



Condit Courier

September 2024

Sermon Series Beginning in September

Did you know the greatest banker ever mentioned in the Bible is Pharaoh's daughter? It's true! She went down to the river and pulled out a little prophet. Okay, okay; I know it's a bad joke. I just really like puns.

Yet all jokes aside, this month we are starting our sermon series and bible study on the prophets of the Old Testament. This will last for six weeks as we delve into the prophets. The structure is rather simple: on Sunday, we will have a sermon using texts from that week's prophets. Then on Monday we will delve deeper into the book of that particular prophet.

Because so much of the Old Testament is writings from various prophets, we've had to make some cuts as it were. For example, we won't be covering the "minor prophets." They aren't minor because they are unimportant. Honestly the name simply comes from the fact that their works are shorter than others. The prophets we will be studying are Jeremiah, Amos, Hosea, Micah, Isaiah, and Ezekiel.

But what exactly is a prophet? Too often people assume a prophet is just someone who sees the future. In reality, the role of a prophet was twofold. They spoke to the people on behalf of God and to God on behalf of the people. They were simply in the middle of two groups mediating between them.

The role of a prophet was not always sunshine and roses, either. Often times they challenged the status quo and shook people. There is a very strong drive in the prophets with themes of justice and righteousness. I'll be very blunt (just like the prophets): they aren't

the easiest to study. This isn't because context and history are vital to these works. Rather, it is because the other role of a prophet is to enact change in people. As such, they can be rather harsh.

Yet this does not mean we should shy away from them. Rather, I find the opposite to be true. We need to hear these ancient voices to become the well-rounded people that God has called us to be. So then if we're all ready to be challenged and grow, then

let's find out what it takes to make a prophet. In what ways does this series excite you? Is there anything that worries you? What do you want to get out of this series?

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CONDIT CHURCH

MAKING A PROPHET

A sermon series coinciding
with our prophets bible study

9-15 Gifts and Curses

9-22 Instead of a Show

9-29 Love and Marriage

10-6 I'd Like to Buy the World a Coke

10-13 Learn to Fly

10-20 Lying Liars and the Lies they Tell

Service time: 10am

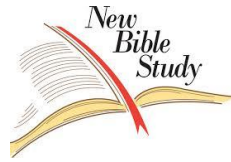
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September Calendar



For the Bulletin Board: Display a memory that was special to you this summer. How did you spend your time? Did you go on vacation, make a day trip, attend a fair?

The Congregational Care Committee would like people to bring in photos to share summer memories and fill the bulletin board. Past photos of fair ribbon winners are also encouraged. This display will remain **through September** so please bring items in to post.



As a result of the spring survey, beginning **September 16, on Monday evenings at 6 p.m.**, Pastor Sam will be offering a **6 week** Bible study entitled "Making a Prophet." He has designed this study from a course he led in the past. A handout, instead of a book, will be provided each week with scripture to read and questions to think about before each session. Pastor Sam is also tailoring the Sunday sermons to coordinate with this study. The course will conclude **October 21**. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider whether you should participate. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



September 8- Youth Sunday School will resume on September 8 during the worship service. Children (age 5 through sixth grade) will be

excused after the children's message to join in a series tracing the genealogy of Jesus. We will begin with the creation of man and end with the birth of Jesus. Please plan for kids to come learn about the people God chose to form the lineage of Jesus.



Condit Women's Circle will meet **Wednesday, September 18th at noon** in the fellowship hall. Please read Chapter 8 and complete the study guide questions (pages

86-91) in preparation for the lesson.



Chancel Choir- Choir practices **Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Come sing praises to the Lord!



Euchre will be held in the fellowship hall **Saturday, September 28 beginning at 7 p.m.** All playing levels are welcome.

Food & Fun- This month Food and Fun will be **Wednesday, September 11 and September 25, from 5-7 p.m.** Invite a neighbor to have dinner and see what autumn menu will be served.



Saturday, October 12 Mark your calendar for the Annual Bonfire and Wiener Roast. Youth activities will begin at **6 p.m.** with bonfire following. Hot dogs, buns and s'mores will be provided.

A look at what's been happening



September 29 for October 13 delivery. Please see a Woman of Condit to place a gift card order.

