



Condit Courier

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March



**5-7 Sunday,
March 5th**

Condit Kids got red carpet treatment at the Valentine's party in February. They studied life of children in Papua Indonesia with food, crafts and games. Condit Kids



is for elementary aged children and held in the Fellowship Hall from 5-7 on the first Sunday of the month.

The next meeting of Condit Kids is Sunday March 5th for food, fun and fellowship.

Lilies Add to the Easter Decor And Serve as a Remembrance

Bill and Teresa Gorsuch organize the Easter Lily drive to provide decoration for the Church on Easter Sunday. Individuals purchase the lilies through the church and may take them home after Easter Worship Service.

To order a lily, complete the form on page 9. Be sure to include names of those you wish to honor or remember, and make a check to Condit Presbyterian Church with Easter Lily in the memo line. Place both in the offering plate or give them to Bill or Teresa by April 9th.

Stay Informed --

Check the web site at www.ConditChurch.org

Condit To Host Faith-Filled Women on March 10



Women from many of the local churches who belong to the inter-denominational Faith-Filled Women will be at Condit at 11 a.m. for meeting and a luncheon. First Baptist Church of Sunbury will present the program and Condit provides the luncheon.

About forty women belong to the group.

Recognized for Years of Service

Although Gene Wampler was unable to attend the Congregational Meeting in January, he was awarded a certificate of recognition for his many years of service to our Church.

Wampler has given of his time to serve two terms as Elder, two as Trustee and many years as the custodian of the church.

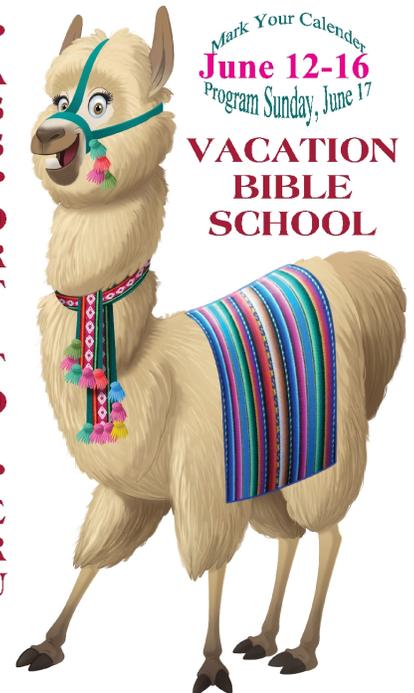
The certificate was given to Wampler in February.

Read more about Wampler on page 6.

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From Rev. Annie's Desk

Healthy Congregations – Manage Conflict

As a trained Healthy Congregations Facilitator, I hope to help Condit be a vital healthy congregation. Over the coming months, I will share 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 focusing on strengths, mission, and responding to anxiety.

Another foundational characteristic of healthy congregations is that they manage conflict. When we find ourselves in conflict, we typically resort to default behavior. If you've always had trouble controlling anger, when you are in conflict, that behavior will come to the forefront. If you have usually responded to confrontation by blaming others, that is the behavior you will tend to resort to. Imagination, careful listening, and thoughtfulness are hard to employ during conflict. Conflict often causes people to scapegoat (put all of the blame on one person) and look for quick fixes that don't address the underlying systemic problems. Conflict is inevitable in a congregation, but it can be managed in a healthy way if leaders will bring clarity, decisiveness, and fairness to the situation.

Successful handling of conflict in a congregation depends primarily on their responses. A high sense of



Rev. Annie Melick

coherence will help a congregation handle anxiety and stress in a positive way. Coherence in a group depends on members having a sense of purpose and commitment to the group, when people are objective about what is happening instead of being fearful and defensive, and when people have confidence that they can influence the events in a healthy way. Our attitudes make all the difference in resolving conflict! I pray that we would be a congregation that is clear, decisive, and fair when dealing with conflict.

