



Condit Courier

February 2018

Easter Season Begins

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14

Ash Wednesday Service is 7:00 p.m.. We will celebrate the beginning of Lent with a brief service that includes the imposition of ashes. **Read more about Lent on page 2.**

Palm Sunday is March **25**.

Maundy Thursday Worship will follow a light meal of soup and sandwiches at 6:30 on Thursday, March 29th.

The dates on the calendar and the church calendar have aligned in 2018 so that Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day and Easter falls on April Fool's Day. This should make it easier for everyone to remember the dates.

Leadership Events

Leadership Retreat

Condit Leadership Retreat will be held on Sunday, February 4 from 11:30 until 2:00. All sitting Elders and Trustees are asked to attend, and anyone else who would like to come is welcome.

Lunch will be provided. We will do leadership training and planning for the coming year. If you would like to attend, please let Rev. Annie know so we have enough food and materials for everyone.

Elder ordination and officer installation will be done during worship on Sunday, February 11.

Presbyterian Women Do Not Meet in February

From Worship and Music Committee



Valentine Luncheon **11 a.m. Sunday, February 11**

Stay after church on February 11 for our spaghetti dinner. Everyone's invited and everything's provided. Just show up to love and be loved by your Condit family! We will have a Valentine photo booth, too.



Name the Baby in the Photo?



Real baby photos of our Condit family are on the bulletin board in the narthex. See how many you can identify on the contest forms. A prize will be awarded at Worship on February 25.

Condit Blood Drive

Friday, February 16

Red Cross will be in the Condit Fellowship Hall from 1-6 on February 16 for the first Condit Blood Drive of 2018. Condit's goal is 20 pints for this drive. To donate blood, email GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org or call Polly 740-965-3582.

Jane Lahmon is in charge of the canteen which serves food and drinks to donors. Call Jane if you would like to help.

2nd Auto Show and Ice Cream Social will be held from 12 to 3 Saturday, July 28.

Giving Up Chocolate for Lent

by Rev. Annie Melick

Isaiah 58:3-4, 6-8

³ *“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”*

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

⁴ *Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.*

Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

⁶ *Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?*

⁷ *Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house, when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?*

⁸ *Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.*



Rev. Annie Melick

Lent begins on Feb. 14 this year, Ash Wednesday. Will you be giving something up for Lent this year? Giving something up for Lent is a form of fasting. Fasting is a spiritual practice. The passage above from the book of Isaiah speaks to the topic of “right” fasting. The Israelites are fasting, but don’t see any evidence that God takes notice. Isaiah is correcting their view of fasting by reminding them of God’s priorities: justice, freedom from oppression, food for the hungry, homes for the homeless, clothing for the naked.

In “The Pitfalls of ‘giving up’ things for Lent” (Presbyterians Today, January 19, 2018) Chip Hardwick says:

Here’s the problem: All those centuries ago, the people of God fell into a trap that we sometimes fall into today. They started thinking that spiritual practices, like their fasting, are an end unto themselves, rather than the means to an end. They mistakenly believed that it is a good thing to do these practices in and of themselves, rather than doing them because they serve a larger purpose.

In other words, we don’t give up chocolate for Lent to prove to ourselves we have the willpower to do so. We give up chocolate because practicing self-denial prepares us for another step in our Christian walk. We don’t read the Bible every day leading up to Easter to pat ourselves on the back and say, “This is what good Christians do.” We dig into the Scriptures because that strengthens us to do something else. It’s not enough to take on these practices in and of themselves. Their real value is that they equip us to go further in our faithfulness.



As we make a decision about ‘giving something up’ for Lent, God’s priorities should be our focus. What can I give up that will lead me into deeper faithfulness? What will lead me to humble myself and put others before me? What will remind me to stand up for people who are oppressed or treated unfairly? What would inspire generosity in me to give to the hungry, homeless, or those needing clothing? How could I deprive myself to the point of actually ending my quarreling, complaining, gossip, and envy? God expects this of us, but he will be our “rear guard” as the Isaiah passage says. God has our backs!

As we **give up** more and more in order to **give** more to others, God is behind us: prodding us, cheering us on, and picking up any broken pieces left behind. That is how we can go confidently where God calls us to be this Lenten season – in spiritual practices, loving others, and yes, giving something up for Lent.



Worship 10 a.m.



