



Condit Courier

November 2017

Big Walnut Friends Who Share **Collecting Food for Holidays**

Each year BWFWS help families make their holidays a little brighter by giving them the makings of a special dinner for the Holiday. Condit has been asked to provide 100 hot roll, muffin or corn bread mixes for the boxes. Each box should weigh at least 13 ounces in order to meet the needs of a family (if you bring small Jiffy mixes, please bring 2 to meet the size need).

Condit will be collecting the mixes in the Narthex through December.

Keeping Heads and Hands Warm

Hats and Mittens Rack

In addition to food, Condit has a holiday tradition of collecting hats and mittens for children of all ages as Christmas approaches. As every parent knows, hats and mittens tend to get lost easily so many are needed to keep the children warm during the winter months.

An old fashioned drying rack will be set up in the Narthex so everyone can attach the mittens, gloves and hats to the rack anytime from November 16 through December 3rd when they will be taken to Big Walnut Friends Who Share.

Cookie Bakers Needed



Worship and Music Committee is planning Condit's Annual Family Christmas Program for Sunday evening, December 10th. Refreshments are served after an evening of music and Christmas stories.

Cookies are needed for all who attend. If you are willing to make a batch of Christmas Cookies for this festive occasion please let Teresa Gorsuch know.



Photo by Alex Sheets

Bonfire and Hot Dog Roast on October 21

For the last several years a bonfire has ended the Fall Clean-Up and Work Day when people gather to help the Trustees get the church and grounds ready for winter. Twenty people came, ate and went during the evening. Under a beautiful sunset, people roasted hotdogs, banana boats and made somemores and threw frisbies. Many workers were too tired to stay for fellowship but enjoyed a bite before heading home.

The evening was a joint effort with the Special Events and Congregational Care Committees.

Grant Bartlett built a roaring fire and stayed late into the night to be sure it burned own. Congregational Care Committee supplied wieners. Others donated the remainder of the supplies.

**Plan to stay after Worship on
November 26 to
decorate the big
Christmas Tree in
the Sanctuary.**

As the saying goes, "The More the Merrier!"



We Always Give Thanks for All of You

From Rev. Annie Melick

It's the month of the American holiday Thanksgiving. Each of us has so much to be thankful for, but at the top of the list would be thankfulness for God in our life. As a congregation, Condit has much to be thankful for. I love this passage in 1 Thessalonians (below) where Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy write to the Thessalonian church. Let's thank God and pray these same things for Condit:

- We remember your faithful work, labors of love, and steadfast hope in Jesus Christ.
- We know God brought his gospel message to you in word and in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- You've welcomed leaders called to serve you and received their messages with joy.
- Your faith has become known to people in our community.
- You've turned from idols and put God first in your lives.
- You serve a living and true God.

We always give thanks for all of you at Condit!

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.



Rev. Annie Melick

**Community Euchre Game is 7:00 the last Saturday of the Month.
JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN!**



Worship at 10 a.m.



FALL SERIES 2: LEADERSHIP.101

November 5

ALL SAINTS CANDLE COMMEMORATIVE

Worship and Communion: Rev. Annie Melick, "Leaders Lead," Joshua 3:7-17.

Liturgist: George Justice. Acolyte: Hannah Shick.

Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music: Chancel Choir, "Coming Home."

Communion Servers: Alex Sheets, Kathy Kees, Chip Welch, Sheila Micholes, and John Whitney.

Ushers and Greeters: Condit Kids: Peyton White, Jason Skeens, Amy and Trent Pettit.

November 12

Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, "Choose Whom You Will Follow," Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25.

Liturgist: Jennifer Shick. Acolyte: Amy Pettit.

Accompanist: Sasha Neverov.

Special Music: Chancel Choir "Disciples of Christ," by Besig.

Ushers and Greeters: Presbyterian Women:

November 19

Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, "God's Appointment: Deborah," Judges 4:1-7.

Liturgist: Darlene Ross. Acolyte: Greg Gaydos.

Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music: Sasha Neverov and Adam Garner.

Ushers and Greeters: Chancel Choir.

November 26

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY and THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Worship: Rev. Paul Kim, "The Lord Himself Will Lead," Ezekiel 34:116, 20-24

Liturgist: . Acolyte: Nathan / Samuel Kirby.

Accompanist: Sasha Neverov.

Special Music: Chancel Choir, "Standing and Leaning Medley," by Curry.

