



# Condit Courier

January 2018



*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service brought a large congregation of worshipers to Condit for this traditional service. It was good to see people who have not been there in a long while as well as many new faces. Outside, the beautiful snow added to the luminaries around the building.*

## Annual Congregational Meeting January 7

Each year Presbyterian Churches are required to hold an annual meeting for all officers and committees to report to the congregation on the past year and to elect officers for the coming year.

All members are asked to come to the Annual Meeting following Worship on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

## *'Tis the Season. . .*

Ohio weather can result in hazardous driving for our services and events during the next six weeks. When this happens, before leaving your home, CHECK one:

1. our website at [www.ConditChurch.org](http://www.ConditChurch.org),
2. your email if you get the newsletter by email,
3. voice prayer chain if someone calls you regularly.

If you cannot reach any of the above, assume all are cancelled. Stay home.



# Worship 10 a.m.



## BREAD, BATH AND BEYOND

- January 7      Worship with Communion. Rev. Annie Melick. "Bread." Revelations 21:1-6a.  
Liturgist: Ken Bartlett. Acolyte:  
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:  
Communion Servers: Sheila Micholes, Alex Sheets, Isaia Jacob, Polly Horn, Mick Sheets.  
Ushers and Greeters: Alex Sheets, Mick Sheets, Isaia Jacob, Polly Horn.
- January 14     Worship: Rev. Annie Melick. "Bath." Acts 19:1-7.  
Liturgist: Alita Markley. Acolyte:  
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:  
Ushers and Greeters: George Justice, Kathy Kees, Doug and Karen Kerns.
- January 21     Worship: Rev. Annie Melick. "Beyond Belief." John 1:43-51.  
Liturgist: Jennifer Shick. Acolyte:  
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:  
Ushers and Greeters: Kaitlin White, Donna Mucci, Bill and Teresa Gorsuch
- January 28     Worship: Rev. Annie Melick. "Beyond the Horizon." Mark 1:14-20.  
Liturgist: Darlene Ross. Acolyte:  
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:  
Ushers and Greeters: Christy Krinn, Jackie Covert, Carmie Joseph, Sheila Micholes.

**Flowers for January provided by Mick and Pam Sheets.**

## BREAD, BATH, & BEYOND

*From Rev. Annie Melick*

*See, I am making all things new. (Revelation 21:5)*

With a new year comes new opportunities to find new beginnings, to be better than we were before, and to move beyond our limitations. We are using this cultural word-play in our series title, BREAD, BATH & **BEYOND**. This month we will start with lessons on communion and baptism, as our most basic transforming experiences in our faith. These are the starting points for life beyond our limitations. Let's make 2018 a year of amazing transformations for our lives, our community, and our world.



**REMEMBER:** Rev. Annie is always a call away if life is too much. Call 440-308-7664.

Condit Style . . . .

# Inter-Generational Winter Olympics

From 5 to 7 Sunday evening, January 7<sup>th</sup>, the Condit Youth Group and Condit Kids will meet together for dinner and Condit's own version of the Winter Olympics. Condit folks of all ages are invited to attend! Please let Rev. Annie know if you plan to come so we can have enough food.

## REMINDERS . . .

**2018 Condit Directory** additions and corrections must be to Frances Jenkins by December 31. Call her at 740-965-6902, email [sjeagle@aol.com](mailto:sjeagle@aol.com) or text to 614,306,0058.

**Faith-Filled Women** will visit Condit during their Tour of Churches on Saturday, December 30.

**Celebration of Alma Jones' 90 birthday** is Saturday, December 30, in Trenton Township Hall.

**Euchre** Saturday, December 30 and January 27!



- 2 Mike Joseph
- 8 Doreen Bartlett
- 12 Karen Kerns
- 16 Richard Day
- 19 Peyton White
- 26 Jeff Groseclose
- 27 Lyle Melick
- 27 Laura Mucci
- 28 Jane Markley
- 30 Jane Lahmon
- 31 Jenny Kavage

Christian Music for All . . . .

# WINTER JAM

Winter Jam Christian Concert at the Shottenstein is Saturday, January 20 at 5pm. Entrance is \$10. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you'd like to carpool.

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 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!



