



Condit Courier

April 2017

Over 220 People Attended the Celebration of Life for Bonnie Caudill on Saturday, March 18th

Even when most knew it was inevitable, the blow of losing Bonnie Caudill was felt throughout the community. For years she has been one of the hubs holding the congregation together by providing an excellent music program, skits for Vacation Bible School and the Christmas Program, as well as tasteful seasonal decorations for the sanctuary.

With love and respect, her musicians honored her as she traded her organ for a harp. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Condit has a big hole left by Bonnie. In true Condit fashion, we will work together to pick up the pieces and fill the void she has left.



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 13 at 6:00 p.m.

A meaningful service is planned for Maundy Thursday. It will include a soup dinner, a drama, and communion. It will be a great experience for all ages.

EASTER SUNDAY - April 16

Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m.

Meet at Condit by the ball field to worship as we watch the sunrise.

Easter Breakfast, 7:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to breakfast on Easter morning after the Sunrise Service. Some of our young adults are cooking this year, and you won't want to miss it!

Easter Service, 10:00 a.m.

We will gather for a traditional Easter service to celebrate our resurrected Lord.



Condit Trustees Need Volunteers to Help with Spring Cleaning

Many have signed up to do cleaning tasks at 9:30 on Saturday, April 8 but there are still unclaimed nooks and crannies inside which need "deep cleaning" to keep our church in tip-top shape. Check the list on the church doors and see if there isn't a task you can handle.

Remember we are trying to get the Church ready for the Easter Season. If you are unable to clean on April 8th, it is OK to clean before that day but please let a Trustee know so they can be sure the tasks will be completed. Check about supplies needed for the task you choose.

Church will be open by 9:30 on the 8th.



HAPPY EASTER

Deadline to Order Easter Lilies is Sunday, April 9. Cost is \$8.00

Healthy Congregations Manage Change

by Rev. Annie Melick

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 managing conflict and responding to anxiety in times of change.



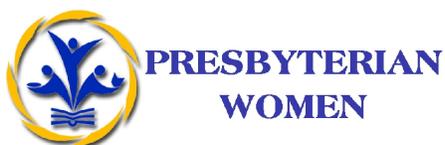
Rev. Annie Melick

Another foundational characteristic of healthy congregations is that they manage change with flexibility and creativity. Change is necessary and inevitable for every congregation, but our natural inclination is to seek coherence and stability. The key to being a healthy congregation is not to *react* to change, but rather to *manage* the changes that are necessary and inevitable. Managing change is more effective when we are resilient; we can then be imaginative and free to move forward.

How resilient are you? See if you find yourself on the chart below. Prayerfully consider how you can move toward more resiliency in order to contribute to the health of our congregation.

LESS RESILIENT	MORE RESILIENT
Baffled by change	Feels that change is manageable
Thinks change is happening to hurt them	Finds energy in change
Reacts to change by blaming and attacking others	Responds to change by problem solving with others
Not able to see past established ways	Able to explore and innovate
Gets irritable about change	Able to “go with the flow”
Doesn’t want to learn, thinks they know everything, just wants to feel better	Willing to learn and listen
Takes a long time to get over conflict	Recovers quickly from conflict
Always serious, uptight	Sense of humor, has a lightness

Women In the Church



All women in the church are invited to attend Presbyterian Women at 11:00 on Wednesday, April 19, in the Fellowship Hall to work on the mission project, eat the lunch you bring (dessert is furnished) and join with Mary Counts to discuss “Joy.”

Enjoy good fellowship.

FRIENDLY CLUB

Jane Cockrell is the hostess when the club meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5. Roll call will be answered by “Will you plant a garden?” Sheila Micholes has devotions. The club will enjoy BINGO and refreshments.

Annual dues are \$2 if you forgot last month.



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?

