



Condit Courier

September 2018

Christian Education Committee

Sunday School Classes Begin September 9

Primary and Intermediate Classes

Classes for everyone from P-K through adults will meet on the second through fifth Sunday mornings of the month throughout the school year.

Primary Class (ages P-K through 3rd graders) under the leadership of Molly Blevins and Darlene Ross and Intermediate Class (4th through 6th graders) with Pam Sheets as teacher, will leave Worship following the Children's Message and go to separate Sunday School Rooms. Both classes will be studying "The Bible in a Year."

Substitute Leaders are Teresa Gorsuch, Ken Bartlett and Kaitlyn White. (Continues on Page 4)

Worship and Music Committee . . .

Potluck to Follow Outdoor Service Sunday, September 30

Condit's Annual Outdoor Worship Service and potluck will be at 10 a.m. September 30 at Pine Lake on the farm of Beverly, Jeff, and Joe Marshall at 2266 N. County Road 605. Dress is casual.

Bring a lawn chair and side dishes or desserts to share. Hotdogs, beverages and paper products will be provided. There will be opportunities to fish in the pond, pet farm animals, play lawn games or just enjoy Condit fellowship.



Tractors, Cars, Trucks, Bikes August 25

Auto Show and Ice Cream Social took in \$1941.62 and spent \$1202.74 but not all bills have been turned in as of press time for the newsletter. Lots of new faces attended in spite of the threatening rain. All seemed to enjoy the afternoon.

Beginning September 16. . . .

Learning to Follow Jesus

A Discipleship Bible Study for adults will begin Sunday, September 16 at 6 p.m. Rev. Annie will lead this group. It will be a 9-month journey of learning to follow Christ. There will be a Bible Study lesson at each monthly meeting.

The group will be encouraged to develop a balanced life of both quiet time with God and an outward focus on loving others. There will be a few social events and mission projects planned by the group throughout the year. Please sign up in the narthex for the group so books can be ordered. If some of you would like to be in this type of group, but would need another time to meet, please let Rev. Annie know so she can consider having another group.



Grilled Sandwiches, Ice Cream and More

Why Do We Do What We Do The Way We Do It?

by Rev. Annie Melick

Way back at the beginning of 2018, church leaders (primarily Session and Trustees) began a process of discovering WHY Condit exists (using the book *Find Your Why*, by Simon Sinek). The hope was that eventually this understanding would give us a kind of filter to evaluate what we do and how we do it. The *Why Statement* we came up with is this:

***TO WELCOME AND INSPIRE SO THAT ALL ARE LOVED
AND SUPPORTED IN CHRIST.***



Rev. Annie Melick

First, at a Sunday afternoon retreat last winter, I led the leaders through this process:

1. A teaching about the Golden Circle.
2. We divided into teams, and each team member would tell stories about when they felt most proud to be involved at Condit.
3. Using some of the stories, we identified what specific contribution Condit made to the lives of others in each instance. We used this phrase to help: *In this story we showed up and we _____ed.* The words we identified were: loved, supported, welcomed, and inspired.
4. We identified the difference Condit made, or what impact we had in the lives of others.
5. From that, we drafted the *Why Statement*: TO WELCOME AND INSPIRE SO THAT ALL ARE LOVED AND SUPPORTED IN CHRIST.

Next, over the following months, at our Session and Trustees meetings, we took the *Why Statement* and then identified *How* we do things at Condit, and *What* we do to accomplish each. Here are some of the *Hows* and *Whats* we came up with:

How	What
We love others with Christ-like love.	Barn Painting Mission Project, Food and Fun, Blood Drive, BWFWS
We generously support and prayerfully encourage others who are in need.	Prayer Chain, BWFWS, Anointing
We accept, welcome, offer hospitality, and include all.	Food and Fun, Euchre, Facebook
We teach and empower others to grow spiritually.	Youth, Kids, Discipleship Groups
We tell inspirational stories that witness to God's love.	Newsletter Getting to Know You articles, Testimonies

The process was encouraging and challenging at the same time. We are encouraged by stories of Condit impacting peoples' lives. We are challenged to sharpen our focus so that we can continue to improve in welcoming and inspiring people so that all are loved in Christ.

A Season of Focusing on Peace *Peace at all times and in all ways.* - 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Along with churches worldwide in our denomination, we will have a focus on peace during the month of September, and will take our special offering for peace and global witness on October 7. Each week in September, we will have a *Minute for Mission* to learn about peacekeeping missions.



Worship at 10 a.m.



- September 2 Worship and Communion: Rev. Annie Melick, “Every Good Gift,” James 1:17-27.
Liturgist: George Justice. Acolyte:
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:
Communion Servers: Sheila Micholes, Darlene Ross, Kathy Kees, Chip Welch.
Ushers and Greeters: Mary Jo Wilson, Carmie Joseph, Trish and Megan Gilbert.