“How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in harmony!” -(Psalm 133:1)

Fitness Club

A fitness class for anyone – everyone– right in the Condit Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Full body workout – with or without weights – includes low-impact cardio and muscle work. All you need is water and a mat. Bring optional weights and towel if you wish. Meets every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 6:00 for an hour. First Class is FREE! \$2 class fee after first class. (\$1 is donated to the church).

If you need additional information, call Carol at 614-361-4576 or Laurel at 740-972-9615.



Worship 10 a.m.



LENT 2017: GIFTS OF THE DARK WOOD

This series is about seeing life through new eyes, recognizing that experiences of failure, emptiness, and uncertainty are as critical for finding our way through life as they are unavoidable. We will see how experiences of life through the “dark wood” are actually clues to our calling or spiritual journey. How can the struggles of life be the seedbed of spiritual awakening to the fullness of life?

- March 1 ASH WEDNESDAY 7 p.m. Rev. Annie Melick, “Where We Find Ourselves,”
Matthew 14:22-33. Liturgist: Polly Horn. Accompanist: Betsy Hildebrand.
Ushers and Greeters: Sheila Micholes and Rachel Buxton.

- March 5 Worship and Communion: Rev. Annie Melick, “The Gift of Uncertainty,”
1 Corinthians 13: 11-12.
Liturgist: Mick Sheets. Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Acolyte: Amy or Trent Pettit,
Communion Servers: Grant Bartlett, Sheila Micholes, Isaia Jacob. Polly Horn.
Ushers and Greeters: Jane and Ali Markley, Kaitlin White and Polly Horn.

- March 12 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “The Gift of Emptiness,” Luke 17:33.
Liturgist: Isaia Jacob. Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Acolyte: Jason Skeen.
Special Music: Youth Music.
Ushers and Greeters: Doug and Karen Kerns. Mike and Donna Mucci.

- March 19 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “Gift of Being Thunderstruck,” Job 37: 1-5.
Liturgist: Grant Bartlett. Accompanist: Sasha Neverov . Acolyte: Amy or Trent Pettit.
Special Music: "He Touched Me”, Chancel Choir.
Ushers and Greeters: Teresa and Bill Gorsuch, Trent and Amy Pettit.

- March 26 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “Gift of Getting Lost,” Psalm 42.
Liturgist: Alita Markley. Accompanist: Sasha Neverov . Acolyte: Nathan or Samuel Kirby.
Special Music: "At Calvary", Chancel Choir.
Ushers and Greeters: Trish and Megan Gilbert, Glenn Wolfe, and Sheila Micholes.



March Flowers
provided by
Gene and Doris Wampler.

You are always welcome at Condit

In Your Prayers, Remember

Jim and Bonnie Caudill, Joe Cox,
Sheila Mann, Doreen Bartlett. Judy
Watts, Ann Ross, Mary Jo Wilson,
Gene and Doris Wampler, Max and
Peggy Sheets, Sheryl Hernandez,
and Mary Jo Wilson.



Women in the Church

FRIENDLY CLUB

Friendly Club will hold its first meeting in 2017 at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 1st at the home of Karen Kerns. Roll call will be answered with your least favorite cleaning task. Molly Blevins will give the program.

Their new Friendly Club program booklets will be ready at the March meeting.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, in the Fellowship Hall to work on their community service project. They will break at noon to eat their sack lunches – dessert is provided – and enjoy some fellowship. Following lunch they will meet with Mary Ann Counts to continue their lessons on Joy beginning with chapter 11.

All women are encouraged to attend.

Condit Girls Attend Winter Jam

Ali Markley and her friend Carrie attended Winter Jam 2017 with Rev. Annie. The concert was held January 21 at the Schottenstein.

Since its formation by NewSong in 1995, The Winter Jam Tour Spectacular has featured many of the top names in Christian music, including TobyMac, Third Day, Newsboys, Steven Curtis Chapman, Lecrae, Skillet, and more! The tour has outpaced any other tour's attendance for the past four years (according to Pollstar, 1st Qtr.).