- February 4 Worship with Communion: Rev. Annie Melick: “Beyond the Chaos,” Mark 1:29-39.
 Liturgist: Porter Welch Acolyte:
 Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music: Chancel Choir, “I’m so glad Jesus lifted me.”
 Communion Servers: Sheila Micholes, Chip Welch, Grant Bartlett, John Whitney, and Ken Bartlett.
 Ushers and Greeters: Kathy Kees, George Justice, Mick and Pam Sheets.
- February 11 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick: “Beyond the Fear.” Mark 9:2-9, 10:32a.
 Liturgist: Pam Sheets. Acolyte:
 Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music: Chancel Choir, “His eye is on the sparrow.”
 Ushers and Greeters: Bill and Teresa Gorsuch, Mike and Donna Mucci.
- February 14 Ash Wednesday: Rev. Annie Melick: “Finding Your Life: Listening Deeply.” Luke 1: 9-15
 Liturgist: . Acolyte:
 Accompanist: Special Music:
- February 18 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick: “Finding Your Cave: Listening Spaces.” I Kings 19:11-12
 Liturgist: John Whitney. Acolyte:
 Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:
 Ushers and Greeters: Allison Skinner, Samuel and Nathan Kirby, Kaitlin White.
- February 25 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick: “Finding Your Breath: Listen to Our Bodies.”
 Romans 8: 26-30; 38-39
 Liturgist: George Justice. Acolyte:
 Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:
 Ushers and Greeters: Carmie Joseph, Trish Gilbert, Sheila Micholes and Polly Horn.

FLOWERS provided by Mike and Carmie Joseph.



Remember in Your Prayers . . .

Judy Watts and her family, Joe Cox, Mary Pat Reppart Browne and Michael



Add Your Notes on Tuesdays

**Bell Choir at 6:30
Chancel Choir at 7:30**

**Questions, Call Adam Garner
Director of Music
at 740-739-0002**

Open Letter from Stewardship And Budget Committee

Dear Members and Friends of Condit Presbyterian Church,

As we prepare for the upcoming year, let us reflect on what the church means to you and to consider the church in your financial thoughts. Your monetary giving enables us to pay our pastor, our other associates, to pay heat, lighting, and maintenance expenses.

Your support is greatly needed if we are to meet our financial obligations. Condit has a rich heritage in our community and through the blessing of its members and friends we will be able to grow and prosper. As always your monetary contributions are important, but giving of your time and talents is of equal importance. Everything we have comes as a gift from God and our collective faith journey can be helped by our understanding, seeing and accepting our stewardship responsibility.

Thanks you for your past and present support.

The Stewardship and Budget Committee

Wanted: Volunteers to Work in the Nursery



Volunteers watch children in the Nursery while parents are in Worship. If you are able to help with this mission, please contact Molly Blevins who schedules the volunteers at 740-225-2640.

What Do You Like to Do?

While Elders and Trustees are elected to spearhead the business of the church, they cannot do all the work. Each Committee has an Elder assigned to it but people with ideas and skills are needed on all the committees to get the job done. Look at the cover of the newsletter for contact information, then join a committee.

Condit Directories For 2018 Are Here

Thanks to Frances Jenkins, the updated directories are in the narthex to be picked up when you come to Worship Sunday. The format is the same as previous years. It takes a lot of detective work to do this. Thanks, Frances.

Goodbye to Our Oldest Member

Ruby Comstock Nettelhorst lived a long and productive life. She and her twin Ralph Comstock were born June 17, 1922 to Glendon and Lavina (Lott) Comstock in Condit, Ohio. She started school in the brick school on Hartford Road then went to Sunbury School on Harrison Street. She married Charles Nettelhorst in 1941 and became his bookkeeper when he opened Sunbury Plumbing and Heating. In 1949 they built a brick house on Otis Street where they lived for 60 years before moving to Florida.

Chuck and Ruby's three children, Roger, Ruthann, and Ralph came to Ohio for her funeral along with many of her nine grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. They stayed to enjoy the Funeral Luncheon served by Women of Condit.



***Flowers from Ruby's
Funeral Graced
Condit Presbyterian
Church***

Ruby joined Condit Presbyterian Church April 7, 1935 which made her our oldest member when she died on January 4th. Many members will remember the annual outdoor service held at "The Woods," their private campground on the family farm.

In addition to helping Chuck with the business, she was by his side when he helped start the B.S.T. and G. Fire Department. Her interests included American Legion Auxiliary, Pythian Sisters, Mid-Ohio Camera Club, needlework and traveling in their motor home.

Ruby's warm smile, thoughtful cards and kind words to Condit will be missed.

Congregational Care Committee
Chaired by Sheila Micholes

Meals When Needed

Following a recent funeral, Condit was asked to fix a meal for a member's family. For years the Friendly Club had done this but since it no longer exists Karen Kerns stepped forward to make this meal happen. It went well and the family was pleased. Thanks, Karen!

