



Condit Courier

November and December 2016

Community Thanksgiving Service

The Ministerial Association is holding the Community Thanksgiving Service at 7 p.m. Monday, November 21st in the First Baptist Church of Sunbury at 12250 Old 3C Road north of Sunbury. Condit's Rev. Annie Melick is the speaker.

Condit Cares

B.W.F.W.S. Turned Twenty-Five
Big Walnut Friends Who Share celebrated their 25th Anniversary for serving the community and held their annual Walk-A-Thon on October 9th. Both were very successful. It was a beautiful day so walkers had a good time and raised over \$1000.

People Got Flu Shots at Condit

Heather Day gave 10 people flu shots on Sunday, October 9th following Worship. One woman said, "It was the easiest shot I've ever gotten. It did not hurt when she gave it or even later in the day." Many thanks to Heather and the Delaware County Health Department.

Condit Blood Drive Makes Goal

Condit donors helped save 63 lives by giving 21 pints of blood in the October 21st drive. The next drive is (continue on page)

Condit's New Mission: Condit Change for Bountiful BackPacks

Session voted to add this mission to provide food for the weekends for families of children who would otherwise go without. (Learn more on page 5)



Honoring Members

On Membership Sunday in October, Condit inducted 50 Year Member Rick Ross onto the fifty year member club. Rev. Annie Melick also recognized Ruby Nettelhorst who has been a Condit member for eighty one years and was very active before retiring to Florida. Ruby writes regularly to stay in touch with her friends in Condit.

New Furnaces Being Installed

Beautiful fall weather has been a blessing while the new heating and cooling system is being installed in the church. The conversion from fuel oil to propane is almost complete so the new furnaces will be operating soon. Meanwhile dress warmly or bring a blanket.

A Family Christmas

Rev. Annie Melick

Thanksgiving and Christmas can be the best of times, the worst of times, and everything in between. A woman once said to me, “I wish I could go to sleep on November 1 and wake up again January 1.”

It’s a stressful and tiring time for many. I lost my mom at Christmas time, so there are some sad reminders for me. Some of us are not getting along with family members or friends so Christmas is painful. Many of us find it depressing because we don’t have family to spend Christmas with. Maybe the problem is that our expectations are not met, or our idea of what Christmas should be is unrealistic.



Rev. Annie Melick

Kids love Christmas. Across the board, they love it unless there has been a serious negative experience for them. They love the toys, sure, but they love the *wonder* of it! They love the stories, the surprises, the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes. They love hearing the story of Jesus over and over. The story is so special to them because God became like them; Jesus became a baby. Kids can relate to God this way. The fancy word for what Jesus did is *incarnation*; Jesus came to live among us.

As older youth and adults, we need to remember the *wonder* of the *incarnation*. God came to live among us! Jesus was fully human and fully God! If we can focus on that truth, our priorities for Christmas will be: anything that helps us experience God and share Christ with others. This is what Christmas is about.

I hope that you will prepare to fully engage in the Advent services at church this year. Preparation to fully engage means prayer, reading Scripture, listening and singing meaningful songs, spending time in solitude with God, kindness to others, and **then** gathering together as a community to worship our Lord and Savior.

May God bless our church family this Christmas season with engaged hearts of worship.



Sunday Mornings 9:00-9:45
in the Fellowship Hall
on
November 27 • December 4
December 11 • December 18



Remember
In Your
Prayers

Keep Norma Feasel and Marvin Monroe in your prayers. Both are on the road to recovery following surgery.



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IN CAROLING TO SHUT-INS?
Call Pam Sheets 937-902-4779
before November 20th



Worship at 10:00 a.m.