Substitute Minister

Sunday, August 11, Rev. David Bubb led the worship service while Pastor Sam was on leave. Many thanks to Rev. Bubb for filling in on short notice and to his wife, Kathy, for worshipping with us.



On **August 9th** at the Condit Presbyterian Church Blood Drive, Ken Bartlett donated his 120th pint of blood to complete 15 gallons he has given. Using American Red Cross numbers, Ken alone has saved 360 lives by donating blood.

For the August Blood Drive, 42 signed up to donate and 33 were

successful to save 99 lives in a time of severe blood shortage across our nation.

Condit began hosting Blood Drives in December 2014. All but 4 of the years we have hosted 6 drives per year and saved 3,705 lives. *Submitted by Polly Horn*

Outreach Activity in Sunbury



Condit Presbyterian Church had a booth at the Sunbury Sizzle and Sounds Marketplace on **Saturday, August 17, 2024**. The children got to fish out of the little pool and received prizes for their efforts. We had fish string art to take home (Sandy Thacker made these). There were free books for the kids to take home (donated by Georgann). Grant Bartlett passed out a flyer with current activities at our church. It was nice weather other than rain late afternoon. Our set up guys (Dave Vermillion, John Whitney, Ken Bartlett, and Bob Westbrook) put up the canopy and our nice sign. They also assisted others in setting up their booths. Melissa Vermillion had made Scripture cards of Matthew 4:19, *Continued on page 5*



Faith Filled Women met **Friday, August 9,** at New Hope Lutheran Church for a brown bag lunch and planning meeting. Judy Watts represented Condit at the meeting. The next quarterly meeting will be held **November 8** at the Sunbury United Methodist Church at **11 a.m.** and the Women of Condit will provide the program. **Meeting dates for 2025** are as follows:

March 14 at Olive Green Church of Christ in Christian Union

May 9 at Condit Presbyterian Church

August 8 at New Hope Lutheran Church

November 14 at The Bridge

Gift card order forms for the holiday Scripps gift card fundraiser were distributed. Orders need to be in by

Outreach, *Continued from page 4*

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” Volunteers manning the booth were Grant Bartlett, Marianne Westbrook, Sandy Thacker, Pam Sheets, Judy Watts, and Melissa Vermillion.

Submitted by Marianne Westbrook

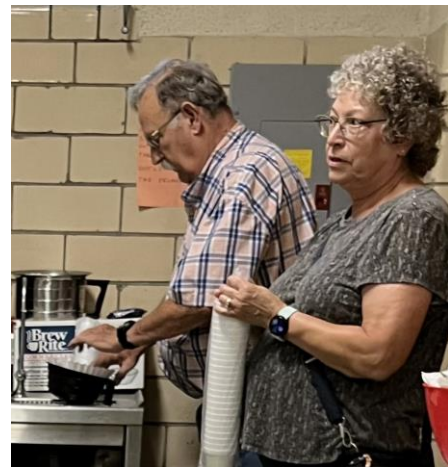
Mission Dinner at Hoge

Submitted by Marianne Westbrook

Condit Presbyterian Church provided a meal at Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church on **Saturday, August 10, 2024**. The meal is free and is for anyone who comes to the dining area at 5:30 p.m. The meal served was Johnny Marzetti, salad, roll, and peach cobbler. The main dish was prepared mostly by Bob Westbrook, the dessert by Melissa Vermillion and Jane Lahmon. The meal was served by Melissa, Madison Howard, Bev Saksa, Judy Watts, and Jennie Kavage. The carrying of food, washing dishes, and general assistance were provided by Bob Westbrook, George Justice, and John Whitney. Donations were made by Linda Dado and Mary Kingseed. We served approximately 90 meals. It was a good night for work and eating.



John Whitney transfers Johnny Marzetti



Bob & Marianne Westbrook prep coffee



Jennie Kavage serves salad



Bev Saksa serves Johnny Marzetti



Judy Watts dishes up cobbler

Getting to Know You...

Madison Howard

by Jennie Kavage

Math is Madi Howard's favorite school subject and she was looking forward to getting back to it when the new school year started; and to making new friends. Ten-year-old Madi, a Pataskala resident, just started fifth grade at Watkins Intermediate School at Etna in the Southwestern Licking School District.