- April 2 Worship and Communion. Rev. Annie Melick, “The Gift of Temptation,”
2 Corinthians 5: 16-19. Liturgist: Jennifer Shick. Acolyte Amy or Trent Pettit.
Communion Servers: Sheila Micholes, Alex Sheets, Jane Markley, Ken Bartlett and
Polly Horn.
Ushers and Greeters: Jane and Ali Markley, Kaitlin White and Polly Horn.
- April 9 Palm Sunday. Worship. Rev. Annie Melick, “The Gift of Misfits,” Mark 1: 14-15.
Liturgist: Darlene Ross. Acolyte: Hannah Shick. Accompanist: Sasha Neverov
Special Music: “Let Us Celebrate,” Chancel Choir.
Ushers and Greeters: Bill and Teresa Gorsuch, Jim and Jane Lahmon.
- April 13 6:30 Fellowship Hall. Maundy Thursday. (Meal, Readers Theater and Communion).
Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “The Gift of Disappearing,” Luke 17:33.
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Acolyte: Jason Skeen.
- April 16 Easter Sunrise 6:30 at the Condit Ball field. Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “Where We Go
from Here,” Mark 16: 1-7. Breakfast follows at 7:00.
- April 16 Easter Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “The Stories Women Tell,” John 20:1-18.
Liturgist: Sarah Shick. Accompanist: Sasha Neverov . Acolyte: Alita Markley.
Special Music: "Christ Arose," Chancel Choir.
Ushers and Greeters: Chip Welch, Molly Blevins, Mike and Donna Mucci.

SPRING WORSHIP

- April 23 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “Reach Out and Touch,” 1 Peter 1:3-9. John 20:19-31.
Acolyte: Jaden Jacob. Liturgist: George Justice.
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Ushers and Greeters: Jacob Family
- April 30 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “Walking with Jesus,” Luke 24:13-35
Liturgist: John Whitney. Acolyte: Amy or Trent Pettit.
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. “There’s a Quiet Understanding,” Chancel Choir.
Ushers and Greeters: Trisha and Megan Gilbert, Carmie Joseph and Sheila Micholes.

April Flowers provided by Bill and Teresa Gorsuch.



Christian Education Committee. . . .

Supplies Needed for Vacation Bible School

It is time to prepare for Condit's Vacation Bible School whose theme is *Passport to Peru*. Pam Sheets is director of the program.

If you can **lend** any of the following, please let Pam know:

- ⚙ Wooden cart or wooden wheelbarrow
- ⚙ Woven throw rugs in bright colors
- ⚙ Brightly colored tablecloth

The items above will be returned to owners.

Also needed are bright colored pom poms and bright colored tissue paper. Monetary donations to purchase food and supplies are also a big help. Make checks payable to Condit Presbyterian Church with VBS in the memo line. Drop checks in offering plate or give to Ken Bartlett.

Condit Kids Explore Children In Other Countries at Meetings from 5 to 7 on the first Sunday

When Condit Kids met on March 5th they enjoyed a meal provided by Darlene Ross. (Thanks, Darlene). They learned how the children of Sri Lanka have survived a tsunami and a civil war. Their main religion is Buddhist and Christians are persecuted in this country. We prayed for the safety of the children there and for new school construction so they can have a brighter future.



Tea is grown and sold in Sri Lanka, so Condit Kids had a tea tasting activity where the children tasted three different kinds of tea and voted on their favorite. Peppermint tea won!

The Bible story was "Into the Fiery Furnace" from Daniel chapter 3. The Kids made stick puppets and re-enacted the story.

Playing a coin toss game helped us remember how we can show our belief in God. Everyone had a great time.

Condit Kids will meet next from 5-7 on Sunday, April 2nd.

Condit Kids meet on the first Sunday of the month from 5 to 7. Their programs feature children in other countries. Anyone wishing to volunteer to fix a light meal or work with the program should contact Pam Sheets or Rev. Annie.

Mission - Outreach Committee

by Sheila Micholes

Our committee reaches out to the members of the community as well as to others in the world.

Ushers and Greeters are the front line to visitors coming to our church. I am always looking for people to help.

Keeping the church and grounds clean and attractive is important to members, visitors and the community. Be sure to sign up and complete your task in the next couple of weeks so we will be ready for Easter.

Treat yourself and bring a friend to Euchre on the last Saturday of the month at 7 p.m. Grant Bartlett is leading this activity. The March Euchre night had 16 attendees - only 10 were from the Condit family.

If you have an idea to make our Church more friendly, happy, caring, and loving, write it down and put your idea in the offering plate for consideration.

