



# Condit Courier

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## Brenner Scholarship Application Due May 1

Funds to help Condit's graduating seniors who are planning to further their education have been set aside in the Brenner Scholarship Fund. Those graduating students may apply for the scholarship by turning in the completed form to Mick Sheets by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Application Form may be downloaded from the internet at [www.ConditChurch.org](http://www.ConditChurch.org) under the Ministries button.

## Congregation to Honor Graduates Sunday, May 21

Special Events Committee under the leadership of Chip Welch and Alex Sheets are making plans for honoring four Condit graduates and their families at Worship on May 21. The graduates from high school or college and their families are invited to the congregation for Brunch in the Fellowship Hall following Worship.

## Sunrise Service and Food Greeted Early Risers

Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast drew more than usual even though 6:30 is very early. Rev. Annie and her thespians continued in their roles from Maundy Thursday.

Following the service, the Special Events Committee prepared and served breakfast to 30 in the Fellowship Hall. Grant Bartlett, Pam Sheets, Heather Day and Alex Sheets cooked. Pat Monroe and Ken Bartlett helped set up for the event.



*Condit Kids Coloring Easter Eggs*

Condit Kids will meet from 5-7 on Sunday, May 7.

## Big Walnut Friends Who Share FOOD DRIVE

This year Condit will be collecting different items for four weeks beginning May 21. Food may be left in the containers in the Narthex of the church.

<b>Sunday, May 21</b>	<b>Pasta- not spaghetti Spaghetti Sauce</b>
<b>Sunday, May 28</b>	<b>Cereal</b>
<b>Sunday, June 4</b>	<b>Peanut butter Jelly</b>
<b>Sunday, June 11</b>	<b>Pancake Mix Syrup</b>

# *Healthy Congregations*

## *Plan for a Healthier Future*



***Rev. Annie Melick***

Good things are happening at Condit! We had a special Lenten season this year with creative worship experiences. Our church leadership is planning for our future and working together in healthy ways.

As a trained Healthy Congregations Facilitator, I hope to help Condit be a vital healthy congregation. Over recent months, I shared some of the characteristics of a healthy congregation so that we can both celebrate our strengths and increase our awareness of areas we can improve. In previous months, we looked at the healthy characteristics of managing conflict, responding to anxiety in times of change, and managing change with flexibility and creativity.

Another foundational characteristic of healthy congregations is that they track how they are functioning along the range of healthy function, and always try to improve. Where would you place our congregation or the ministry team where you serve on the following chart?

<b>TYPE OF CONGREGATIONAL FUNCTIONING</b>	<b>SOME TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS AT THIS LEVEL OF FUNCTIONING</b>
Chronically Anxious	Ineffective, always in crisis, people “walk on eggshells,” feel dispirited or demoralized.
Inconsistent	Sometimes achieve mission goals, not focused for very long, occasional good spirit.
Functional	Accomplish basic goals most of the time, can sustain focus, good spirited and bad spirited equal amount of time, some creativity.
Advanced	Achieve goals with just a few slips, stay focused for long periods of time, good spirit most of the time, effective leaders.
Genuine Community	Effectively accomplish mission, guided by clear vision and stay on course, are playful/lively/generous/high spirited, well defined leaders who are connected well to others.

The system we are functioning within will not change, unless we as people change first. When we are aware of how we are functioning and how we desire to improve, we can begin to experience a healthier congregational life together.

Let’s pray for awareness and a healthier future for our congregation.

Let’s hold up our congregational leaders in prayer.

Let’s make a commitment to live in deeper community with one another.

### ***Remember in Your Prayers***

Kaitlyn White, Max and Peggy Sheets, Danielle Salyer and Trent and Amy Pettit, Mary Jo Wilson, Caudill family, Sheryl Jenkins, Joe Cox and Gary Gilbert (father of Austin Gilbert).