Her bright eyes and ready smile are very familiar to Condit goers. Madi, short for Madison, comes to church with her grandmother Marianne Westbrook and engages in whatever is happening. She serves as an acolyte at worship services, listens intently to the Children's Service, goes to Sunday School and Vacation Bible School when offered. She enjoys the wiener roasts, helps plant flowers and helps at the mission dinners Condit provides two times a year at Hoge Presbyterian Church on the west side of Columbus.



Whatever the occasion 10-year-old Madi observes what is needed and she pitches in. Quietly and with a pleasant attitude she helps get the work done. At Hoge recently when the adults couldn't find things in the unfamiliar kitchen, she remembered.

Horseback riding is Madi's other favorite thing. She rides Trigger, her grandmother's Red Dun quarter horse. Marianne teaches Madi and she has gone to horse camp at Marmon Valley Farm near Zanesfield where she learned more about riding and taking care of a horse.

She plays soccer and tried wrestling for a while but she didn't like that. Her grandmother calls her a "real outdoors girl" who would rather be playing in the creek than hanging out in the house.

Madi lives with her dad, Josh; stepmother, Danielle, and brother, Joshua Jr., 5, in Pataskala but there have been times in her life when she has lived with her grandmother and they still spend many weekends and vacations together. Marianne tries to plan fun and interesting things for the two of them to do.



Madi & Marianne tubing at Mad River Mountain, Jan 2023

Before school started they spent a few days in Amish Country enjoying the activities in the hotel and the area. They've been to Disney World and to Chicago where they visited the American Girl Store. They enjoy camping. Madi likes to swim, work puzzles, draw, play Fortnite and other games.

"She's always energetic and upbeat and enlists other people to join her," Marianne says. "I just love being with her."



September Birthdays

- 7 Abigail Welch
- 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



September Anniversary

- 7 Doug and Sheri Linnabary

Treasurer's Report

July 2024 Financials

Submitted by Ken Bartlett

Our regular offering through July was approximately 68.3% of its seven-month budget amount (**\$67,690.80** of **\$99,164.33**; **\$31,473.53** in arrears). A \$30,300 bequest was received in May. Total receipts through July were **\$114,968.64** of the seven-month budget amount of **\$114,331.00**, **\$637.64** more than budget.

Insurance and real estate taxes have been fully paid for the year, per capita has been paid through half of the year. Total expenses through July were **\$96,927.43** against the seven-month budget of **\$114,331.00**, resulting in outflows less than budget by **\$17,403.57**. July year-to-date net was **\$18,041.21** in the black.

Receipts through July were **\$43,939.05** more than a year ago, while expenses were **\$50,530.42** more than a year ago. This results in the net being **\$6,591.37** worse than a year ago.

Investment returns were up **9.8%** year-to-date. The \$30,000 bequest received in May was invested and investments totaled **\$303,863.47** as of the end of July. Total funds available were **\$348,299.62** as of the end of July.