- November 6 Worship with Communion: “Disciples by Faith,” by Rev. Annie Melick.
Liturgist: Alita Markley. Organist: Bonnie Caudill. Acolyte: Josh Shick.
“Yes, My Lord!” Chancel Choir
Ushers and Greeters: Friendly Club. Communion Servers: Georgann Whitney,
Doug Kerns, Jane Markley, Polly Horn, John Whitney
- November 13 Worship: “Disciples Take Their Faith Public,” by Rev. Annie Melick.
Liturgist: Jennifer Shick. Acolyte: Josh Shick. Pianist: Jayne Strouse.
“Only God,” Chancel Choir
Ushers and Greeters: Worship and Music Committee
- November 20 Worship with Rev. Charlsie Ramsey.
Liturgist: Darlene Ross. Acolyte: Josh Shick. Pianist: Jayne Strouse.
“We Thank You, Lord,” Chancel Choir with Carla Weiland, flutist.
Ushers and Greeters: Youth Group

ADVENT SERIES: A GEOGRAPHY OF SALVATION

- November 27 Worship: “A Pending Invitation,” by Rev. Annie Melick.
Liturgist: Sarah Shick. Organist: Bonnie Caudill. Acolyte: Josh Shick.
“Come, Emmanuel,” Chancel Choir.
Ushers and Greeters: Sunday School Children
- December 4 Worship with Communion: “A Tangible Hope,” by Rev. Annie Melick.
Liturgist: George Justice. Organist: Bonnie Caudill. Acolyte: Abby Welch.
“Let the Christ Child In,” Chancel Choir.
Ushers and Greeters: Ali and Jane Markley, Pat Monroe and Polly Horn
Communion Servers: Sheila Micholes, Jane Markley, Ali Markley
- December 11 Worship: “A Desert in Bloom,” by Rev. Annie Melick.
Liturgist: John Whitney. Organist: Bonnie Caudill. Acolyte: Abby Welch.
“As With Gladness Men of Old,” Adult Bells
Ushers and Greeters: Jim and Bonnie Caudill, Bill and Teresa Gorsuch
- December 18 Worship: “Somewhere Between Heaven and Hell,” by Rev. Annie Melick.
Liturgist: Ken Bartlett. Organist: Bonnie Caudill. Acolyte: Abby Welch.
“Cantata, The Wondrous Story,” Chancel Choir and Carla Weiland, flutist.
Ushers and Greeters: Frances Jenkins, Aidan Hernandez, Homer and Mary Jo Wilson,
- December 24 Christmas Eve Worship: “A Feast of Light,” by Rev. Annie Melick.
Liturgist: Polly Horn. Accompanists: Bonnie Caudill & Jayne Strouse.
Acolyte: Abby Welch.
“Mary Had a Baby,” Chancel Choir & Carla Weiland, flutist.
“O Holy Night” by Sue Overturf.
Ushers and Greeters: Mike and Donna Mucci, Gene Wampler and Sheila Michols
- December 25 Worship: “When God Walks the Earth,” by Rev. Annie Melick.
Liturgist: Doug Kerns. Pianist: Jayne Strouse. Acolyte: Abby Welch.
Marv Monroe, special music.
Ushers and Greeters: Richard and Heather Day, Jerry and Greg Gaydos.



Sing His Praises



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| Nov. 6 - Bonnie Caudill, organist; | Yes, My Lord!, Chancel Choir |
| Nov. 13 - Jayne Strouse, pianist; | Only God, Chancel Choir |
| Nov. 20 - Jayne Strouse, pianist; | We Thank You, Lord, Chancel Choir with Carla Weiland, flute |
| Nov. 27 - Bonnie Caudill, organist; | Come, Emmanuel, Chancel Choir |
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| Dec. 4 - Bonnie Caudill, organist; | Let the Christ Child In, Chancel Choir |
| Dec. 11 - Jayne Strouse, pianist; | As With Gladness Men of Old, Adult Bells |
| Dec. 18 - Bonnie Caudill, organist; | Cantata, The Wondrous Story, Chancel Choir w/ Carla Weiland, flute |
| Dec. 24 - Bonnie Caudill, organist
and Jayne Strouse, pianist; | Mary Had a Baby, Chancel Choir with Carla Weiland, flute
O Holy Night, Sue Overturf |
| Dec. 25 - Jayne Strouse, pianist; | Marv Monroe, special music |

The Altar Flowers Have Been Beautiful all Year

Many thanks to all the people who donate flowers to enhance our Worship services. I look forward to seeing them each Sunday as well as the Lilies at Easter and the Poinsettias Tree at Christmas.

