Each Sunday of Lent an Elder presented further mission information about how offerings are used by OGHS. John & Georgann Whitney, Marianne Westbrook and Mary Kingseed were Elders that shared mission information. Thank you to everyone who used the sharing calendar for reflection and donated to this worthwhile ministry. Condit donated just shy of \$575.



Big Walnut area Faith Filled Women met on Friday, March 13, at the Olive Green Church of Christ in Christian Union. Big Walnut Friends Who Share (BWFWS) founder, Barb Jeffers, and current President, Zita Hunt, spoke about the history of BWFWS and BWFWS today, respectively. Condit's participation at BWFWS seems large to us but is actually a minor contribution as they currently serve approximately 300 families from the Big Walnut school district. The items they are most in need of at this time is pasta (other than spaghetti) and pasta

sauce (especially meat flavor), as pasta always offers a hot, filling meal.

The business portion of the meeting was held after the BWFWS speakers. It was decided donations would be made to support BWFWS, the Big Walnut Ministerial Association and Lifewise Academy. Also, it was determined a quilt would be made to raffle as a fundraiser for the group. More news will be released once this quilt is complete.

A soup/salad lunch was served after the meeting and fellowship was shared with the women of the surrounding churches. The next meeting will be **May 8** at Sunbury Christian Church and the Women of Condit will be providing the program. All women of any church in the Big Walnut area are welcome to attend.

### Remember in Prayer

- Pat Monroe- April 2 hip replacement
- Zachary Joseph- undergoing testing
- Doug Kern- home rehab
- Beverly Marshall- use of hand
- Grant Bartlett- serving in Honduras

#### Long Term Health Needs:

- Max Sheets
- Homer & Mary Jo Wilson
- Cindy Monte



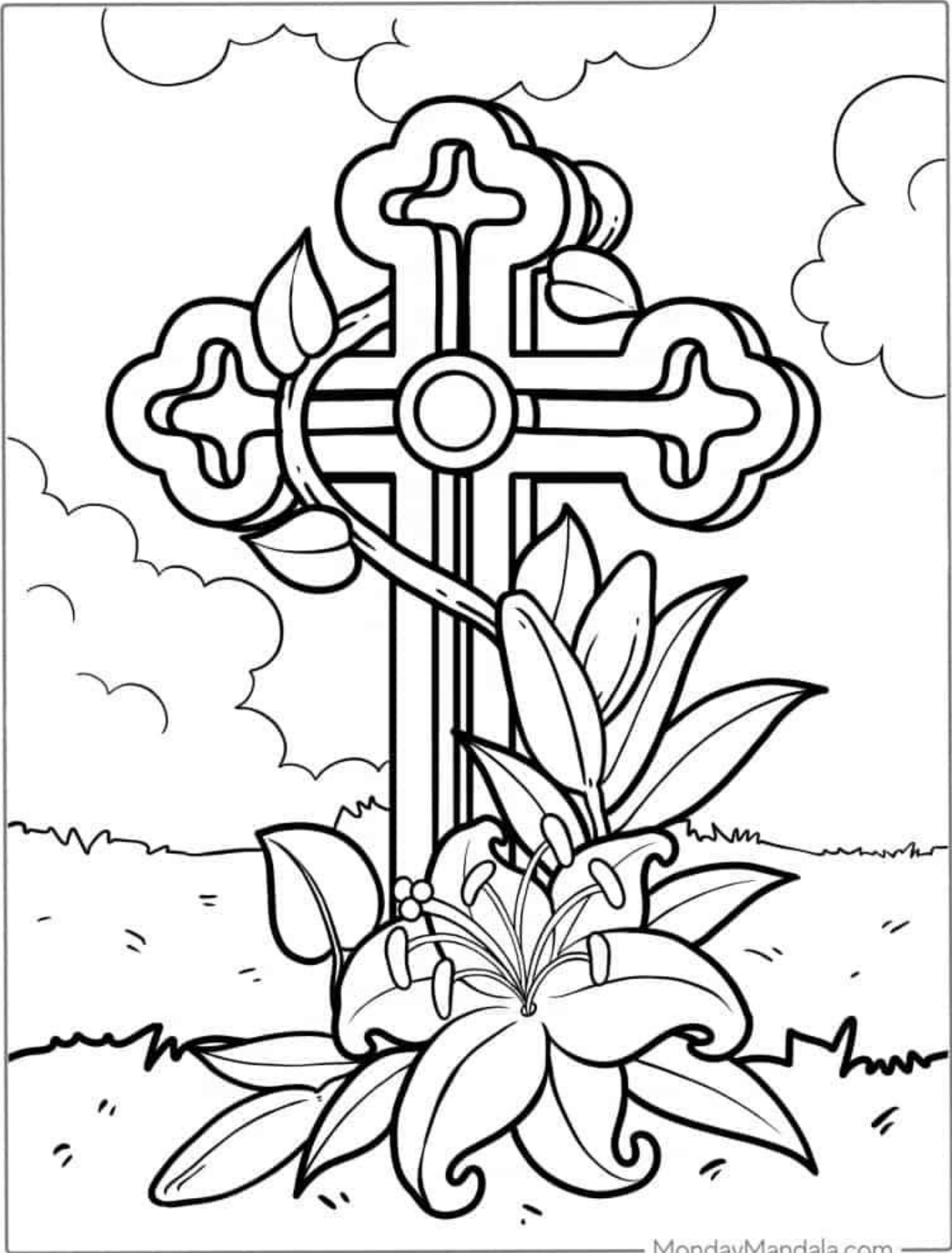


**2026**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Anniversary- April 18</b> <b>DENNIS &amp; CHERYL CAUDILL</b>  <i>April Altar Flowers-</i> <b>SHEILA MICHOLIS</b>			1	2 Maundy Thursday Worship & Potluck 6 pm	3 Church open for individual prayer 12-3 pm Good Friday	4
5 Easter Breakfast 9-10 am  Worship 10 am	6 Choir 5 pm  4H @ 7 pm	7 Exercise 6 pm	8  Food & Fun 5-7 pm	9 Exercise 5:30pm  Session & Trustees 7 pm	10  Blood Drive 12-5:30pm	11
12 Worship 10 am  Congregational Meeting 11 am	13 Choir 5 pm	14 Exercise 6 pm	15  Women's Circle @ noon	16 Exercise 6 pm	17	18 
19  Worship 10 am	20 Choir 5 pm  4H @ 7 pm	21 Exercise 6 pm	22  Food & Fun 5-7 pm  Earth Day	23 Exercise 6 pm	24	25
26  Worship 10 am	27 Choir 5 pm  Spring Clean Begins	28 Exercise 6 pm	29	30 Exercise 6 pm	1  May Day	2  Spring Clean Ends

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29- CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP, 11 AM.**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12- CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP, 11 AM.**



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