- September 9 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “Without Good Works, Faith is Dead.,” James 2:1-17.
Liturgist: John Whitney. Acolyte: Megan Gilbert.
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:
Ushers and Greeters: Donna Mucci, Allison Gilbert, Nathan and Samuel Kirby.

- September 16 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “The Power to Bless and Curse,” James 3:1-12.
Liturgist: Ken Bartlett. Acolyte: Megan Gilbert.
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:
Ushers and Greeters: George Justice and Kathy Kees, Bill and Tera Gorsuch.

- September 23 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “Wisdom from Above,” James 3:13-4:8.
Liturgist: Jennifer Shick. Acolyte:
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:
Ushers and Greeters: Sheila Micholes, Molly Blevins, Chip and Abby Welch.

- September 30 Outdoor Worship at Pine Lake on the Marshall Farm: Rev. Annie Melick, “Faithful Prayer -
Healing and Forgiveness,” James 5:13-20.
Liturgist: Grant Bartlett. Acolyte:
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:
Ushers and Greeters: Allison Skinner, Nathan and Samuel Kirby, and Polly Horn.
Potluck following Worship at the Marshalls

SEPTEMBER FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY MOLLY BLEVINS AND ABBY WELCH.



Remember in Your Prayers

Wayne and Carol Weiss,
Max and Peggy Sheets,
Doreen Bartlett,
Joe Cox, Sue Milem, and
Sue Overturf.



Blend Your Notes
To Sing God’s Praise
join Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir Practice

7:30 Wednesday Evenings

For more information

Call Adam Garner, 740-739-0002

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Confirmation Class

Youth Sunday School meets on Sundays at 9am in the youth room, beginning September 9. This group includes youth from grades 7-12. This year Rev. Annie and Grant Bartlett will teach the class. We will work through the confirmation curriculum. The youth who complete the course will have the option of seeking membership at Condit next spring if they choose. We hope to celebrate their Confirmation at our Easter Sunday service in 2019.

Every youth at Condit is strongly encouraged to participate regularly. Confirmation Class teaches the basics of our faith and beliefs, helps youth to experience what it means to be Presbyterian, and encourages them to discover their place to serve at Condit. When students must miss a week, they will be given the materials to work on at home.

The students will also participate in the confirmation track at a wonderful retreat planned by our Presbytery from February 22-24 at Camp Akita in Logan, Ohio. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Annie.

Adult Sunday School Class

Adult Class under the leadership of Connie Jacob will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Library.

There will be no Sunday School Classes on December 23 or 30.



Youth and Young Adults To Meet September 9

Youth and Young Adults will meet Sunday, September 9, from 5-7 p.m. This group is for young people in grades 7 through college age.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women will hold their first meeting at 11:00 on Wednesday, September 19, in the Fellowship Hall.

Women will stuff animals for Children's Hospital the first hour, then adjourn for their sack lunches (dessert is provided).

Following lunch, this month's lesson is Chapter 8 of "Knowing God's Word."

All women are invited to attend.



Booathon, a 2, 3, or 5 K Walk starts at 1:00 in the Shelter behind General Rosecrans Elementary on 301 South Miller Drive and will end at the new home of Big Walnut Friends Who Share in the lower level of Sunbury United Methodist Church at 100 W. Cherry Street. Walkers, who are encouraged to wear costumes, may sign up online where they copy the sponsor sheet at www.bigwalnutfriendswhoshare.org or pick up a form at Condit church. Sponsors donate money to BWFWS through the walkers. The money goes to stock shelves with goods that help Big Walnut residents.

Celebration from 1 to 4, is an Open House with food, games, entertainment and tours of the new BWFWS facility. Enter through the lower level parking lot of the Sunbury United Methodist Church.



SEPTEMBER 5
Austin and Trisha Gilbert



2nd Condit Auto Show Winners

Ten tractors, two bikes and twenty one cars and trucks entered the 2nd Annual Condit Auto Show August 25th.

Rev. Annie Melick picked the 1931 Ford Coupe owned by Gilbert Rose as the Pastor's Pick.



B.S.T. & G. Fire Chief Christopher Kovach, Sunbury's Mayor Tommy Hatfield, and Condit's Harold Ramsey choosing winners.

Oldest Tractor: 1937 Farmall F-20 (Larry Lane), Oldest Automobile: 1929 Ford (Robert Brown), Best in Show bike: Harley Davidson Freewheeler (Diane Stevens), Best in Show truck: 1973 F-250 (Brad Pickworth), Best in Show tuner: 2013 Shelby (Mick and Pam Sheets), Best in Show muscle: Chevy Nova (Larry Evans), Best in Show foreign: Infiniti (Alex Sheets), Best in Show tractor: Super H (Larry Lane), Best in Show beater: 1964 Ford Galaxy 500 (Ralph Boss), and Best in Show car: 1929 Ford (Robert Brown).