Ken and Doreen Bartlett will provide flowers in November.

Doug and Karen Kerns will provide the flowers in December.

George Justice is in charge of the poinsettias tree for December. To order a poinsettia for yourself or as a memorial for a loved one or to honor a special person, please fill out the order form on page 11 and give to George before November 27.

Happy November Birthday



- 1 Bob Horn
- 3 Ben Quinn
- 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

Happy Anniversary

- 7 Mick and Pam Sheets
- 16 Ken and Doreen Bartlett
- 28 Bob and Polly Horn

Happy December Birthday

- 1 Holly Fuller
- 8 Chris Ruh
- 13 Megan Gilbert
- 19 Pat Monroe
- 20 Bill Kavage
- 21 Jim Irwin
- Avery Quinn
- 25 Alma Jones
- 28 Kate Skeen
- 29 Ann Lafyatis-Schuler
- Kaitlin White

Happy Anniversary

- 17 Jeff and Terrie Groseclose
- 18 Richard and Janice Howenstine



Big Walnut Friends Who Share Holiday Dinners

This year BWFWS will provide items for a holiday dinner for each family. Condit has been asked to provide boxes of muffin or roll mix for the dinners. The collection will take place every Sunday in November.

Our goal is 100 13 oz. to 20 oz. boxes

A New Mission for Condit Presbyterian Church. . . .

Condit Change



About a year ago, Sunbury Christian Church (SCC) saw a need in the community and responded to it. There were several families in the Big Walnut schools whose children were showing definite signs of not having enough to eat. Most of the students were on free lunches at school, and many were connected to BWFWS, but it wasn't enough, especially when there might be children at home who were not able to get food at school. The SCC worked with school administrators to identify the families with the greatest need.

Every Wednesday, volunteers meet at SCC to pack a bag for each family on the list. The bag contains enough food to get each family through the weekend. The bags are taken to the schools on Thursday, and a student from that family takes the food home on Thursday or Friday. They call the program Bountiful Backpacks.

The program started with Harrison Street Elementary, and they soon added Souders Elementary. This school year, they added the Intermediate School. They would like to add GRE and BWE, but the load is more than they can handle. They have asked several other area churches to help out. Sunbury Methodist has taken over the program for Souders, and Condit responded by taking over the program for the five families at the Intermediate School.

It is estimated that the cost per family averages out to be about \$10 per week. For this current school year, the cost will be approximately \$800. For subsequent years, the cost will include school weeks in August–October and will be approximately \$1000.

You might be asking how this small church can take on one more project. We consistently help BWFWS, we have the new furnace and air conditioner to pay for, and our bills have to be paid. We don't want this project to interfere with any of these responsibilities or to add an undue burden on anyone.

What we are proposing is to call our part of the project Condit Change. We would like to use your change to make a change in the lives of these families. In addition to the regular offering each Sunday, the children will collect any loose change you can donate to the project. We invite you to make this a family teaching experience. Explain the purpose of the project to any children in your family. Give them a chance to earn change that they can give. Collect your loose change during the week and bring it in on Sunday. This small amount that most of us won't miss can make a definite change in the lives of these families.

Some of you might prefer to donate food items. We have a certain menu we are to use so that there is equity among what is being handed out. This menu is available for your use. Only staple items are used, and nothing can be in a glass container.

We also would like to make this a community effort. It is a community school and a community need. We will be reaching out into the community to ask for their help in this project also. If you would like to help with this outreach, let us know.

Thanks in advance for your prayers and donations for this project.

Pam Sheets (937-902-4779) and Frances Jenkins (740-965-6902 or 614-306-0058) are the contact people for this project. Please contact one of them if you have questions or comments about any aspect of the project.

See the Menu on the following page.

Gaydos' Scores Qualify

Bowling 87 and 105 qualifies Gaydos to continue in January. He proudly represented Delaware County in the Special Olympics this past weekend.