Winter Jam is an incredible evening of live concerts by the top artists in Christian music, plus worship and ministry, to encourage believers and share the good news with those who have yet to trust Christ.

When NewSong began Winter Jam, it was based on the idea of removing cost barriers, so more people could attend, be encouraged by the music, and hear the gospel. Years later, those are still the foundations of Winter Jam.

When you attend a Winter Jam event, you can count on ministry being the main focus. From a single concert in Greenville to the largest annual tour in the world, God has continued to bless Winter Jam, so we are excited to continue to be a part of what He is doing and look forward to what He is going to do in the future.

Get Brenner Scholarship Forms from Mick Sheets. Due May 1st.



**7 p.m. Saturday
March 25**

in
Condit

**Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
15102 Hartford Road**

**Cards and Fellowship
Public Welcome!**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h1 style="font-size: 2em; color: red; margin: 0;">March 2017</h1> 						
2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday Mornings: 9:00 Sunday School Teens/Adults 9:30 Children Choirs 10:00 Worship Service 10:15 Sunday School- P-K thru 6th			1 1 Friendly Club-Karen Kerns, host 7 Ash Wednesday Worship	2 6-7 Fitness Club	3	4
5 10 a.m. Worship & Communion 5-7 Condit Kids	6	7 6-7 Fitness Club	8	9 6-7 Fitness Club 7 p.m. Session & Trustees	10 Faith Filled Women 11 a.m. at Condit	11
12 10 Worship 5-7 Condit Youth Group	13	14 6-7 Fitness Club 7:00 Chancel Choir	15 11 a.m. Presbyterian Women	16 6-7 Fitness Club	17	18
19 10 Worship	20 Deadline for April Newsletter submissions Send to Polly	21 6-7 Fitness Club 7:00 Chancel Choir	22 11:30 Lunch Bunch at PJ's	23 6-7 Fitness Club	24	25 7:00 Euchre Game
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Getting to Know You

Eugene Willis Wampler

by Jennie Kavage

The friendly face everyone sees behind the desk at Big Walnut Friends Who Share belongs to Gene Wampler, a “special delivery” in the residence portion of his father’s post office Nov. 23, 1935 in a small Virginia town near the Tennessee border. The family moved to the Big Walnut area when Gene was three months old and he has lived within five miles of Sunbury ever since.

In 1955 he graduated from Big Walnut High School and married his sweetheart Doris a few months later. He was already working; some summers at the Galena brickyard and one year driving a milk truck carrying cans of milk from the dairy farmers to the creamery.

His grocery store career began in the old Kroger store on the Sunbury square where Longbranch Pizza is now. In the early 1960s he started at the Sunbury IGA on Harrison Street and worked as an IGA meat cutter for the next 43 years.

When he retired he missed being around people until Condit’s Susie Milem asked him to help out at Big Walnut Friends Who Share. He started emptying the donation bins on the weekends. “I got to hanging around,” Gene said, “and the next thing you know I got this job.”

‘This job,’ which he’s done for more than a decade, is BW Friends Who Share director. From his post just inside the door he directs the inflow of food and clothing donations for those in need in the Big Walnut School District and he assists those who come for help. He credits hard-working volunteers and donations for making the charity possible.

“People donate their good used clothing. The churches each have a month for food donations and there are a few people who donate money every month so we can buy meat. Kroger gives us a certain percent of what they make on Christmas trees,” Gene says.

“Everyone who comes for help has a story. Some get help from the government with food stamps and such. If they get a job it’s likely to be minimum wage and then the government cuts their income from the state. It’s hard to get ahead,” he notes, “and some can’t work due to health reasons.”

Gene has been very involved with Condit over 20 years, serving two terms as elder and two terms as trustee. He just retired after many years as custodian. Married 62 years, he and Doris had three sons –Dwayne, Dale, and Darrell who is deceased. Dwayne has begun a ministry at The Little Chapel, currently meeting in Olive Green.