Big Walnut Friends Who Share is our big local mission project and we will be there to help them again this year. During March we collected toothpaste, toothbrushes and throw-away razors. We will be collecting food as the school year ends so children who got free meals at school will have another source of food. During the summer under Kathy Kees supervision, we will collect school supplies and pack bookbags in August to help children have the things they need to attend school in the fall. The Fall B.W.F.W.S. Walk helps raise funds for clothes and food. Our annual Hat and Mitten Rack in November is a hit. Whatever B.W.F.W.S. needs throughout the year, we will try to be there. "We love helping Gene and Doris Wampler and all the other Friends who serve our community," says Micholes.

Condit Blood Drive collects blood for the Central Ohio Blood Bank which serves any in need of this source of life for many people. Our next Condit Drive is 1-6 Friday, April 14. If you would like to donate blood or volunteer to help at the drive, contact Polly Horn or if you would like to provide food, contact Jane Lahmon.

Email to [Give Blood@ConditChurch.org](mailto:GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org)

Special Events Committee

with Alex Sheets and Chip Welch

Our committee is new and we can use all the help you can give us. We chose 3 Special Events for 2017 and hope you will enjoy them.

Easter Sunrise Breakfast

Following the Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30, we will be serving breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. This will be the first time for this committee to serve the meal so join us for good food and fellowship.

Honoring Graduates

Condit's Graduates will be honored during Worship on May 21. Following Worship we will serve breakfast to the graduates and their families in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to turn in the names of graduates so we do not miss anyone.

Car Show and Ice Cream Social

Saturday, August 5, is the date for this event. Save the date on your calendar.

YOU ARE NEEDED TO HELP!



**7 p.m. Saturday
April 29**

in

Condit

**Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
15102 Hartford Road**

**Cards and Fellowship
Public Welcome!**



Shepherds Are at Work

Congregational Care is a new committee this year. If you are interested in helping this committee by sending cards, making phone calls or visiting housebound members, let me know. At press time I have five Shepherds to watch over the Condit flock.

With the new year, we continue to look at ways to make our Church a fun place for all ages to worship, enjoy meals and outings and hear speakers enlighten us with new knowledge.

Join us at Friendly Club at 7 Wednesday, April 5th, at Jane Cockrell's for Bingo – always a fun night.



Jim Bargar, back center, in WillowBrook Choir

Happy
April
Anniversary

18 Dennis and
Cheryl Caudill
20 Harold and
Sharon Ramsey



Remember to Pray for the Caudill Family as it grieves the loss of Bonnie, Tom and Debbi Kees-Folts family as it grieves the loss of both of Tom's parents this month, and Joe Cox in Dublin Grand.



Condit Change. . . .

Condit's newest local mission is doing well and almost through the first school year of providing weekend food for families who count on school breakfasts and lunches to nourish their children.

Although the money will not be needed in the summer, please continue to bring your pocket change to church so it will be ready when school starts in the fall.

Containers are located near the coffee and in the narthex of the church to collect your change.



5 Randy Longshore	13 Larry Strouse
7 George Justice	Teresa Sparks
9 Annie Melick	14 Heather Day
Homer Wilson	17 Jane Cockrell
10 Cheryl Caudill	20 Chase Ruh
Doug Kerns	21 Jim Bargar

Getting to Know You

Margaret Fisher, member for 72 years

by Jennie Kavage

Margaret Fisher has been a regular attendee at Condit Presbyterian Church since 1945 when her family moved to a farm in North Condit. It was just a few months before her graduation from Harlem High School and someone had to take her to school every day until she finished. There were only eight people in her class, she notes, as many of the boys had joined the military due to WWII.

She was born in Linden to Grace and Earl Young. Her grandfather had the Linden dairy and her father operated a Columbus streetcar. When she was in third grade they moved to Harlem Township. Her dad hauled milk from area farmers to the dairy and farmed on the side.

When her older sister was married the Rev. Hugh Ash (Condit's minister from 1941-46) came to their house to perform the ceremony. Since they already knew and liked him, the Young family started attending Condit Presbyterian the first Sunday after arriving at their Condit home.