**January 23**  
**Rick and Darlene Ross**

## COMMUNITY

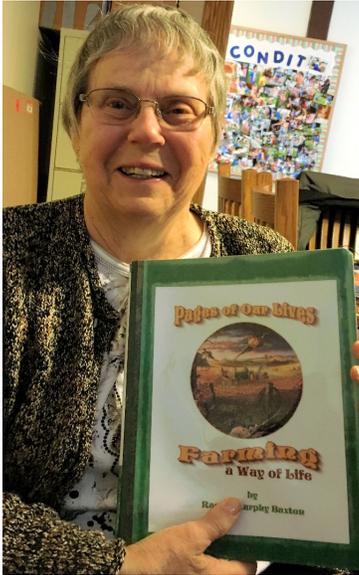


**7 p.m. Monthly**  
**on Last Saturday**

in  
**Condit**

**Presbyterian Church**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**15102 Hartford Road**

**Cards and Fellowship**  
**Public Welcome!**



*Getting to Know You . . . .*

# Rachel Murphy Buxton

by Jennie Kavage

Rachel Leola Buxton has been farming and going to Condit Presbyterian Church most all her life. She was born in the first house on the north side of Murphy Road if you are coming from County Road 605 and her Murphy grandparents lived right up the hill where Pat and Marvin Monroe live now. Her parents didn't go to church but her grandfather Murphy, who taught the men's class for 20 years, would take her with him when he went to church Guild meetings; she would play outside. She went to Sunday School with her grandparents or anyone who would give her a ride.

The Murphy family farmed. Rachel liked to help milk the cows and remembers the busy days when about 20 men would come to help thresh the wheat. She remembers as a little child someone would have to go with her to the two-seater "back house" because the turkey or other resident fowl might peck her. She remembers ice skating when she got lace-up skates and that Grandpa Murphy skated in clamp-on skates into his 80s. She loved sitting on the hill at night under the starry sky.

Going to the Presbyterian Church Camp at Wooster for two weeks in the early years of high school was "a fantastic experience," Rachel says. She gave a talk to the congregation about its impact and became even more involved with church activities including the popular youth Fellowship group. Easter, 1949, the minister asked if anyone wanted to join the church and Rachel stood up. Years later she was ordained an elder and she remembers how heavy the other elders' hands felt on her head during the laying on of hands ceremony.

At Sunbury High School, Rachel, a serious student, was salutatorian of her 1951 graduating class. She made plans to go to nursing school at White Cross Hospital the next fall. However, a young Tom Buxton, who lived farther down the road in Licking County, had seen Rachel in the yard as he drove past her house. One summer day he got up enough nerve to knock on the door and ask her to go to dinner with him. He seemed "nice and polite" so Rachel said "yes." By fall they were engaged. The next spring Rachel left nursing school and they were married.

The young couple moved into a Buxton family home near Croton. Tom's parents lived and farmed on Roberts Road, the Licking County extension of Murphy Road, and the place Rachel has lived since 1965. The first year of their marriage Tom's parents turned all the farming over to Tom and Rachel. Rachel milked the cows, which she had always enjoyed; there were sheep and the crops. They grew oats, which was different, and they made money that year.

Rachel has enjoyed farming and proudly wrote about that aspect of her life as well as her ancestral family of writers and educators under the guidance of Polly Horn at the Community Library. Even though Tom died in 2010 and their three children are grown with children and grandchildren of their own, Rachel continues to live on the farm. During the summer, church members benefit from her abundant garden of tomatoes, asparagus, beets, beans and swiss chard.

Her church involvement continues as well. For many years she led the Sunday School opening and taught children's classes. She has sung in the choir and participated in the Adult Sunday School Class, the Presbyterian Women's group and Faith-Filled Women. Nearly every activity of the church has benefitted from her willing spirit and helping hands.

