



# Condit Courier

February 2019

## Winter Storm Changes Plans to February

Activities originally set for January 20<sup>th</sup> were cancelled when our Trustees watched the temperature drop to turn rain into ice then cover it with snow. **Many thanks to all the Trustees for taking care of our property and parish.**

## Leadership Retreat for Session and Trustees

On February 17, after the Valentine's Dinner, church leadership will stay for their annual retreat. This year the officers are reading the book [Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory](#) by Tod Bolsinger. They will have discussion throughout the year based on the book. If anyone would like to attend the retreat that is not an officer, you are welcome. Please tell Rev. Annie if you would like to come.

## Walking to Jerusalem

Worship and Music Committee is sponsoring a walk to Jerusalem throughout Lent. Teresa Gorsuch figured it is 6073 miles from Condit to Jerusalem. 2,000 steps equals a mile. Thus the voyage will take 12,146,000 steps.

Step Tally Slips are available at Church or on page 7 in this newsletter. Keep track of your steps on a smart phone or other pedometer device, record your weekly total on a tally slip and bring it to church. Each week the slips will be tallied and stickers added to the map. Let's make Jerusalem by Easter.

*February 17<sup>th</sup> During Worship . . . .*

## Installation of Church Officers

At the December Congregational meeting, Doug Kerns, Jeff Marshall and Sheila Micholes were elected Elders for the Class of 2021. Allison Skinner and Grant Bartlett were elected Trustees in the Class of 2021, and Jaden Jacob will serve as Youth Elder 2019. These officers will be installed during Worship on February 17<sup>th</sup>

*February 17<sup>th</sup> After Worship . . . .*

## Congregational Meeting Set to Elect Treasurer, Get Committee Reports

Each year, members of the church meet to discuss the business of the church. Both Elders and Trustees will have year-end reports to share with members. The Treasurer for 2019 will also be elected and the Budget for 2019 presented.

The meeting will be held immediately following Worship on Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

*February 17<sup>th</sup> After Congregational Meeting . . . .*



## Condit Valentine's Pasta Dinner

On Sunday, February 17 after the church, go to the Fellowship Hall for a home-cooked pasta dinner. Everyone is invited!

## Bell Choir

All those interested in playing bells for the Easter season should attend the first session at 6:30 Wednesday, February 20.



# Preparing

By Rev. Annie Melick

Next week I'm having surgery on my right foot. I'm trying to anticipate what I will need in order to function as well as possible afterward. I'm trying to **prepare** for something with a lot of unknowns.

We face the same challenge as disciples of Jesus, and as a church! We can anticipate some details about the future, but most of the time we just have to trudge forward and see what we find. We **prepare** for the future, even though there are plenty of unknowns.

One of the ways I encourage you to **prepare** as a church member and disciple of Jesus Christ is to participate in the activities we are planning for Lent this year. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Lent is 6 weeks of **preparation** and anticipation for Easter.

Toward the end of February, we will offer a book for you to purchase (\$ help available if needed) that we will read as a congregation during Lent. The book is called *The Journey to Jerusalem; A Story of Jesus' Last Days* by John Pritchard. (It's available on Amazon for \$12 or kindle version for \$8.80.) It has a short reading for each day, and some weekly discussion questions to do in a group.

During Lent we will also have a physical challenge with the journey theme. You'll be encouraged to bring your "steps count" for each week or comparable count of other exercise you do and we will combine all of our "steps" to try to cover the distance from Sunbury to Jerusalem.

As we **prepare** for Lent, let's also pray! I encourage you to pray for all the folks and situations on our prayer list. Pray for church leaders who are planning worship and activities for us, who are making decisions, and who care for our congregation and others.

## Presbytery of Scioto Valley Youth Retreat

The annual youth retreat at Camp Akita will be February 22-24. Please turn in registration forms ASAP to Rev. Annie.

The retreat includes a Confirmation Class track that our Confirmation kids will be taking. The theme is *Lift Every Voice* and the keynote speaker is Rob Jackson, a pastor from North Carolina who has helped plan youth events at Montreat.

Please pray for our youth who are attending the retreat, as this could be a powerful and formational experience for them.



*Rev. Annie Melick*



## VALENTINE PARTY

Condit Kids will meet Sunday, February 3 from 4-5 p.m. for a Valentine's Party.

There will be stories, games, and craft.

If any parents (or anyone else!) would like to help plan the party, please contact Rev. Annie.



# Worship at 10 a.m.



## Life for the Children of God - Epiphany

- February 3     Worship and Communion: Rev. Rebecca Tollefson “We Will Speak Out,” I Cor. 13:2, Luke 4:21-30.  
Liturgist: Pam Sheets. Acolyte:  
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov.     Special Music: Chancel Choir.  
Communion Servers: Alex Sheets, Darlene Ross, Chip Welch, Sheila Micholes, John Whitney.  
Ushers and Greeters: Chip Welch, Molly Blevins, George Justice and Kathy Kees.
  