  
**Happy**  
**Anniversary**  
**May 5**  
**Larry and Jayne Strouse**  
**May 26**  
**Mike and Donna Mucci**



## Worship 10 a.m.



- May 7      Worship and Communion. Rev. Annie Melick, "Someone to Watch Over You,"  
John 10:1-10. Liturgist: Grant Bartlett . Acolyte Josh Shick.  
Accompanist Sasha Neverov.  
Communion Servers: Sheila Micholes, Alex Sheets, Isaia Jacob, Polly Horn.  
Ushers and Greeters: Rachel Buxton, Greg Gaydos, Richard and Heather Day.
- May 14      Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, "Living Stones," I Peter 2:2-10.  
Liturgist: Alita Markley. Acolyte: Jaden Jacob. Accompanist Sasha Neverov.  
Special Music: Youth Music.  
Ushers and Greeters: Allison Skinner, Sheila Micholes, Samuel and Nathan Kirby.
- May 21      **Graduation Sunday** Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, "The Air We Breathe," Acts 17:22-28,  
John 14:15-21.  
Liturgist: Jennifer Shick. Accompanist Sasha Neverov. Acolyte: Megan Gilbert.  
Special Music: "God Is Always There", Chancel Choir & Carla Weiland, flute.  
Ushers and Greeters: Bill and Teresa Gorsuch, Trish and Megan Gilbert  
Breakfast follows Worship.
- May 28      Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, "Bearing Witness," Acts 1:6-14.  
Acolyte: Isaia Jacob. Liturgist: Darlene Ross.  
Accompanist Sasha Neverov. "America," Chancel Choir.  
Ushers and Greeters: Mike and Donna Mucci, Sheila Micholes and Kaitlyn White

**May Flowers provided by Sheila Micholes.**

## Condit's Beautiful Sanctuary for Easter Sunday

Thanks to the Worship and Music Committee,  
Bill and Teresa Gorsuch and to all who purchased  
Easter Lilies to add to the decorations.





# Passport to Peru

Boys and girls 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to a cross-country cultural experience at Condit's Vacation Bible School this summer at Passport to Peru. The fun begins at 9 and runs to 11:30 Monday through Friday June 12-16.

Passport to Peru is like taking an adventurous trip to Peru!



Kids will sing catchy songs, play high-energy games, dig into tasty Peruvian treats, experience cool Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies, and explore what daily life is like for kids in Peru. Plus, kids get to watch short, captivating videos each day that provide a peek into Peru and the everyday life of kids who live there!

Every day concludes with a Closing Celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 11:10. Part of this time will also be used to prepare for leading the Worship Service at Condit at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 18. Families and friends are invited to come see what the children learned during VBS under Pam Sheets' leadership.

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Mark Your Calendar  
**June 12-16**  
Program Sunday, June 18

**VACATION  
BIBLE  
SCHOOL**



**Next Vacation Bible School  
Planning Session is 7 p.m.  
Thursday, May 18.**



**Call Pam Sheets  
with questions or  
to help. 937-902-4779**

## *Getting to Know You . . . .*

# **Jim Bargar**

**by Jennie Kavage**

When Jim Bargar graduated with a degree in Landscape Architecture from The Ohio State University he had visions of designing people's yards, but as a young man with a family he took the job that was immediately available – an opening in the National Park system.

“It was the best decision I could have made,” he says, “I spent my working years designing parks.” After 12 years with national parks he moved to the Ohio park system. While many Ohio state parks have benefitted from his touch, his personal favorite is East Harbor on the shores of Lake Erie.

Born in Findlay 90 years ago this April 21<sup>st</sup>, his family moved to Delaware when he was five years old. He went to Willis High School where he and Roxana “Roxy” Dunton walked the halls holding hands.

World War II was still going on when Jim turned 18 so he enlisted in the Navy. Four months before his high school graduation he was called up and shipped to the Asiatic Theater as part of a construction group that fixed up liberated islands for use by the American troops. After the war ended he spent nearly a year in China helping process out the Japanese who had been stationed there.

Back home Roxy had waited for him but her parents did not want her to marry until she finished college. He went to Ohio State and she to Ohio Wesleyan. Eventually they eloped, driving his brother's car to Covington, KY where a couple could get a marriage license and get married on the same day. In time Roxy would go back to school and become a math teacher.

As their six children came along, the Bargar's bought 30 acres and an old house with no water or toilet on Lewis Center Road west of I-71. They built a five-bedroom house and lived happily until Uncle Sam bought their place for Alum Creek Reservoir. They bought the house back and moved it to 10 acres east of I-71, still on Lewis Center Road.

