



Condit Courier

April 2018

Celebrate Easter

Maundy Thursday

On Thursday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a soup and sandwich meal. This will be followed by a Communion Service.

Easter Sunrise

At 7 a.m. Sunday, April 1st, gather behind the church to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus as the sun rises.

Easter Morning Breakfast

Special Events Co-Chairs Alex Sheets and Chip Welch have planned a hearty Easter Morning Breakfast to follow the Sunrise Service.

Easter Worship

Worship Service begins at 10 a.m. Easter morning, April 1. Bring One Great Hour of Sharing fish bank or donation to Worship. Learn more about it below.

Easter Egg Hunt

Each year the Easter Bunny leaves a surprise for children around the church yard. Special Events Committee is sure there will be an annual egg hunt following Worship on Easter Sunday.. This will be fun for children of all ages on the lawn around the church.

Bring Fish Banks to Church Easter

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering supports the Self-Development of People program by addressing poverty and injustice. This offering helps bring good news to vulnerable people in our world today; those who are hungry, who are suffering from disaster, who are dealing with oppression in society. As a mission of Presbyterian Church USA, the program seeks to change the structures which perpetuate poverty, oppression, and injustice.

Annual Spring Clean and Work Day is April 28



Each Spring the Trustees set aside a Saturday to work on the church and grounds. A list of the tasks for completion this year is on pages 7 and 8.

Trustee President, George Justice asks all to “Please check this list of tasks which we need to tackle during the week or on the *Work Saturday*. Choose any which fit your schedule or talents. We need ‘all hands on deck’ to clear as many as we can off the list. Thanks to everyone for pitching in and helping!!!!” Write your name on the list on front doors of the church. When you complete the task mark the list.

Condit Blood Drive

Friday, April 13, the American Red Cross will be at Condit to collect blood from 1 to 6. Our goal is 20 pints. Call Polly, 740-965-3582, to make your appointment to donate.



**7 p.m. Saturday
April 28**

in
Condit

**Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
15102 Hartford Road**

**Cards and Fellowship
Public Welcome!**

Family

By Rev. Annie Melick

We are planning a wedding. After Jessica's bridal shower a few weeks ago, she told Christy, "This was the best thing ever. So many people I love all in one room." At the wedding there will be even more people she loves in the same room together. Lyle and I will welcome a new son into our family. What a blessed time this is for our family!

Recently I spent a week in Florida with my oldest brother. David was recovering after 41 days in the hospital. My brother Greg had spent two weeks with him during the worst part of his hospital stay. My cousin Mary Jean spent a week with him when he first got home from the hospital. Now it was my turn to help him transition from 24/7 care to independence. We even celebrated his birthday while I was there. I don't think I've been with David for either of our birthdays since he was 19 and I was 13. A week with just my brother may never happen again, but it was a precious time. What a gift it was for both of us!

Both of these experiences with family, a wedding and time caring for a brother, have me thinking a lot about family these days. We generally don't choose them; they are a gift to us. Sometimes we deeply love and enjoy family members, and sometimes relationships are difficult. Sometimes we have to limit our contact with someone who is toxic to us. All of our families have problems, but most of our families bring joy.

So it is with our Condit family. Every Sunday morning is like a family reunion, and we are invited by God to be there. Nobody is left out; the whole family and all our friends are invited. We don't always choose our church family, but it is a gift to us. Some of our sisters and brothers in Christ are easy to love and some are difficult. We go through times of trouble, and we experience great joy together. When our family members need us, we go.

What is your role in the Condit family? Do you function like the older brother or sister? Do you feel like a distant cousin who doesn't quite fit in? Are you *that* brother or sister who never seems to be around when help is needed, and never pitches in to buy a gift for Dad? I assume that if we think about it, each of us could see where we could contribute more to the family. Each of us has things to forgive so certain relationships aren't strained any more. Each of us can find younger brothers and sisters to encourage along the way. Let's ask God to show us how to be brothers and sisters in Christ to one another.

I pray God's richest blessings for each of you, my brothers and sisters.