- February 10    Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “We’ll Share With All,” Isaiah 6:8, Luke 5:1-11.  
Liturgist: Porter Welch. Acolyte:  
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov.     Special Music: Chancel Choir.  
Ushers and Greeters: Katlin White, Allison Skinner, Nathan and Samuel Kirby.
  
- February 17    Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “We Will Be Full,” Luke 6:17-26.  
Liturgist: Ali MARKley. Acolyte:.  
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov.     Special Music: Chancel Choir.  
Ushers and Greeters: Sheets Family, Mick, Pam, Emily and Alex.
  
- February 24    Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “We Will Love,” Luke 6:27-38.  
Liturgist: John Whitney. Acolyte:  
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov.     Special Music: Chancel Choir.  
Ushers and Greeters: Jeff and Beverly Marshall, Sheila Micholes and Polly Horn.

Flowers for February provided by Mike and Carmie Joseph.



*Remember in Your Prayers . . . .*

Rev. Annie and Family,  
Sheets Family, Joe Cox,  
Sue Overturf, Sue Milem



**Condit Music Department**  
Adam Garner, Music Director

### **BEFORE DRIVING IN BAD WEATHER . . . .**

In case of bad weather, please check your email, Condit website at [www.ConditChurch.org](http://www.ConditChurch.org) or Condit facebook to be sure the Condit event is still scheduled. If in doubt, stay home and stay safe..

### **Bell Choir**

**6:30 p.m. First and Third Wednesdays  
beginning February 20**

### **Chancel Choir**

**7:30 p.m. Wednesdays**

*Getting to Know You . . . .*

# Mike and Donna Mucci

by Jenny Kavage

Like most of these Condit family sketches, conversation at Donna and Mike Mucci's Hartford Road home happened at the kitchen table. Dozens of birds flocked to the feeders outside the window and a couple of kitties came for some petting. The snow-covered field, now farmed by Donna's brother, once belonged to her grandfather George Justice and his wife Rebecca Fisher, a Quaker from Wilmington. Donna's father Donivan Justice married Dorothy Saunders who lived on the farm just across the road. No matter which way they turn, Mike and Donna are surrounded by family.

Donna grew up on Hartford Road and in Condit Presbyterian Church. With only one year difference in age, she and Teresa Cockrell (now Gorsuch) have been in church activities together all their lives. After graduation from Big Walnut High School Donna went to work at The Ohio State University's College of Agriculture. In a few years she moved to the Ohio Consumers Counsel.



*Donna and Mike Mucci*

Meanwhile Mike was growing up in Grandview Heights where his neighbors introduced him to the Catholic Church and to horses. He owned a couple of horses, the first being half Tennessee Walker and half American Saddlebred. He took a week off school to show in the Delaware County Fair and "that horse was so smooth I won every egg and spoon contest - walk, trot and canter," he says.

The next horse was a Quarter Horse he got while working for veterinarian Dr. Jennifer Preston. Mike went to Ohio State in the Pre-Vet program. Money became an issue and he dropped out but he did get his Veterinary Tech license and went to farrier school. He did construction work in Delaware with Kenny Drake, did electrical work at OSU for three years, started at the Ohio Patrol Academy but hurt his foot and had to give that up. Since 1992 he has been an electrical contractor. When States Electric became available he bought it and has a maintenance contract with the medical center at Ohio State. You won't find him or his employees climbing poles. All his work is commercial and interior.

The wife of a man Mike worked with happened to work with Donna and she kept inviting the two of them to dinner. They were married at Condit Church in 1984. Donna's grandfather Justice left them the Hartford Road property when he died and for the last 30 years they have lived just down the road from the Church.

The Mucci children, Nick and Laura, grew up participating in Condit. Nick has a music degree from Capital University and has played his guitar for church upon occasion. He is currently in Akron working on a law degree and a master's in business. Laura went to college in Florida where she earned degrees in accounting and criminology.

Mike immediately became the go-to man when electrical work was needed at Condit. He rewired the basement when it was remodeled, has served as a trustee and 12 years as an elder. Donna has volunteered in the nursery, helped with Vacation Bible School and the blood drives. She bakes the bread for communion and is a Condit Shepherd. She and Laura are editing the 2019 Condit Church Directory. (Continue on page 5)



# Condit Kids

Condit Kids at the make-believe beach in the Fellowship Hall in January

## (Mucci s Continued from page 4)

Now retired from the State of Ohio, Donna enjoys spending her spare time reading and walking. Mike works from home and, besides filling the bird feeders, he likes to spend his spare time in his woodworking shop or doing car repair and metal work. He says he just likes tools. He is on the Trenton Township Board of Zoning Appeals and in several electrical worker associations.

For Donna and Mike, Condit Church is family. They eat with church friends on a regular basis and have vacationed with Teresa and Bill Gorsuch. Donna finds Condit very accepting and is proud that the Presbyterian Church is open to everyone.