Big Walnut Friends Who Share is temporarily located just behind Vans Valley Church on St. Rt. 37. The charity hopes to be in new permanent quarters by mid-summer.



Happy Anniversary

March 5

Marv and Pat Monroe

March 23

Max and Peggy Sheets



Trustees Scheduled Spring Clean-Up Day Saturday, April 8th You Are Needed!

By Trustee John Whitney

Whole list of annual items that need General Maintenance, Painting/Staining/Refinishing, and Heavy-duty Cleaning has been compiled by the trustees which will be posted on the inside of the front doors for all to see. Yard Work items are also included.

Trustees ask that congregation members select an item or items they are comfortable with doing and initial them, then have those items complete for check-off by the close of activities April 8. You don't have to work on that Saturday; just have your chosen item(s) done by then.

“Each year we have a handful of members actually here working on Clean-Up Day,” Trustee President George Justice says. “We really appreciate anyone doing anything they can to help us keep Condit’s facilities in tip-top shape.”

Trustees plan to have tools and supplies available on April 8, but members can bring their own in case they're more comfortable with using them.

“Again, we want to have the church facilities looking really sharp for the Easter Week Services, and we'd appreciate any help you might be able to provide,” Justice concludes.

For more info or with questions, feel free to contact one of your 2017 Trustees: Molly Blevins, Karen Kerns, Ken Bartlett, John Whitney and George Justice.

REMEMBER

P.S. – Treasurer Ken Bartlett reports only \$80.00 in receipts since January 1 for the furnace fund, with a remaining balance of **\$6,706.25**.

Money for the furnaces and air-conditioners was borrowed from a fund set aside to earn interest to take care of repairs and replacements as they become necessary. In years past we borrowed money from the fund to make repairs but did not pay it all back so the principle went down.



Many of us said we would pledge an amount over two years - let us not forget.



March

- 3 Trent Pettit
- 5 Joe Cox
- 16 Levi Jacob
- 29 Jayne Strouse
- 31 Molk Blevins

2017 Condit Session Officers and Committees (2-9-2017)

Christian Education: Elder Grant Bartlett

Sunday School or Junior Worship, VBS, Youth, Nursery, Christmas Program, other educational opportunities, Condit Kids and Condit Youth Fellowship

Teachers: Pam Sheets, Ken Bartlett, Mollie Blevins, Darlene Ross, Georgann Whitney, John Whitney

Communications: Elder Polly Horn

Newsletter, Website, press releases, directory, advertising and notices to congregation

Directory Editor Donna Mucci; Frances Jenkins. **Phone Prayer Chain:** Jane Cockrell. **Email Prayer Chain:** Polly Horn

Congregational Care: Elder Sheila Micholes

Activities that enrich the life and fellowship of the congregation, offer spiritual support, visits to shut-ins and hospitals, provide crisis response by organizing carry-in meals, and back up funeral meals by Friendly Club.

Mission and Outreach: Elder Sheila Micholes

Nominating Committee: Elder Jane Markley (6 to be elected: 2 elders, 1 trustee, 3 from congregation)

Darlene Ross, Teresa Gorsuch, Pam Sheets, Trustee Molly Blevins and 1 more elder

Personnel: Elder Mick Sheets

Does performance reviews and sets Pastor's compensation

Special Events: Elder Alex Sheets and Elder Chip Welch

Stewardship and Budget: Elder Doug Kerns

Committee: Darlene Ross, Ken Bartlett, Jim Caudill, Georgann Whitney, Mick Sheets, Treasurer and Financial Secretary

Financial Secretary Darlene Ross **Treasurer** Ken Bartlett

Assistant Financial Secretary Jane Lahmon

Full Financial Review Committee:

Elder Mick Sheets, Trustee Mollie Blevins, Member-at-Large Pam Sheets

Worship and Music, Elder Sue Overturf

Maintenance of divine worship. Communion stewards, Sunday morning and seasonal worship services, bulletin, chancel appointments, liturgists, musicians and music program