Come to a Barn Painting in June

Mission and Outreach Committee is sponsoring a barn painting for a Condit couple who are no longer able to paint their own barn. Condit Youth Group with Allison Skinner and many adults will gather at the church on Saturday, June 2, and walk to the neighbors to paint their barn. Owners of the barn will provide the paint and pizza for lunch. "I am confident we will finish the barn that day," Sheila Micholes told the press. Should it rain the painting will be moved to June 23. Sign up sheet will go on the church door at the end of April.



Rev. Annie Melick



3 Sam Files	10 Cheryl Caudill
5 Elizabeth Files	Doug Kerns
Randy Longshore	13 Larry Strouse
7 Christine Jones	Teresa Sparks
George Justice	14 Heather Day
9 Annie Melick	17 Jane Cockrell
Homer Wilson	20 Chase Ruhl
	20 Gee Fuller, jr.
	23 Sarah Shick
	29 Jeremy Sparks



Worship at 10 a.m.



April 1 Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 behind the Church.
7:30 Easter Breakfast served by the Special Events Committee in the Fellowship Hall.

Easter Worship and Communion: Rev. Annie Melick
Liturgist: Jennifer Shick. Acolyte: Hannah or Josh Shick.
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:
Communion Servers: Ken Bartlett, Sheila Micholes, John Whitney.
Ushers and Greeters: Doug and Karen Kerns, Sheila Micholes.

April 8 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick
Liturgist: Ken Bartlett. Acolyte: Jason Skeen,
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:
Ushers and Greeters: George Justice, Kathy Kees, Jeff and Beverly Marshall.

April 15 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick
Liturgist: Porter Welch. Acolyte: Sam or Nathan Kirby.
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:
Ushers and Greeters: Trisha Gilbert, Allison Skinner, Samuel and Nathan Kirby.

April 22 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick
Liturgist: George Justice. Acolyte: Audri Agnew.
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:
Ushers and Greeters: Jackie Covert, Christy Krinn, Carmie Joseph and Sheila Micholes.

April 29 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick
Liturgist: John Whitney. Acolyte: Megan Gilbert
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:
Ushers and Greeters: Kaitlin White, Teresa Gorsuch, Ken and Doreen Bartlett.

FLOWERS by SHEILA MICHOLES.

EASTER LILIES by TERESA GORSUCH.



Please Remember in Your Prayers

Peggy and Max Sheets, Abby Marshall, Children being tested at school, Joe Cox. Also remember Wayne and Carol Weiss while he is in rehab at CountryView.

Many Thanks to all the Condit Folks for the food and luncheon, the cards, flowers and prayers extended to me and our families at the time of Bob's death. You made a rough time smoother.

Thanks,
Polly Horn



Getting to Know You

Jim and Jane Lahmon

by Jenny Kavage



Mary Jane Szakas, the coal miner's daughter, and Jim Lahmon, the farmer's son, met on a double date in Columbus in the early 1960's. Jane, granddaughter of Hungarian immigrants, grew up in Congo, Perry County, OH. The family farm was on the hill above the entrance to the coal mine where her dad worked and across the valley from the two-room school house she and her five siblings attended. In between was the company store which included the mine's administrative office. Impressed by the pretty, well-dressed bookkeeper in that office, Jane told her parents she wanted an office job when she grew up.

Jim grew up on a farm in the Fredonia area near Granville, the third born of a family of 16 children - some whole brothers and sisters, some step and some half. When his parents divorced he hid so he wouldn't have to move to Columbus. What the Lahmon family raised on their farm was not only to feed themselves but to sell--milk, eggs, lots of corn and several kinds of beans and other garden vegetables. Jim recalls storing the harvested dried beans in the barn under the hay. Every Friday night a batch would be hauled out to shell for market the next day.

In 1955 the Congo coal mine closed. Purchased by Peabody Coal it became a strip-mine operation and the Szakas house was demolished. Jane's dad went to work at National Plumbing and after graduating from high school Jane worked at Essex Wire and Hazel Atlas Glass in Zanesville. In 1961 she moved to Columbus and began a 45-year career at Nationwide Insurance.