Ushers and Greeters: Congregational Care Cammittee: Teresa Gorsuch, Sheila Micholes, Allison Skinner and Samuel Kirby.

**Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00 Monday, November 20,
in Sunbury United Methodist Church.**

Flowers for the Sanctuary are provided by Ken and Doreen Bartlett in November.

All Saints Sunday to Remember Our Loved Ones

On Sunday, November 5 at the 10am worship service we will have a candle memorial time when we will remember members of Condit who have passed in the last year, and also give time for everyone who has lost a loved one to light a candle in memory of them.

People to Remember in Your Prayers

Ruby Nettelhorst, Doug and Karen Kerns, Max and Peggy Sheets, Jim Caudill, Joe Cox. Remember to pray for safe journey to all of our flock who travel over the holidays.



Christian Education

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Class meets Sundays from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. in the church library.

In November, they will study current events from “Presbyterians Today” magazine and in December will do an Advent study.



Place Orders for Fresh Greenery

Faith Filled Women are taking orders for green pine wreaths and ropes. This year the wreaths are \$20 and the ropes or swags are \$15.

Orders must be given to Jane Cockrell or Judy Watts by November 20. The decorations will be delivered on November 27. Funds from the sale go to the group’s missions.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women will meet next at 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 15, in the Condit Fellowship Hall.

The circle will work on toys for the hospital in the morning, eat their lunches at noon, then discuss a chapter in the book, “Knowing God’s Word.” Mary Ann Counts will lead the discussion.

Remember to bring a sack lunch. Dessert is furnished. Bring a friend to join us.

Condit Saves 1,000 Lives



Rev. Annie Melick and Jane Lahmon flank Deanna Osborne as she donates 334th pint at October Drive

Condit Blood Drive has saved over 1000 lives since it began in December 2014 as part of the New Beginnings Program for Condit Presbyterian Church.

During the October 13th blood drive, American Red Cross collected the 334th pint of blood which means Condit has helped save over 1,000 lives with its donations to date. Deanna Osborne was the 15th donor of the day and won the prize for her donation. Deanna used to give blood at her workplace but now she is working from home and donates at Condit. When the October blood drive ended, a possible 1014 lives will be saved from Condit donors.

“Blood Drives are one way a small church can help save people’s lives,” commented Rev. Annie Melick, pastor of Condit Presbyterian Church. Condit church hosts 6 blood drives a year in the Fellowship Hall as one of its missions. In addition to providing the space, members of the church make food for the canteen under the leadership of Jane Lahmon. Other members post signs around the community or serve as greeters and help people sign in and feel welcome. Polly Horn coordinates the drives with the American Red Cross.

The next Condit Blood Drive is 1-6 p.m. on Friday, December 15. Email: GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org

Condit helps local missions such as Big Walnut Friends Who Share and Bountiful Backpacks in General Rosecrans Elementary School.

Condit Has Carnival Games At Sunbury Fall Heritage Fest

High winds and the threat of rain kept many from coming to the second Sunbury Fall Heritage Festival on October 15th. “We started the day with over 300 pumpkins and let each child pick one until we ran out,” said Ronda Mournie who coordinates the Sunbury part of the festival.

“Many children kept coming back to win a different prize,” noted Rev. Annie Melick.

Sue Comisford coordinated the Big Walnut Area Historical Society part of the events which included Abraham Lincoln, heritage crafts, blacksmith in the forge and Lenny Lepola receiving the annual award given to a volunteer who has done much to promote local history in the Big Walnut Community.

Community Library’s Haunted House, a puppet show, food court, inflatable house, slide, bouncing spider and a hayride provided free family fun for all.



*Sheila Micholes, Amy Pettit, Nick Mucci, Teresa Gorsuch
Rev. Annie Melick, Greg Gaydos, Richard Day and Heather Day*

COMMUNITY



**7 p.m. Saturday
November 25**

in
Condit

**Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
15102 Hartford Road**

**Cards and Fellowship
Public Welcome!**

Uganda Mission Worker Visiting Condit

Samuel Ssenooba Mugabi will be here visiting the Melick family from November 28 through December 4. Samuel has a dynamic ministry to orphans in Uganda, called Samuel’s Kids. Many of you met him when he served in our VBS in 2016. Please let Rev. Annie know if you would like to host him for a meal or other activity while he is in Sunbury. In 2016, we prayed for them to be able to purchase land and build a place to house more orphans, and God has answered that prayer! He will join us for worship on December 3.