Face Painters Popular

While children waited to ride in a horse drawn covered wagon, they visited Condit's table to get their faces painted and returned to get their arms and hands done, too. Two shifts of painters were kept busy with 800 to 1000 people in attendance. Condit was represented by Jane and Ali Markley, Kylie Lindstrom, Pam Sheets and Rev. Annie Melick.



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Menu for Condit Change (Bountiful Backpacks)

Although we are encouraging you to give your change, we realize that some of you prefer to donate food. If you would prefer to help with food items for the new project, the monthly menu follows. Each item will be in the backpack once a month.

Please keep in mind that nothing can be packed in a glass container. This is of special concern for jelly, pasta sauce, and syrup.

We will be packing these items in a plastic grocery bag and then placing that in another bag. If any of you have any extra clean plastic bags from the grocery, we would like some.



**7 p.m. Saturday
November 26**

in
Condit

**Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
15102 Hartford Road**

**Cards and Fellowship
Public Welcome!**

Canned items	Boxed items	Other
Green beans	Cereal	Peanut Butter
Fruit cocktail	Mac & Cheese	Jelly
Soup	Spaghetti	Ramen Noodles
Corn	Pancake mix	Pringles (or similar)
Peaches	Rice Sides	Applesauce cups
Pasta (like canned ravioli)	Microwave Popcorn	Pasta Sauce
Chicken	Poptarts	Syrup
Pineapple	Chicken Helper	Flour Tortillas
Mandarin Oranges	Jello	Pepperoni
Carrots	Fruit Snacks	Pudding Cups
Mixed Vegetables	Granola Bars	Sandwich crackers
	Instant Oatmeal	

Call Rev. Annie

If you need a prayer, help or just a shoulder to vent on, a trained person is just a phone call away. There is no need to suffer by yourself when help is just a phone call or text away. **1-440-308-7664.**

-SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<h1 style="color: red;">December 2016</h1>				
Sunday Services: Sunday School all but 1st Sunday 9 a.m. Teen and Adult Sunday School Classes 10 a.m. Worship Sunday School for Pre-K-6 following Children's Message				1 7 p.m. Worship & Music Com.	2	3
4 10 a.m. Worship & Communion 5-7 Condit Kids with dinner	5	6 7 p.m. Bell Choir 8 p.m. Chancel Choir	7 Friendly Club Jayne Strouse, hostess	8 7 p.m. Session & Trustees	9	10 10 a.m. Children's Play Dress Rehearsal
11 10 Worship 6 p.m. Christmas Program	12	13 7 p.m. Bell Choir 8 p.m. Chancel Choir	14	15	16 1-6 Condit Blood Drive	17
18 10 Choir Cantata at Worship	19	20 Newsletter Deadline 7 p.m. Bell Choir 8 p.m. Chancel Choir	21 11 a.m. Presbyterian Women	22	23	24 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
25 10 Worship Christmas Day	26	27 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	28 11:30 Lunch Bunch at PJ's	29	30	31



DIG IN

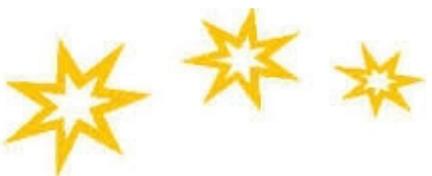
CREATING DEEPER BIBLE EXPERIENCES FOR KIDS



The younger Sunday School classes continue to study Dig In: The Life of Jesus curriculum. They meet immediately following the Children’s Message in the Worship Service on all Sundays except Communion Sunday which is usually the first Sunday of the month.

Primary Class teachers are: Ken Bartlett, Molly Blevins, and Darlene Ross. They meet in the church Fellowship Hall.

Intermediate Class meets in the Sunday School Room upstairs,. Their teachers are: Georgann Whitney and Pam Sheets. Both classes welcome new students.