After high school Jim joined the military and was involved in two historic events as a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne stationed at Fort Campbell, KY. He recalls one night spent with his parachute strapped to his back sitting on a plane ready to take off and bomb missile installations during the Cuban missile crisis. He also spent several weeks helping maintain order at the University of Mississippi campus when James Meredith, the first African-American student, was admitted.

Jim was on leave when his sister-in-law who worked with Jane arranged a double-date. In 1963, they married. After his discharge he worked at Western Electric where he took computer classes at night. Then he worked in construction and home remodeling before ending his work career with six years in security at Nationwide.

At Nationwide Jane took classes and progressed through various departments of the company to end her Nationwide career with 17 years as secretary and then assistant to Nationwide's president and CEO. Those years included construction of Nationwide Arena and the new COSI - "a very stressful time," she says.

The Lahmons moved to the Sunbury area in 1977 and were introduced to Condit Presbyterian by their neighbor Diana Frost who took their daughter Julie to Vacation Bible School. Now Julie and her husband Jack work at Nationwide. Their son Brian is a State Trooper and daughter Emily, a high school senior, helps with Condit's VBS.

With a twinkle in her eye and a ready smile, Jane has worked wherever the church has needed her including Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, treasurer of Friendly Club, Smorgasbord organizer and trustee. She was

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women will meet at 11 Wednesday, April 18, in the Condit Fellowship Hall to stuff toy animals for Children’s Hospital. At noon they will break to eat their sack lunches which they brought to the meeting. A member of the group will furnish dessert.

After lunch the circle will discuss the next chapter of “Knowing God’s Word” for their Bible Study led by Mariann Counts.

All women are invited to attend.



Condit Kids
K-6 Graders

**WILL NOT MEET
IN APRIL**



**WILL MEET
FROM 5 to 7
APRIL 15.**

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the Perry County *Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow* award winner in her high school days and still enjoys baking - especially pies. She also enjoys, crocheting, sewing, euchre with other Nationwide retirees, yardwork in the summer and country music. She feels she has been richly blessed with life itself, many friends and their huge extended family that gets together on a frequent basis.

Jim has pitched in wherever he could. He served as a church trustee until after three lung surgeries he found himself too short of breath to shovel snow off the walks on Sunday. He is still able to provide fire wood for their wood-stove heated home and has accumulated 6,000 games of Freecell Solitaire on the home computer.



Drawing for Jane at Retirement

From the Stewardship Committee

Why I give

By Darlene Ross

In the beginning of attending here at Condit I gave because that is what you do when you attend church....when the plate is passed you place your donation in.

As I began to take stock into my regular presence in Condit, my view of giving began to change.

Once I was on Session and regularly sat thru the monthly meetings to actually see the financial function of a church my idea of giving and the reason for it CHANGED. At that point I realized that this building called Condit Presbyterian Church was an extension of my own family.....this too had become my home, my solace. Inside these doors were more of my family...family who had different levels of Christian belief, different experiences and upbringing within the Christian faith.

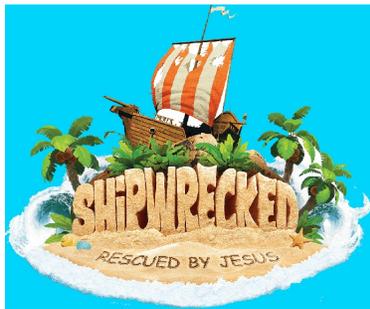
These people were the same people who cared for me when there have been deaths in my family, when a rare blood disease hits you like a ton of bricks or you have a hip replacement. That family still here remained even when we weren’t sure what direction our church was going just a short time ago.

It was during that time that thoughts of joining our church with perhaps another church also hit me like a ton of bricks. Suddenly the saying “you don’t know what you had until it’s gone” brought a new meaning to me.

I thought about what would happen if we the family of Condit Presbyterian Church were no longer together or the place we gathered was not the walls of this building...it was at this moment I realized that I must be faithful not only in my worship of my God but in my dedicated giving to the level that I can truly afford and not assume that others will make up for me or what other excuse that myself or any of us could use.....so when I was asked to speak about why I givethis is why.....I want MY church, MY family, this building to be here for a long time to come.