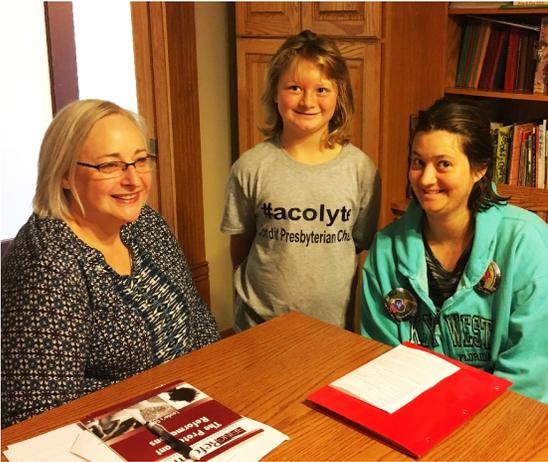
- November**
- 1 - Bob Horn**
 - 6 - Mick Sheets**
 - 9 - Marvin Monroe**
 - 10 - Josh Shick**
 - 11 - Jacqueline Kerns**
 - 12 - Harold Ramsey**
 - 17 - Kathy Kees**
 - 23 - Gene Wampler**
 - 28 - Mary Jo Wilson**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: green; margin: 0;">November 2017</h1> 						
* SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 Youth Sunday School (Middle School and High School) 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10 Worship 10:15 Sunday School - k-6th grade on 2 nd thru 5 th Sundays			1	2	3	4
5 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 10 a.m. Worship & Communion 5-7 Condit Kids	6	7 6:00 Fitness Club 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	8 6:00 Fitness Club 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	9 5:30 Fitness Club 7 p.m. Session & Trustees	10 5:30 Fitness Club 7 p.m. Session & Trustees	11
12 10 Worship	13	14 6:00 Fitness Club 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	15 11 a.m. Presbyterian Women	16 6:00 Fitness Club 7:00 Christian Education Committee	17	18
19 10 Worship 5-7 Youth Group at the Bartlett's home at 16603 Murphy Road	20 Deadline for Newsletter 7 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service at SUMC	21 6:00 Fitness Club 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	22 11:30 Lunch Bunch at PJ's	23	24	25 7:00 EUCHRE Bring a friend!
26 10 Worship Hanging of Greens following Worship	27	28 6:00 Fitness Club 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	29	30 6:00 Fitness Club	<i>Please Donate</i> Boxes of roll, muffin or corn bread mixes - at least 13 oz. To serve a family For Big Walnut Friends Who Share Christmas Dinner Boxes	

Getting to Know You

Rev. Annie Melick

By Jenny Kavage



Rev. Annie, Megan and Trish Gilbert

Two years ago this month Annie Melick became Condit's full time pastor. She was excited. It was an area she had hoped to relocate to. Husband Lyle's parents are from Johnstown. The congregation, she felt, was ready to move forward.

Many Condit members and friends had just participated in small group sessions on "New Beginnings," exploring options and possibilities for the future. Annie's work in previous churches had equipped her in a variety of ministerial areas including children's and youth ministries, missions, ministry to women, pastoral care, pastoral counseling and preaching.

"It is important to try to maintain a balance as the church tries different ideas for worship and outreach," she says. "I wanted to help the leaders do their jobs, free them to lead. Communication is a challenge. There has been growth and setbacks."

As a pastor, Annie sees a variety of roles for herself: the "priestly" role of performing baptisms, communion, funerals and weddings; the leadership role which she says is "complicated" as the goal is to equip others to do the leading; shepherding, or bringing the word of God to people; and pastoral counseling.

"I have been surprised for such a small congregation the number of people who want to talk to me," Annie says. She enjoys one-on-one helping people of all ages. People have come to her to learn how to pray better, to talk about how to forgive and other religious issues as well as family problems.

One of the major challenges Annie and the congregation have had to face has been the loss of long-time Music Director Bonnie Caudill. This has led to some different music in the sanctuary which has sparked discussion. Personally, Annie loves liturgical and all kinds of music. One of her aims is to have a worship service that's creative and meaningful for everyone but she acknowledges "it's a tightrope walk."

As her ministry continues Annie would like to see the church grow. She is pleased that some of the New Beginnings initiatives have brought people to the church and that members of the congregation have been so welcoming. She sees steps being taken to raise Christian education to a higher level and she would like to find "more ways for us to get outside the doors of the church to minister and interact in the community."

Annie has hobbies - reading (mysteries and adventure novels), watching sports (she's a Cav's fan), cooking, hiking with her family and traveling (which she did as missions director at a previous church) but her time for all these is limited.