Jim retired after 40 years designing parks but it wasn't the end of his contribution to future generations. The Delaware County commissioners asked him to be on the county's new park commission and he spent many of his retirement years helping develop the Preservation Parks system the county has today.

When Carol Weiss was Condit's minister a friend asked Jim along to “try it out.” He kept coming and soon was nominated to be an elder. His baritone voice was added to the choir and his design skills to church improvements. The walk to the back door and the sunken patio leading to the Fellowship Hall are both his designs.

While Jim would count his life as happy and rewarding, there was the sadness of losing his accomplished horsewoman daughter Sue in an accident caused by a drunken driver. He keeps her trophies on display to this day and every year gives the Susan Bargar Horse Achievement Memorial Award to a Delaware County 4-H member.

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# Summer Connection Groups

## Sign Up Now on Sheets in the Narthex

Each Sunday in April we will have a sign-up for Summer Connection Groups. The groups will meet eight times this summer at a time determined by the group.

Contact Rev. Annie if you want to learn more about hosting a group in your home or serving as a facilitator.

The groups will be a place to develop friends who give their lives to each other. Through these deeper friendships, we pray that Connection Groups will help our congregation to connect in a deeper way.

Summer Connection Groups will do a study together called Engage: Gospel. The study will lead us in reclaiming and sharing our own story of transformation and the story of God's redemptive mission found in Scripture. Cost of the book is \$5.

*Women in the Church. . . .*

## FRIENDLY CLUB

May meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with Pam Sheets as hostess. Roll call will be answered with a home remedy you still use. Linda Dado will provide refreshments.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Meeting begins at 11:00 on Wednesday, May 17 to work on the stuffed animals they are making for Children's Hospital. Each person brings their lunch and dessert is provided. Following lunch May Ann Counts will lead the group in further discussion on the book of "Joy" they have been studying.

## Faith Filled Women

St. John Neumann Church will host the May meeting of Faith-Filled Women. The group will meet at 11:00 on Friday, May 12. The Baptist Church women will provide the program.

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When Roxy developed Alzheimer's Jim was her caretaker as long as possible. Then he and she moved to Willow Brook Christian Village in Delaware where Roxy died last year. Many Willow Brook residents have come to know Jim. He sings in the Willow Brook choir and enjoys playing a little pool. About once a month John Whitney picks him up and brings him to Condit for the Sunday service.

On April 29 most of Jim's family including 18 grandchildren and his great-grandchildren were to gather at Willow Brook to wish him a most happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JIM,  
FROM ALL OF US AT CONDIT!!!



10 Kathy Longshore	26 Rebecca Bergmann
12 Sheila Micholes	Jessica Bergmann
15 Hannah Shick	Todd Jacob
16 Peggy Sheets	29 Ryann White
20 Polly Horn	31 Jim Lahmon

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h1 style="color: red; font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">May 2017</h1> 						
<b>Special Events Committee will meet after Worship April 30</b>	<b>1</b> <b>HAPPY May Day!</b>  <b>Deadline for Brenner Scholarship Applications</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>6:00 Fitness Club</b> <b>7:00 Chancel Choir</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>7:00 Friendly Club Pam Sheets Hostess</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>6:30 p.m. Worship &amp; Music Committee</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>10 Worship with Communion</b>  <b>5-7 Condit Kids</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>6:00 Fitness Club</b> <b>7:00 Chancel Choir</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>7:00 Session &amp; Trustees Meeting</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14 *</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> <b>10 Worship</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>6:00 Fitness Club</b> <b>7:00 Chancel Choir</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>11:00 Presbyterian Women</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>7:00 VBS Committee</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
<b>21 *</b> <b>10 Worship</b> <b>**Graduates honored.</b>  <b>Breakfast following Worship</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>6:00 Fitness Club</b> <b>7:00 Chancel Choir</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>11:30 Lunch Bunch at PJ's</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>7:00 Euchre</b>
<b>28 *</b> <b>10 Worship</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>6:00 Fitness Club</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>* 9:00 Teens &amp; Adult Sunday School Class</b> <b>10:15 Sunday School for P-K thru 6<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>SPECIAL EVENTS:</b> <b>** Graduation Sunday, May 21</b> <b>Breakfast following Worship for Graduates and their families and the Congregation.</b>		



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