Happy Valentine's Day



February 14



## February

- 10 Trish Gilbert
- 17 Helen Gilbert
- 21 Alex Sheets
- 26 Rachel Buxton



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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# February 2019



<b>*Events for Sunday February 17:</b> Sunday School as usual 10:00 Worship with Installation of Elders and Trustees 11:00 Congregational Meeting to elect Treasurer and get Annual Reports 11:15 Valentine Annual Luncheon in Fellowship Hall 12:15 Session and Trustees Annual Leadership Retreat					1	2
<b>3</b> <b>9:30 Choir</b> 10 a.m. <b>Worship &amp; Communion</b>  4-5 Condit Kids	4	<b>5</b>  <b>6:00 FITNESS CLUB</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>7:30 Choir</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>6:00 FITNESS CLUB</b>	8	9
<b>10*</b> <b>9:30 Choir</b> 10 a.m. <b>Worship</b>	11	<b>12</b>  <b>6:00 FITNESS CLUB</b>	<b>13</b> <b>5:30-7:30 Food &amp; Fun</b>  <b>7:30 Choir</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>6:00 FITNESS CLUB</b>  <b>No Session &amp; Trustees</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>1-6 Condit Blood Drive</b>	16
<b>17 * *</b> <b>9:30 Choir</b> 10 a.m. <b>Worship</b> <b>See Events for the Day in Box above</b>	18	<b>19</b>  <b>6:00 FITNESS CLUB</b>  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>20</b> No Presbyterian Women MEETING  <b>6:30 Bell Choir</b> <b>7:30 Choir</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>6:00 FITNESS CLUB</b>	22	<b>23</b>  <b>EUCHRE 7:00 in Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>24 *</b> <b>9:30 Choir</b> 10 a.m. <b>Worship</b>	25	<b>26</b>  <b>6:00 FITNESS CLUB</b>	<b>27</b> 11:30 Lunch Bunch at PJ's  <b>5:30-7:30 Food &amp; Fun</b> <b>7:30 Choir</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>6:00 FITNESS CLUB</b>	<b>* Sunday School:</b> <b>9:00 Confirmation Class for Youths</b> <b>10:15 Following Children's Message in Worship</b>	

Cut the boxes below to record your Steps. Turn in at Condit.

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**Food & Fun**

**5-7:30 Wednesdays**  
**February 13 & 27**

Stop in for Homemade Food  
any time between 5 and 7:30 p.m.

Stay for games or cards  
or fellowship.



**ALL AGES WELCOME!**  
Need not be a member of the church

**Condit Presbyterian  
Church Fellowship Hall**  
**15102 Hartford Road**  
**Sunbury, Ohio**

740-965-2911 [www.ConditChurch.org](http://www.ConditChurch.org)

**Have You  
Corrected  
Your Data  
for the  
2019  
Condit  
Church  
Directory?**

Correct in the Narthax or  
talk with Donna or Laura  
Mucci or Polly Horn



**7 p.m. Saturday**  
**February 23**

in  
**Condit**

**Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall**  
**15102 Hartford Road**

**Cards and Fellowship**  
**Public Welcome!**



## Condit Presbyterian Church

15102 Hartford Road  
 Sunbury, OH 43074-9725  
<http://www.conditchurch.org>  
**Pastor: Rev. Annie Melick**

<b>SESSION</b>	
<b>Class of 2021</b>	
Doug Kerns.....	614-216-0964
Jeff Marshall.....	740-816-4676
Sheila Micholes.....	740-965-4394
<b>Class of 2020</b>	
Darlene Ross.....	740-965-3482
Sue Overturf.....	614-563-2570
Polly Horn, Clerk.....	740-965-3582
<b>Class of 2019</b>	
Alex Sheets.....	937-903-0939
Chip Welch.....	614-774-0390
Mick Sheets.....	937-765-7697
<b>Youth Elder Class of 2019</b>	
Jaden Jacob.....	614-674-1511
<b>Church Pastor</b>	
Rev. Annie Melick.....	440-308-7664
Condit Presbyterian Church.....	740-965-2911
<b>Music Director</b>	
Adam Garner.....	740-739-0002
<b>Church Treasurer</b>	
Ken Bartlett.....	740-965-1569
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	
Darlene Ross.....	740-965-3482
<b>Christian Education</b>	
Grant Bartlett.....	614-915-9698

<b>TRUSTEES</b>	
<b>Class of 2021</b>	
Allison Skinner.....	614-214-5813
Grant Bartlett.....	614-915-9698
<b>Class of 2020</b>	
Molly Blevins.....	740-225-2640
<b>Class of 2019</b>	
George Justice.....	740-965-9668
John Whitney.....	(w)740-965-8130
<b>Sunday School and Bible School</b>	
Pam Sheets.....	937-902-4779
<b>Nursery Care</b>	
Molly Blevins (Nursery).....	740-225-2640
<b>Special Events</b>	
Alex Sheets, co-chair.....	937-903-0939
Chip Welch, co-chair.....	614-774-0390
<b>Ushers/Greeters/Flowers</b>	
Sheila Micholes.....	740-965-4394
<b>Acolytes</b>	
Bill and Teresa Gorsuch.....	740-965-3742
<b>Church Directory</b>	
Donna and Laura Mucci.....	740-965-5798
<b>Custodian</b>	
Lynette Waldo.....	614-562-7769
<b>Newsletter &amp; Website</b>	
Polly Horn.....	740-965-3582