"I don't think people know how much I pray for them," she says. "I spend a lot of time with God to be able to lead and preach. My spiritual preparation is the basis of everything." Weather permitting, she "meets with God very well" on the deck looking out on the treed lawn of the Melick's new home.

"It is my dream," she says, "that the members of this congregation will continue to grow spiritually and have confidence in their faith."



Bonfire & Hotdog Roast

Condit Kids will meet on Sunday, November 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Condit Fellowship Hall. All children in grades K thru 6 are invited to attend.

The evening includes a lesson, a light meal, and games or crafts. Bring friends!

Condit Youth Group for grades 7 through college age will meet on Sunday, November 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. for a bonfire and hot dog roast.

We will meet at the Bartlett's home at 16603 Murphy Road.

Condit Presbyterian Church History, Part 2

First Trenton Presbyterian Church Moves North

by Polly Horn

From the time the church opened on the northeast corner of 605 at the State Route 37 intersection, no one took time to record the happenings of the church from its conception until April 12, 1851 when "Session design to commence keeping in this Book a fair record of their doings from 12th April, 1851."

In August, 1851, they recorded "all the following ministers have preached the gospel: Rev. Calvin N. Ransom, Rev. Allen, Rev. Ezra Z. Johnson, Rev. Ahab Jinks, Rev. John McCutchen, Rev. Whipple, Rev. E. G. Johnson, Rev. Milton Starr, Rev. James Harrison." (The following names were written later) Joseph Fowler, Warren Jenkins, Elias Thompson, John Martin, Robert Wylie.

During the time Rev. Harrison served the church, he also served as Clerk. When he moved to Hartford, he took the book with him. It did not come back to the congregation until April 1851. In that year they engaged Rev. McGarland of Johnstown for half the services.

Another church started in Trenton Township. The Trenton Methodist Episcopal Church was built in 1853 at the intersection of Vans Valley Road and 37. Eventually this became known as the Vans Valley Methodist Church and now Vans Valley Community Church. The Tahway Church was active on North Old 3-C.

While the Presbyterians added new members, many asked to be dismissed and began attending services closer to their homes. Some who left were the Silas Ogden family, Robert and William Condit, Simon and Abigail Pierson, Elder Joseph Smith and wife, Margaret Pierson, A.P. Condit and Mariah, Joseph S. Condit and Elizabeth Perfect.

Nothing shows in the records but "after prayerful consideration, it was decided to move the church further north in closer relationship with the majority of its members," noted Jim Bargar.



NOVEMBER

7 - Mick and Pam Sheets

16 - Ken and Doreen Bartlett

28 - Bob and Polly Horn

Time to Order Your Poinsettia for the Poinsettia Tree in the Sanctuary



Poinsettia - Order by December 3

Name _____

Quantity _____ x \$7.50 each = \$ _____

Make check payable to Condit Presbyterian Church
(Write **Poinsettia** in memo line on check)

Give or mail to George Justice 16019 Hartford Rd. Sunbury, OH 43074

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

George Justice is taking orders for the flowers until December 3rd. They are \$7.50 per flower which is the same price as last year's.

To order yours, complete the form above. Be sure to include the person's name you are giving the flower In Memory of or In Honor of. These will be compiled into a bulletin so people can remember the honorees when they look at the tree.

The plants may be taken after the Christmas Eve Service.



Very Productive Clean up & Work Day

by George Justice

Thanks to a very diligent group of workers from 9:00 to 3:30 on Saturday, October 21, we completed many tasks on our to do list.

Church kitchen is winterized. We mounted 2 of 3 TV Monitors (one was damaged in shipping) in the sanctuary, fixed parking lot lights and security lights. We installed 3 peep holes in doors for security and safety. Barbeque grill was put away for winter, yard and parking lot were treated.

Projects still on the to-do list for the near future: mount a third TV monitor, finish the audio visual project, and repair the front porch of manse.

Your Change Makes A Big Difference

Condit provides weekend food for four families at General Rosecrans Elementary School. "Those families include 11 children and seven adults but the number varies as people move in and out of the district," noted Frances Jenkins.

If you are changeless, put bills in the jar or a check in the offering plate made out to Condit Presbyterian Church with Bountiful Backpacks in memo line.

Condit Mission . . .

Bountiful Backpacks

**turns pocket change
to weekend food**

for some

General Rosecrans Elementary School Families





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