After high school Margaret went to "office training school" and then worked in Columbus for Sam McNaught of Condit. He ran the Anti-Saloon League scheduling ministers to preach at various churches throughout the area. It was while riding the Mt. Vernon Local Greyhound bus to work that she met Jane Rammelsberg (now Cockrell) who lived in Genoa Township. Jane moved to Meredith State Road after marriage and their friendship continues to this day as they both continue to participate in Condit activities.

Margaret decided she wanted to be a school teacher and went to Ohio State for one year until Bill Fisher "talked me into getting married and becoming his bookkeeper." Bill and his family had been going to Condit Church for years. His father, Leland, served as an elder and his mother, Irene, was in Friendly Club. Margaret and Bill were married at Condit in November 1949.

Walnut View Farms has been in the Fisher family for some 135 years and they lived in the Creek Road house built by Bill's great grandfather, Jacob Fisher. Bill farmed, was a Big Walnut school bus driver and a member of the BST&G Fire Department until his death in 1995. They had two sons, Richard and Robert, both of whom participated in children's and youth activities at Condit. Still today Margaret keeps the farm books and on the weekends writes up the truckers' logs for D & D Agri Hauling.

Margaret remembers Condit's men digging out under the church to make the basement, kitchen, restrooms and furnace room in 1946. She sang in the choir and was part of the young people's group. After her marriage, she says, "They made me church Financial Secretary," a position she held for many years. She joined Friendly Club and still belongs. Her recipe for Never-Fail Dumplings is in both Condit cookbooks. Her mother's recipe for Suet Pudding and her mother-in-law's recipe for Buckwheat Cakes can be found in the Historical Recipes section of "Cooking with Condit."

"I'm a Christian because of what I learned at church and I hope it shows in how I treat people," she says.

All the many people she has known and the friends she has made through the church are very important to her. Ruby Nettelhorst was going to Condit when Margaret's family started there. Ruby now lives in Florida but she and Margaret exchange letters every week. It's Ruby's letter Margaret is reading in the attached picture.



Margaret reading a weekly letter from Ruby Nettelhorst

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		<h1>April 2017</h1>					
<p>* Sunday Services 9 a.m. Teen and Adult Sunday School Classes 10 a.m. Worship Sunday School for Pre-K-6 following Children's Message</p>						1	
<p>2 10 Worship with Communion 5-7 Condit Kids, 1st-6th</p>	3	<p>4 6:00 Fitness Club 7-Chancel Choir</p>	<p>5 7 p.m. Friendly Club at Jane Cockrell's</p>	<p>6 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music Com. 7 p.m. Session & Trustees</p>	7	<p>8 9:30 Spring Cleaning at Condit</p>	
<p>9* Palm Sunday 10 Worship Deadline for Lily Orders 5-7 Condit Youth Group</p>	10	<p>11 6:00 Fitness Club 7-Chancel Choir</p>	12	<p>13 6:30 Maundy Thursday Special Service</p>	<p>14 1-7 Condit Blood Drive</p>	15	
<p>16 6:30 Easter Sunrise 7:00 BREAKFAST 10 Worship</p>	17	<p>18 6:00 Fitness Club 7-Chancel Choir</p>	<p>19 11 Presbyterian Women</p>	<p>20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	21	22	
<p>23* 10 Worship 5-7 Condit Youth Group</p>	24	<p>25 6:00 Fitness Club 7-Chancel Choir</p>	<p>26 11:30 - Lunch Bunch at PJs</p>	27	28	<p>29 7 p.m. Euchre in the Church Fellowship Hall</p>	
<p>30* 10 Worship</p>			<p>Condit Kids is 1st through 6th Graders, dinner provided Condit Youth Group is Middle, High School and College</p>				

Coming Soon to Condit

Summer Connection Groups

- Host Homes and Facilitators needed

Each Sunday in April we will have a signup for Summer Connection Groups. The groups will meet eight times this summer at a time determined by the group.

Contact Rev. Annie if you want to learn more about hosting a group in your home or serving as a facilitator.

The groups will be a place to develop *friends* who give their lives to each other. Through these deeper friendships, we pray that Connection Groups will help our congregation to connect in a deeper way.

Summer Connection Groups will do a *study* together called Engage: Gospel. The study will lead us in reclaiming and sharing our own story of transformation and the story of God's redemptive mission found in Scripture. Cost of the book is \$5.

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