Darlene Ross

Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendar for VBS at Condit! This year it will be from 9:00 to 11:30 Monday through Friday, June 18-22, at Condit Presbyterian Church. “Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!” is the theme and should provide lots of fun for for 4 year olds through 5th graders as they learn more about Jesus.

Pam Sheets is leading the program and can use adults to help make the program come alive.

Knives, Forks & Spoons Looking for Good Homes

Over the years, people donated silverware to Condit Presbyterian Church to be used at dinners, the annual Smorgasbord and other church functions. When the ladies recently cleaned and sorted things in the kitchen, it was decided all of the table service did not need to be kept.

Congregation Care Committee is making the extra utensils available to the congregation for a donation. It is available before and after Worship. “You may choose whatever you need,” commented Sheila Micholes. She was happy to note some will be going to Scout Camp this summer.

Condit has Paid the 2018 Per Capita

Per capita is the way we financially support our connectedness as congregations, maintain our theological identity and further the mission of the church in our communities and around the world. The 2018 per capita is \$33 per member. This \$33 is made up of: \$22.02 goes to Presbytery, \$7.73 goes to General Assembly of PC(USA) and \$3.25 goes to Synod of the Covenant. You may give yours to Treasurer Ken Bartlett.

Condit's New Facebook Page



Alex Sheets has started a new facebook page for Condit. This is a regular facebook site open to everyone and not just the Condit Church family. (The existing facebook presence is a closed group.)

Last year, Alex put information about the car show and ice cream social on his own facebook page so everyone could see it. This year he hopes to add to the attendance by broadcasting to a larger audience.

Use this link www.facebook.com/ConditChurch/ Let Polly Horn, Communications Chair, know what you think of the change.

Condit Food and Fun Wednesday Meals

On April 11 and April 25 our Care and Outreach Committees will provide casual home-cooked meals from 5-8pm at the church. These intergenerational events are for everyone – families, elderly, church members, and community friends. There will be some board games and cards available if anyone wants to stick around to play after they eat. It will be “casual and come when you can.” You can come anytime between 5 and 8pm. If Session approved, we plan to offer Food and Fun Meals the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.. You may see some old Condit Smorgasbord recipes occasionally! If you have requests for a favorite type of food or recipe to be served, talk to Doreen Bartlett, our cook.

Errors to Make You Chuckle. . . .

These sentences (read carefully) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.



General Maintenance and Spring Clean-Up List



Scheduled Ending Work Day: Saturday, April 28, 2018

Overall & Outside:

- Clean, power wash, sanitize patio
- Blow debris out, clean searles marquee sign
- Power wash siding, outside church, including gutters, esp. Portico spouting
- Seal and repair, straighten gutter on lower front ne roof
- Power wash manse
- Reorganize manse garage and furnace room
- Re-set patio wall (*big project eventually*)
- Ballfield structures (straighten fencing, *esp. Neighboring- stanley's*)
- Check outside lights (mike mucci)
- Repair electric to back security pole and receptacle (mucci)
- Repair manse front porch floor
- Water tight door in basement kitchen stairwell

Sanctuary:

- Audio system to complement video screens (*Georgie, Lyle, Adam, Molly*)

Bell Tower & Attics:

- Clean bell tower windows, storms of bee carcasses, bat guano (masks)
- Check/change bell tower light bulbs
- Find light switch for patio lights northwest corner of patio (northeast of church)
- Check bell for rust and corrosion, possibly paint
- Check bell pull rope & assembly
- Re-organize, sweep, clean main attic (guano/wear masks)
- Repaint, or re-side, bell tower exterior

Painting/Staining/Refinishing: (Most Outside Waiting for Warmer Weather)

Need to Bring: Paints, stains, brushes, tarps/covers, ladders, rollers/handles

- Replace plastic on peace poles and varnish benches
- Organize concession stand (replace roof shingles where needed)
- Paint walls, woodwork in upstairs hallways, narthex, Sunday School rooms
- Check and repair storeroom (near stairwell basement door) for water damage
- Paint portico roof of Hartford entry
- Paint Hartford entry front doors, kickplates