Remember in Prayer



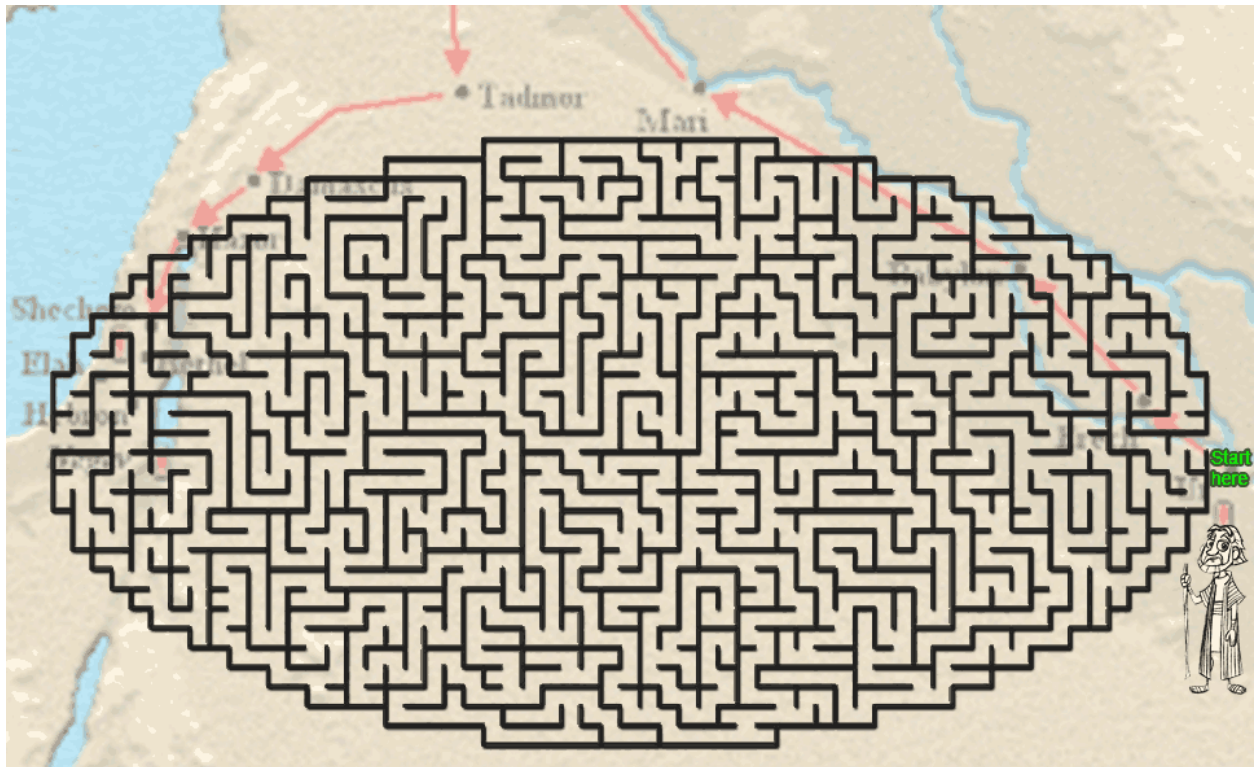
The families of:
Lois Roling, Bill Bartlett, Ralph Monte, and
Dwayne Wampler
For health issues:
Mary Jo Wilson
Cindy Monte
Carol Pickworth
Longterm needs:
Max and Peggy Sheets

September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship with Communion 10 am	2  Labor Day	3 Exercise 6 pm	4 Choir 6 pm	5 Exercise 6 pm	6	7
8 Worship 10 am Sunday School begins	9	10 Exercise 6 pm	11 Food & Fun 5-7 pm Choir 6 pm Patriot Day	12 Exercise 5:30 Session & Trustees 7 pm	13	14 
15 Worship 10 am	16 Prophet Bible Study 6 pm	17 Exercise 6 pm	18 Women's Circle @ noon Choir 6 pm	19 Exercise 6 pm 	20	21
22 Worship 10 am	23 Prophet Bible Study 6 pm	24 Exercise 6 pm	25 Food & Fun 5-7 pm Choir 6 pm	26 Exercise 6 pm	27	28 Euchre 7pm
29 Worship 10 am	30 Prophet Bible Study 6 pm					

September Flowers- Sandy Thacker



Help Father Abraham journey across Mesopotamia to the Promised Land in this maze. The Lord told him to leave the land he was raised in (“Ur”) and to travel on roads he had never seen. Abraham believed God and obeyed right away, so God blessed him in many ways.

Prophets

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ZECHARIAH
 JOEL
 AMOS
 HABAKKUK
 ELIJAH
 EZRA
 HULDAH
 JESUS
 ZEPHANIAH
 ISAIAH
 NAHUM
 JONAH
 MOSES
 ELISHA
 JEREMIAH
 NEHEMIAH
 MICAH
 HAGGAI
 MIRIAM
 MALACHI
 EZEKIEL
 HOSEA
 OBADIAH
 DEBORAH

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1876165/>

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SESSION

Class of 2026

Marianne Westbrook Judy Watts
Melissa Vermillion

Class of 2025

Grant Bartlett Sheila Micholes
Kathy Kees

Class of 2024

Doug Kerns Mick Sheets
Sandy Thacker

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Bob Westbrook George Justice

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Allison Skinner Kenneth Bartlett

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