To make the process easier, Sheila Micholes is asking how you would like to help. She is keeping a file of things people are willing to prepare or provide food so she can pull a meal together. If some days are not good for you to help, let her know.

Sometimes a family needs assistance with meals when the cook is ill or unable to prepare food. Once again, the Congregational Care Committee steps in to help. There are many local restaurants where meals can be purchased if someone is willing to get it to the family. Again, let Sheila know if you are willing to help.

Shepherds of the committee send cards and check on members of the congregation as needed.

COMMUNITY



**7 p.m. Saturday
February 24**

**in
Condit**

**Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
15102 Hartford Road**

**Cards and Fellowship
Public Welcome!**

Abby Welch Donates Hair



While sister Addie looks on, Abby shows the hair she donated to Wigs for Kids in West Lake, Ohio.

For over 30 years, Wigs for Kids has been providing Hair Replacement Systems and support for children who have lost their hair due to chemotherapy, radiation therapy, Alopecia, Trichotillomania, burns and other medical issues at no cost to children or their families.

The effects of hair loss go deeper than just a change in a child's outward appearance. Hair loss can erode a child's self-confidence and limit them from experiencing life the way children should. With an injured self-image, a child's attitude toward treatment and their physical response to it can be negatively affected also.

Wigs for Kids helps children suffering from hair loss look themselves and live their lives.

Because Wigs for Kids never charges families for hair replacements, they depend on generous people like Condit's Abby that want to help donate hair for cancer and other sources of hair loss.

You can learn more about Abby's mission on the website at <https://www.wigsforkids.org>.

**Bring Pocket Change to Worship
for Food for the Backpack Bags!**



January 7
**Winter Olympics,
 Condit Style**

Condit Youth & Condit Kids met together to hold Condit's version of the Winter Olympics. The Intra-Generational meeting was held from 5-7 in the Fellowship Hall.

Dinner, games and fellowship were part of the evening.

**NEXT MEETING OF
 CONDIT KIDS IS
 5-7 FEBRUARY 4.**

Regional Gathering of Presbyterian Women

The Gathering will begin at 9:00 on Saturday, February 24 with a continental breakfast at Brookwood Presbyterian Church in Columbus. The topic for the day is "Human Trafficking." The program will end at 3:00. To register contact Nancy Schuster at 614-519-9755 or by email at nandshe@aol.com.

**Condit Youth Group
 Schedules February Meeting**

Condit Youths, 7th grade through college, will meet from 5-7 on Sunday, February 11 in the Condit Fellowship Hall. The topic has not been announced.

Youths may elect to go to the Presbytery-wide Youth Retreat at Camp Akita February 23 thru 25. Register with Rev. Annie.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Money will be collected Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday in special banks. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

February
 1 Aiden Hernandez
 10 Trish Gilbert
 17 Helen Gilbert
 21 Alex Sheets
 26 Rachel Buxton



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**HAPPY
 ANNIVERSARY**



February 9th
Jim and Jane Lahmon

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h1 style="color: red; text-align: center;">February 2018</h1> 						
<p>* ALL SUNDAYS EXCEPT THE FIRST thru May 9:00 Youth (7th thru college age) Sunday School 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:15 Primary and Intermediate Sunday School (P-K-6)</p>				1 7 p.m. Worship and Music Committee	2	3
4 10 a.m. Worship & Communion • Leadership Retreat after Worship • 5-7 Condit Kids	5	6 6:00 Fitness Club 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	7	8 7 p.m. Session & Trustees	9	10
11 * 10 a.m. Worship & Officer's Installation Valentine Spaghetti Lunch 5-7 Youth Group	12	13 6:00 Fitness Club 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	14 Valentine's Day 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	15	16 1-6 BLOOD DRIVE	17
18 * 10 Worship	19 Presidents' Day	20 Presbytery Meeting ** 6:00 Fitness Club 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	21 No Presbyterian Women	22	23 February 23 to 25 Presbytery Youth Retreat Camp Akita	24 *** Presbyterian Women Gathering 7 p.m. Euchre Fellowship Hall
25 * 10 Worship	26	27 6:00 Fitness Club 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	28 11:30 Lunch Bunch at PJ's	** Presbytery Meeting 3:30 p.m. in First Presbyterian Church in Chillicothe *** Presbyterian Women Regional Gathering Brookwood Presbyterian Church, in Columbus Topic: Human Trafficking		



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Polly Horn, Clerk.....740-965-3582

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Alex Sheets.....937-903-0939
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Grant Bartlett.....614-915-9698
Jane Markley.....614-306-9884
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Class of 2019

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

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Church Directory

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

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