# Condit Presbyterian Church: Facilities Usage Policy

Revised 12/14/2017

5.19

## Use of Church Facilities (other than for funerals, memorial services, and weddings)

- (1) Requests for use of Church facilities by organizations or individuals shall be referred to Board of Trustees to respond and assign space in accordance with policies approved by Condit Session.
- (2) Requests for use of church facilities by organizations or individuals within the Church shall be checked against Church Calendar (located in the copy room) for priority and availability of space.
- (3) Since all buildings and equipment of the Church have been dedicated to worship and service of Almighty God, Condit Session and Board of Trustees request all groups using Church facilities, whether for religious, educational, or social purposes, to keep in mind the purpose for which the facilities have been dedicated.
- (4) No meetings shall be planned by any group, which will conflict with regular or special Church Events.
- (5) Special attention shall be given to meetings scheduled for the Sanctuary. Only meetings and activities in keeping with a House of Worship shall be permitted. Special instructions regarding use of the Sanctuary include:
  - (a) Care shall be used not to damage any woodwork or furnishings in the Sanctuary, including pulpit, lectern, organ, piano, communion table, microphones, public address system, and baptismal font.
  - (b) Smoking allowed in designated areas only. Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or use of other tobacco products are not permitted in the Church building or on the building premises at any time. (Adopted jointly by Trustee Board and Session 02-04-1993).
  - (c) In accord with Gospel call to extend Good News of God's seeking and redeeming love in Jesus Christ, Condit Presbyterian Church endeavors to make available its facilities for ministries, programs, and activities on a case-by-case basis with priority granted to:
    - (1) Programs of Condit Presbyterian Church.
    - (2) Programs of Presbytery of Scioto Valley and other Presbyterian governing bodies.
    - (3) Programs sponsored or supported by Big Walnut Ministerial Association.
    - (4) Benevolent, nonprofit organizations, which strive for welfare of this community and/or affirm inherent worth and wholeness of any individual.

Meetings will be scheduled for organizations in category (c) after approval from Session or Pastor. Requests will be granted if compatible with Mission of Condit Church. Use of facilities will be subject to necessary fees, as set from time to time by the Board of Trustees.



# CONDIT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## KITCHEN/FELLOWSHIP HALL POLICY

Use of Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, and/or Food Service Equipment shall be arranged through Condit Trustees

### FEES:

\$50.00 for members of Condit Presbyterian Church.

\$100.00 for non-members.

An additional \$50.00 fee will be charged (to members and non-members alike) if the Condit Trustees or custodian is asked to perform clean-up duties for the event, including set-up or tear-down.

The following equipment (*list not yet updated as of 14 Dec. 2017*) is available:

- Silver Tea and Coffee Service
- Cake Knife and Server
- Punch Bowls and Ladles
- Bunn Perk Coffee Makers
- Stainless Knives, Forks, and Spoons
- Hostess Plates and Cups
- Chinaware, (plates, cups, and salad plates)
- Glassware for nuts and mints
- Glass Candleholders and Bud Vases
- Serving Dishes
- Tablecloths
- Skirt for Reception Table
- 12 - 8' Tables
- 6 - 6' Tables
- 140 Folding Chairs
- Wooden Expanding Table

Smoking permitted in designated areas only. No alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or other tobacco products permitted in the church building or on the church premises.

Checks are to be made payable to Condit Presbyterian Church.

Trustees will periodically (without notification) inspect the kitchen and fellowship hall. Any unidentified and/or unapproved items will be removed.

CONTACT PERSON:

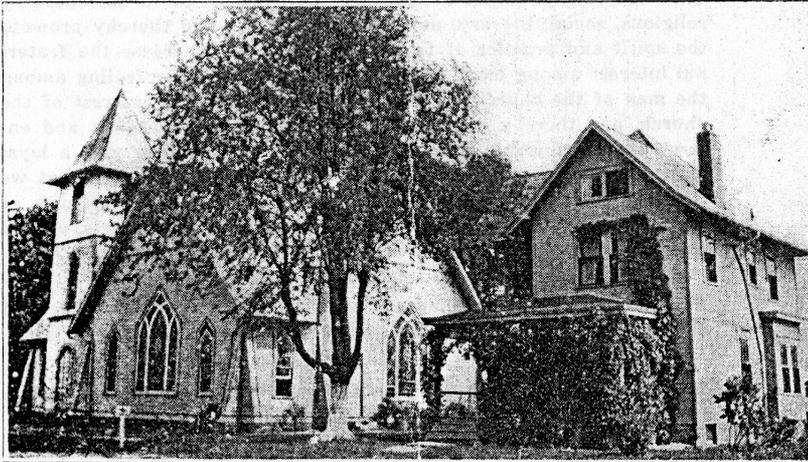
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h1 style="color: red; font-size: 48px; margin: 0;">January 2018</h1> 						
<b>7</b> 9:30 Youth Sunday School 10 Worship & Communion <i>No P-K thru 6 S. School</i> <b>CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</b> at 11:00 5-7 Intergenerational Winter Olympics **	<b>1</b> <b>Happy New Year</b>	<b>2</b> 6:00 Fitness Club	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 Worship & Music Committee  <b>7:00</b> Session & Trustees Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30-3:30 P.I.E. Training for Elders and Trustees
<b>14 *</b> 10:00 Worship	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:00 Fitness Club 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>17</b> 11:00 Presbyterian Women	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 5:00 Winter Jam  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
<b>21 *</b> 10:00 Worship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:00 Fitness Club 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>24</b> 11:30 Lunch Bunch at P.J.'s	<b>25</b> 7:00 Christian Education Committee	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00 Euchre
<b>28 *</b> 10:00 Worship  5-7 Youth Group	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:00 Fitness Club 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>31</b>	<b>* 9:00</b> Adult Sunday School <b>9:00</b> Youth Sunday School (7 <sup>th</sup> thru college age) <b>10:15</b> PK-6 Sunday School <b>**Intergenerational Winter Olympics -see page 3</b>		