Committee: Bonnie Caudill, Rachel Buxton, Jayne Strouse, Teresa Gorsuch, Kay Skeen, Darlene Ross

Bulletin Editor: Kay Skeen

Communion Steward: Teresa Gorsuch

Music Director: Bonnie Caudill

Church Sign: Kathy Kees

Nursery Care: Molly Blevins

Head Usher: Sheila Micholes

Bread Baker: Donna Mucci

Choir Director: Marv Monroe

Communion Servers: Kathy Kees

Sanctuary Flowers: Sheila Micholes

Elders:

Class of 2019

Alex Sheets, Chip Welch, Mick Sheets

Class of 2018

Grant Bartlett, Jane Markley, Sheila Micholes

Class of 2017

Doug Kerns, Polly Horn, Sue Overturf

Youth Elder 2017: Isaia Jacob

Trustees

Class of 2019

George Justice, John Whitney

Class of 2018

Karen Kerns, Ken Bartlett

Class of 2017

Molly Blevins



Lilies for Easter Sunday

\$8.00 per plant

_____ how many \$ _____ total enclosed

Make checks payable to Condit Presbyterian Church, put Lily in the memo line

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

By: _____

**By April 9, put check & completed form in the offering plate or give to
Teresa Gorsuch 5425 N. County Line Road, Centerburg, OH 43011**

Special Events Committee Looking for Members

Session had reformed the Special Events committee under the joint leadership of Chip Welch and Alex Sheets. They need interested people to serve on the committee to help plan and carry out fellowship events for the congregation.

Some of the possible events suggested to be held during the year are an Easter Egg Hunt, graduation breakfast, Ice Cream Social and maybe even a Car show. All need interested people to work on the committee.



If you are interested in providing good events for Condit, contact Alex or Chip right away.

Thanks

Condit Blood Drive made goal of 20 pints to save 60 lives at the February Blood Drive held in the Fellowship Hall. Most of the donors used RapidPass which allowed the donors to save time at the blood bank. Walk-Ins helped fill in spots for those who became ill at the last minute or were deferred due to low iron.

All donors could choose sloppy joes or hot chicken sandwiches with veggies, cookies and chips in the canteen. Thanks to Jane Lahmon, Kathy Kees, Pat Monroe, Frances Jenkins, Jennie Kavage and Sheila Micholes for volunteering. Your smiles encourage the donors.

The next Blood Drive is 1-6 Friday, April 14. To register to give blood, call Polly Horn 740-965-3582 or email GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org.

*Chancel Choir could use your voice
7-8 on 2nd thru 5th Tuesday evenings.*



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Alex Sheets.....937-903-0939
 Chip Welch.....614-774-0390
 Mick Sheets.....937-765-7697

Class of 2018

Grant Bartlett.....614-915-9698
 Jane Markley.....614-306-9884
 Sheila Micholes.....740-965-4394

Class of 2017

Doug Kerns.....740-965-2238
 Sue Overturf.....614-563-2570
 Polly Horn, Clerk.....740-965-3582

Youth Elder Class of 2017

Isaia Jacob.....614-674-1511

Church Pastor

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 Condit Presbyterian Church.....740-965-2911

Church Treasurer

Ken Bartlett.....740-965-1569

Financial Secretary

Darlene Ross.....740-965-3482

Christian Education and Nursery Care

Grant Bartlett.....614-915-9698
 Molly Blevins (Nursery).....740-225-2640

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 John Whitney.....(w)740-965-8130

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 Ken Bartlett.....740-965-1569

Class of 2017

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Custodian

Jane Markley.....614-306-9884

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Frances Jenkins.....740-965-6902

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Pam Sheets.....937-902-4779

Music Director

Bonnie Caudill.....740-965-2185

Choir Director

Marvin Monroe.....740-815-0544

Ushers/Greeters/Flowers

Sheila Micholes740-965-4394

Acolytes

Bill and Teresa Gorsuch.....740-965-3742

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