Chip Welch, co-chair of Auto Show

Thanks

Thanks to local businesses and individuals, there were nice prizes for the Auto Show Raffle.

Big Walnut Grill donated a \$25 Gift Card, Duluth Trading Company and Grant Bartlett donated a \$50 Gift Card, JEGS and Lyle Melick donated a \$100 Gift Certificate, Mick Sheets donated a Reds' Hat, Molly's Flowers gave a \$20 Gift Card, Pat Monroe gave an OSU Bleacher Seat, Rattlesnake Ridge Golf Course donated 3 gifts each consisting of a hat and 3 boxes of golf balls,



Alex Sheets, Auto Show Chair, Abby Welch drawing raffle winners and Pam Sheets, registration table

Slo - Motion Motorsports donated a card for 10% off a repair job, Sunbury Advance Auto Parts gave a bucket of washing supplies, Sunbury NAPA and Washington Auto gave a bucket of washing supplies, and Tanger Outlet Mall gave a \$50 Gift Card, a Vera Bradley coin purse, mug and goodie bag.

Holly Highman donated 2 O.S.U. football tickets which were auctioned off and purchased by Pat Monroe.

Hunter Pennington won the 50-50 drawing.

Many heartfelt thanks to all the families and individuals who spent the afternoon enjoying the vehicles and helped Condit Presbyterian Church raise funds.



Adam Garner, on keyboard, Marv Monroe, harmonica and singing.

Getting to Know You

Doug and Karen Kerns Family

by Jenny Kavage

When Doug and Karen Kerns moved to Sunbury in the early 1970s they joined the Presbyterian Church as had generations of Kerns since the 1600s in Scotland. For more than 40 years they have given their time and talents to and received support from the Condit congregation.

Karen remembers with gratitude Dick Fisher bringing diapers by snowmobile for daughter Jacqui during the blizzard of 1978 and prayers from Friendly Club members during times of family crisis. Condit Church is just like a family, they say, people who are there if needed.



Karen and Doug Kerns

Karen grew up on a family farm complex near Bellefontaine where she helped with the milking and showed dairy cows. During high school she also worked for Montgomery Ward where she learned bookkeeping. Immediately after graduation she moved to Columbus and got an accounting job with Battelle. Her responsibility was Building Nine, all men; no women. While at Battelle she took courses in accounting and human services at The Ohio State University. Later she would work for Anomatic Corporation where she helped move the headquarters from Illinois to Westerville.

Doug, meanwhile, was growing up in Piqua - a town boy. "I grew up, more or less, on a golf course," he says. At OSU he majored in Personnel and Industrial Management. He was in ROTC and following graduation in 1966 went into the Army, stationed at Fort Hood, TX. At one point he had orders for Vietnam but they were revoked. He met Karen at the first party he went to when he returned to Columbus. They were married in October 1970.

Doug's career started at Midwestern VW Corp. as a wholesale distributor for Ohio and Kentucky. His desire was to be a salesman with eyeball to eyeball contact with his clients. He came to know Milt Outcalt, a property and casualty insurance agent and, in time, they formed the Outcalt/Kerns Insurance Co. providing a broad range of insurance to both individuals and corporations.

Karen always wanted a horse so the first Christmas after they married Doug gave her one. Another Christmas he gave her complete golf attire. She commented that he wanted her to do his sport but what about her interests? Just a few weeks later on her birthday Doug outfitted both of them for skiing. They enjoy both sports to this day.

When Jacqui was six months old she had a seizure and was diagnosed with mild cerebral palsy. Medical personnel mismarked the syringe for her seizure medication and the overdose seriously effected her condition. At age four there was a brain infection and another when she was eight. Never able to talk, she has been in a wheelchair ever since.

Delaware County had an early intervention program for the developmentally disabled and Karen got involved. From 1987-93 she was Executive Director for the Delaware County Association for Retarded Citizens. With her programming and fund-raising (always supported by Condit), ARC built eight apartments and two group homes. Then she became self-employed as a consultant advocate for the Delaware County disabled population.

Jacqui, Karen says, is a basically happy person. She likes to travel and has her favorite TV shows. To her parents' surprise, she really enjoyed the pre-election debates of 2016. Thanks **(Continue on the Next Page)**

Kathy Kees Gives Last Instructions



Condit Presbyterian Church

Photos by Lenny Lepola

(Kerns Family Continued from Page 6)

to a “wonderful helper,” who’s been with them for 20 years, Karen and Doug have been able to do things they wouldn’t otherwise. In recent years they have especially enjoyed their vacation home in South Carolina. Son Ben is a graduate of Big Walnut High School where he was on the tennis team. At Ohio University he majored in economics and after graduation joined his dad at Outcalt/Kerns. When the secretary died in 2003 Karen joined the O/C team to handle secretarial duties, accounting, payroll and taxes.