CONSTITUTION  
AND  
BY-LAWS  
OF  
"THE REGULARS"

April 29, 1923 . . . .

**The Regulars Sign  
Constitution  
by Polly Horn**

Under the leadership of the Pastor Coovirt Richard Thomas, the 27 members of the Men's Bible Class organized with a Constitution and By-Laws. In addition to studying the Bible, they bonded outside church so they could effect the mutual improvement of its members.



The First Presbyterian Church  
Of Condit, Ohio.

Coovirt Richard Thomas, M. A., B. D., Pastor.

**Class Roll**

- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Condit, L.S.     | Condit, Edgar     |
| Condit, D. C.    | Condo, A. C.      |
| Comstock, Roy    | Comstock, Glendon |
| Fisher, Leland   | Hoover, Clarence  |
| Green Charles    | Jennings, Dan     |
| Lane, George     | Lane, Charles     |
| Lane, Fenton     | Longshore, Gail   |
| McClain, Jess    | Meredith Allie    |
| Meeker, M. B.    | Meeker, El'sworth |
| Miskimen, Burt   | Murphy, F.C.      |
| Saunders, Edward | Spencer, Richard  |
| Spencer, Clayton | Thomas, C.R.      |
| Wilson, E. O.    | Williams, Edgar   |

Wright, C.J.

"Come thou with us,  
and we will do thee good"

"A "Regular," is regular at his class at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday and stays for Church."

The males had to be over 18 years old and must subscribe to the Class rules and regulations. Any one not attending class during the year was dropped from the roll. Note the motto at left.

World War I was still in the minds of men. Many remember army recruiting posters of Uncle Sam pointing his finger over 'Uncle Sam Wants You!'

The Condit Regulars' Constitution bulletin says: **Uncle Sam says, "Join the Regulars."**

Thanks to Rachel Buxton for sharing grandfather F.C. Murphy's bulletin.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
MEN'S BIBLE CLASS  
OF THE  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF  
CONDIT, OHIO

The Motto of this class shall be "Think good, talk good, do good, feel good, look good and be good."

OBJECT

Sec. I:—It shall be the object of this organization to promote the friendly interest and good fellowship among its members; to study the moral and spiritual teachings of the Bible; to form new acquaintances among men outside the inner circle of the church life; to aim to secure their co-operation in our efforts for a better community, state, and world; to hold before them the larger possibilities of the Christian life; to affect the mutual improvement of its members by religious, social, literary, and physical culture, and thereby promote the spirit and practice of true brotherhood and increase the fraternal interest among men; to cultivate a warm friendly feeling among the men of the church; to arouse and keep alive the interest of the church, and thereby increase the attendance at its services and enlarge the membership thereof; to the end that we may give a loyal and hearty support to the demands of the kingdom of God that we may have a part in the making of the new world, the promise of which grows steadily brighter through the united efforts of the church.



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**Pastor: Rev. Annie Melick**

**SESSION**  
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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

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Rev. Annie Melick.....440-308-7664  
 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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**Class of 2019**

George Justice.....740-965-9668  
 John Whitney.....(w)740-965-8130

**Class of 2018**

Karen Kerns.....740-965-2238  
 Ken Bartlett.....740-965-1569

**Class of 2017**

Molly Blevins.....740-225-2640

**Custodian**

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

**Church Directory**

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

**Sunday School and Bible School**

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

**Special Events**

Alex Sheets, co-chair.....937-903-0939  
 Chip Welch, co-chair.....614-774-0390

**Choir Director**

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

**Ushers/Greeters/Flowers**

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