Yardwork: (Bring own tools)

- Clean and tidy flower beds
- Mulch, paving stones under outdoor Searles Marquee Sign
- Trim trees & shrubs, esp. around patio
- Rake stones from lawn, pickup tree limbs and sticks (*Welch*)
- Rake and level parking areas (*Mucci, Donnie Justice, Rosses &/or Chip*)
- Re-spreading and adding stone (*Kevin Justice*)
- Check equipment, level and add mulch in children's playground
- Plant new annuals
- Propane tank (level soil and plant grass seed where needed)

Yard Work: continued

- Remove volunteer scrub trees/shrubs (check Manse driveway)
- Clean up parking lot area
- Spray parking area for weeds (*Jim Irwin*)

Inside Cleaning: A Need to Bring Supplies, Tools Needed: Bathroom cleaners, rags, sponges, Liquid Gold, Glass Cleaner, 409, wall cleaning sponges, wall erasers, Simple Green, Soft Scrub, rubber gloves, buckets, large garbage bags, brooms, dust pans, handheld vacs, extra vacuums, shelf lining for kitchen, ladders, tool kits.

- Bathrooms (major cleaning, polishing)
- Dust/de-bug sanctuary and all light fixtures
- Vacuum registers and duct work (*Karen K*)
- Church pews (scrub, Liquid Gold, vacuum pads) & organize info (*Molly B, Polly, Donna*)
- Wipe down walls (including hallways)
- Wall hangings (wipe down, straighten)
- Sanitize switches, switch plates and door handles
- Wash all windows, storms & blinds/curtains
- Sanitize and organize nursery, Sunday School rooms (*Molly B*)
- Clean, organize choir room
- Clean, organize choir loft
- Clean, organize library
- Schematics/inventory items for kitchen
- Clean, organize basement hallway outside kitchen (remove clutter, tables)
- Mop and clean basement floor (*Lynette W.*)
- Clean (repair where needed) Fellowship Hall chairs, tables, high chairs
- Junk old copy machine
- Move file cabinets to mechanical room for paper supplies storage
- Organize storage, shelving in mechanical room
- Move luminaries to attic storage w/other Christmas items

General Maintenance: Need to bring: Need batteries, bulbs, oil, grease:

- Service AC units for spring/summer
- Change furnace filters
- Reset and program thermostats (check batteries) for summer months
- Oil door hinges
- Check pew braces/ supports for looseness, repair pews where needed
- Replace Bug Zapper roll (1-800-Dead Bug)
- Service automatic door openers (batteries)
- Check smoke alarms (batteries)
- Clocks in sanctuary, library, Sr. High SS Room, basement (batteries)
- Exit light (bulbs and batteries)
- Remove insulation/clean kitchen exhaust fan
- Turn on water to kitchen (outside wall) sink
- Pastor Study (check clock, modern batteries)
- Carpeting (check for wear, snags, bubbles, etc.) (*Karen K*)
- All outside lights (replace burned bulbs, clean fixtures)
- Snake, Jet/Scope septic line for roots, pump tank (septic contractors)
- Fire extinguishers - re-tag yearly (*JGW*)

Sign your name on lists on Church Door

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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1 7:00 Sunrise Service 7:30 Breakfast 10 a.m. Worship 11 Easter Egg Hunt	2	3 6:00 Fitness 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel	4	5	6	7
8 * 10 Worship with Communion	9	10 6:00 Fitness 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel	11	12 7:00 Session and Trustees	13 1-6 Blood Drive	14
15 * 10 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 5-7 Youth Group	16	17 6:00 Fitness 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel	18 11:00 Presbyterian Women	19	20 Deadline for May Newsletter	21
22 * 10 Worship	23	24 6:00 Fitness 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel	25 11:30 Lunch Bunch at PJs	26	27	28 7:00 Euchre in the Fellowship Hall
29 * 10 Worship	30	* ALL SUNDAYS EXCEPT THE FIRST thru May 9:00 Teen Sunday School 10 Worship 10:15 Primary and Intermediate Sunday School				



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