Shining Stars
Children’s Christmas Play
at the
Christmas Program
6 p.m. Sunday, December 11

How Parents Can Make the Play a Good Experience for your Child:

1. Help Your Child Learn Their Part.

2. Get them to PLAY PRACTICES:

- **Sunday Dec. 4th** during Sunday School Classes
- **Saturday Dec. 10th** at 10:00 a.m. Dress Rehearsal (Please put this on your calendar. We need everyone there)
- **Sunday Dec. 11** during Sunday school



Condit Kids

Pre-K thru 6th Graders

5-7 p.m. Sunday, December 4

Learn about Christmas in Mexico

Light dinner will be served



Will Meet
5-7 p.m.
Sunday,
November 13,
in the
Condit’s
Fellowship Hall
For Fun, Food and
Fellowship!

For Middle thru High Schoolers

FRIENDLY CLUB

Friendly Club will meet at 1:00 Wednesday, November 2nd at the home of Jane Lahmon. Roll call will be what you are thankful for (not family or health).

On Wednesday, December 7th the Club will meet in the home of Jayne Strouse to share their favorite Christmas memory. Remember your \$5-10 Gift Exchange items..



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Presbyterian Women will meet at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 16th in the Fellowship Hall. They will be packing Christmas bags and continuing to work on little cats for children who are in the hospital to hold for comfort.

Each brings a lunch. Dessert is provided. Following lunch, women are continuing to study "Joy." Mary Ann Counts is leading the discussions which are now focused on Chapter 10.

On Wednesday, December 14th, they will follow the same schedule of events and continue to work on the cats for their mission.



**Wreaths \$20
and
Garlands \$15**

Faith-Filled Women is a group of women from many churches in the community who meet to share concerns and work toward making this a better place to call home. The November 11th meeting is at 11 a.m. in Galena Methodist Church, 2777 Sunbury Road.

It is time for the annual Wreath and Garland Sale held by Faith-Filled Women to raise funds for their missions. See box below for details..

Condit Presbyterian Church is honored to host the Faith Filled Women's meeting on Friday, March 10th.



Faith-Filled Women
Annual Sale
**Wreaths,
Garlands**
**fresh greenery for your
Holiday Decorating**
Wreaths \$20 Garlands \$15
Place orders by November 11
with Judy Watts of Rachel Buxton
Make checks payable to
Faith-Filled Women

A Condit Mission for November 6 through December 4

Mitten and Hat Rack for B.W.F.W.S

Teresa Gorsuch and Sheila Micholes put the rack in the narthex to collect hats and mittens for Big Walnut Friends Who Share. Please clip new hats, gloves and mittens in sizes for little children through teenagers to the rack between November 6th and December 4th. They will be delivered to BWFWS to be packed in the holiday boxes.

Poinsettia Order Form



Name _____

Quantity _____ x **\$7.50** cost = _____

Make checks payable to Condit Presbyterian Church

Put Poinsettia in memo line on check

Drop it in collection plate with completed form or
Mail to George Justice

16019 Hartford Road, Sunbury, Ohio 43074

Deadline to order is November 27

For Bulletin Insert:

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

From the Trustees

By Ken Bartlett

An update from your Trustees – heat is right around the corner. Furnaces are pretty much in, and now it's time for the heat source to be installed. We had cement work completed (repairing sidewalks and a pad for the propane tank). The tank will be installed and hooked up to the furnaces the last week of October. Next is testing, and we may be warm for Trick or Treat!

We also made some adjustments outside so that we can once again see our way up the ramp from the patio to the parking lot.

Thanks to Jim Irwin for his continued diligence on treating the weeds in our parking lot and lawn. Thanks to the Days (Richard, Heather and Greg) for completing the painting on the manse garage.

On finances, September was a good month, we were in the black for the month AND we received over \$6,300 towards the furnace. Congratulation Condit!

Welcome Bags

Pat Monroe, Pam Sheets and Karen Kerns delivered 29 Welcome Bags to new residents in the area. In addition to information about Condit, the bags held a loaf of bread so the house will never know hunger and salt so their life will have flavor.

Condit Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive is 1-6 on Friday, December 16. Donors and volunteers are needed to make our goal of 20 pints. To help with food contact Jane Lahmon. To make an appointment to donate, to serve food or greet donors, call Polly Horn 740-965-3582.



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<http://www.conditchurch.org>
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