Doug has served a couple of terms on the Condit Board of Trustees and at least three terms as an elder, which he expects to do again. “In a small church,” he notes, “everyone has to do something.” He emphasizes the need to actively attract new members “with outreach 24-7.”

Karen enjoys getting together with former Friendly Club members once a month for lunch at Dairy Queen. They call themselves the Chatterboxes. And she enjoys the church worship services.

“I think the church music program is really up there,” Karen says. “Church gives me music and JOY.”



At the Ice Cream Social

Doug and Ben grilling in the rain while Sheila Micholes checks the number of brats to be grilled.

MANY THANKS

“Many thanks to all of you who helped to make the Ice Cream Social a fun time for all,” noted Sheila Micholes who chaired the Ice Cream Social.



SEPTEMBER

- 5 Sue Overturf
- 7 Abby Welch
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- 21 Teresa Gorsuch
- Rick Ross
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- 30 Austin Gilbert



Condit Presbyterian Church is invited to the wedding of Adam Garner and Caitlyn Tullose on October 13 in St. John's United Church of Christ in Newark

Caitlyn and Adam **by Caitlyn Mary Tullose**

“Looking back on how Adam and I met, it’s incredible we started dating in the first place. We barely had intentions to become friends, let alone a lasting relationship, but here we are now planning a wedding and eagerly awaiting to marry our best friend and other half.

“We first met in the summer of 2010 when our churches decided to collaborate on a mission trip in Pipestem, West Virginia. Our group was sent out to fix two of the local residents’ houses that were falling apart, and Adam and I ended up assigned to the same house. Now, if you think two sweaty and stinky high schoolers working together to clean grease off a ceiling in the-middle-of-nowhere Appalachia is a recipe of romance, you may be right, but we somehow did not pick up on that. We would casually play cards together, but that was the extent of our relationship, and once the trip ended, we never spoke to each other again.

“Well, that last sentence is a lie, but another six months went by before we resumed any conversation. A friend of his added me on Facebook, and being worried he was someone on the mission trip I had forgotten about, or maybe a creepy stranger, I messaged Adam to find out (he turned out to be a nice guy, but no one from the trip, so I declined). Not wanting to appear rude, Adam and I went on to make small talk and catch up on our lives post mission trip. It’s certainly possible our relationship is based on the fact neither one of us know how to end a conversation, but that incident turned out to be the start of a soon-to-be wonderful relationship.

“We continued our long running conversation as close friends, and once Adam, being a high school senior, had to decide who he wanted to take to prom, he told me the choice was always obvious. He took me, in case that wasn’t obvious. We had an absolutely marvelous time dancing the night away, and it was after that night when we started to think maybe we should be more than friends. However, just remember we were still awkward teenagers, so it took an entire year of mixed signals and fear of rejection until we started dating, but Adam was the brave one and finally asked me to be his girlfriend on Memorial Day in 2012.

“We happily dated for over 4.5 years, each year celebrating that we could add another number to the total. On December 21st, 2016, Adam decided it was time to restart our counting and proposed in Blacklick Metro Park. Since then, we have been counting down the days until October 13th, 2018, when we can finally say ‘I do’ and start counting towards the best years of our lives.” Thanks for the insight, Caitlyn.

Darlene Ross is chairing a Wedding Shower for the couple following the potluck at the Outdoor Worship at the Marshall Farm on Sunday, September 30. Registry information (as well as pictures and the story above) can be found at:

<https://www.theknot.com/us/caitlyn-tullose-and-adam-garner-oct-2018-c6aa6abe-c581-415a-991a-32880ef3bef5#the-wedding>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		<h1>September 2018</h1>					
<p>* Sunday School Classes 9:00 a.m. Grades 7 through 12 Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Pre-K-6 following Children's Message during Worship</p>						<p>1 World Day of Prayer for Creation</p>	
<p>2 10:00 Worship & Communion</p>					<p>6 6:00 Fitness Club 7 p.m. Worship & Music</p>		
<p>9* 10 Worship 5-7 Youth Group & Young Adults</p>							
<p>16* 10 Worship Bible Study 6-7:30 see page</p>							
<p>23* 10 Worship</p>							
<p>30** 10 Outdoor Worship at Marshall's Pine Lake</p>	<p>** OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT PINE LAKE on the MARSHALL FARM 2266 N. County Road 605 10 a.m. Sunday, September 30 POTLUCK Following Worship FISHING FARM ANIMALS FELLOWSHIP Wedding Shower for Caitlyn Tulloss and Adam Garner</p>						



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