



# Condit Courier

May 2019



*Rev. Melick hears Sam's vows before his sponsors, Mick and Pam Sheets*

## Sam Kirby Joins Condit

On Easter morning, Samuel Allen Kirby was confirmed as a member of Condit Presbyterian Church. Sam is currently a sophomore in Big Walnut High School. Next year he will attend Delaware Career Center to study bioscience.

Sam has completed the Confirmation Classes, been active in Youth Group, and represented Condit at the Presbytery Youth Retreat at Camp Akita in February.

Music, movies and video games are favorite pastimes. He is learning to play both electric and acoustic guitar.

Sam is the son of Allison Skinner and Phil Kirby.

## Auto Show and Ice Cream Social Is August 10

## Time to Refill the Pantry for Big Walnut Friends Who Share

Each year the community churches and other friends divide up the list of foods needed for Big Walnut Friends Who Share to provide for our residents in need of food. Without school meals, families need more food supplies in the summer months.

To keep the Narthex from overflowing, Condit's BWFWS coordinator Kathy Kees suggests one food item per week. The list of items is on page 6.

## More Volunteers Needed To Assist with VBS

Vacation Bible School is a wonderful experience for school age children. It provides Bible lessons in music, crafts, science and wholesome recreation. This requires many adults to make it happen.

Pam Sheets is the leader for the program which is designed to inspire and build self confidence in children as they progress through the VBS week at Condit. If you can help, call Pam at 937-902-4779.



# Waking and Stretching

Rev. Annie Melick

As the weather breaks in Ohio, I feel my soul lifted each year. The sun shines more, flowers poke through the dirt, and the birds sing. It's as if the world is waking up and getting ready to stretch, take those first steps, and then dance! God's creation is glorious, and even more striking because it awakes from the dark cold days of winter.

Our church calendar takes us through the same experience. During Lent we think about repentance: turning from the ways that are not of God. We think about Jesus' sacrifice. Then Easter explodes into our sanctuaries and our lives, and we think of resurrection. We celebrate new life. This is a time to celebrate our freedom in Christ! This poem by Walter Brueggemann expresses this resurrection awakening into freedom:



***Rev. Annie Melick***

*We Will Not Keep Silent* by Walter Brueggemann

We are people who must sing you,  
for the sake of our very lives.  
You are a God who must be sung by us,  
for the sake of your majesty and honor.  
And so we thank you,  
for lyrics that push us past our reasons,  
for melodies that break open our givens,  
for cadences that locate us home,  
beyond all our safe places,  
for tones and tunes that open our lives beyond control  
and our futures beyond despair.  
We thank you for the long parade of mothers and fathers  
who have sung you deep and true;  
We thank you for the good company  
of artists, poets, musicians, cantors, and instruments  
that sing for us and with us, toward you.  
We are witnesses to your mercy and splendor;  
We will not keep silent...ever again. Amen.

(Brueggemann, Walter. 2003. *Awakened to Heaven, Rooted in Earth; Prayers of Walter Brueggemann*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press. p. 133)

## Welcome Bags to Greet New Neighbors, Introduce Them to Condit

Our Outreach Committee is preparing Welcome Bags to take to new neighbors in Trenton Township.

In addition to information on the church and the church activities, Condit members may include information about their businesses. If you have business card or other info for the bags, get it to Sheila Micholes who hopes to deliver 10 bags a month. There are openings on the Outreach Committee if you would like to help with this project.

*Food & Fun is open to all 5-7:30 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall.*



# Worship at 10 a.m.



## The Cup of Freedom

*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.  
(Romans 10:13)*

- May 5      Worship and Communion: Rev. Annie Melick. “Freedom to Follow,” John 21:1-19.  
Liturgist: Pam Sheets. Acolyte:  
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music: “After Darkness, Light”  
Communion Servers: Jeff Marshall, Darlene Ross, John Whitney, Sheila Micholes.  
Ushers and Greeters: Chip Welch, Allison Skinner, Samuel and Nathan Kirby.
  
- May 12     Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “Freedom to Rise Again,” Acts 9:36-43.  
Liturgist: Porter Welch. Acolyte:  
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:  
Ushers and Greeters: Carmie Joseph, Alex Sheets, Mike and Donna Mucci.
  
- May 19     Worship: Rev. Kim, “Freedom to Love,” John 13:31-35.  
Liturgist: John Whitney. Acolyte:  
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:  
Ushers and Greeters: Chip Welch, Molly Blevins, Jeff and Beverly Marshall.
  
- May 26     Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “Freedom to Heal,” John 5:1-9.  
Liturgist: Isaia Jacob. Acolyte:  
Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:  
Ushers and Greeters: Jackie Covert, Lynda O’Quinn, Sheila Micholes and Polly Horn.

**Flowers for May provided by Jeff and Beverly Marshall.**



*Remember in Your  
Prayers . . . .*

Peggy Sheets, Joe Cox,  
Sue Overturf, Sue Milem.



**Condit Music Department**

**Adam Garner, Music Director**

*Consider Joining the Choir this Summer*

**May 5  
Mike and Donna  
Mucci**



**May 26  
Larry and Jayne  
Strouse**

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



*Getting to Know You . . . .*

# Sasha Neverov

by Jenny Kavage

Condit worshippers have only until the end of May to enjoy the artistry of Sasha Neverov at the piano. Her last Sunday with us will be May 26. She leaves May 30 for New York City and the next step on her musical journey.

That journey began in 1991 when her father, a performance violinist, immigrated with his parents and six siblings to the United States from the city of Tashkent, capital of the Republic of Uzbekistan, formerly part of the USSR. The next year a young medical student he had met in a Tashkent church immigrated to become his wife.

## *Pianist, Sasha Neverov*

The Neverovs settled in Sacramento where Sasha and the first of her three brothers were born. Five years later they moved to Delaware County and have lived near the village of Cheshire ever since. Sasha is a graduate of Olentangy High School - “the original one,” she emphasizes. Her favorite pizza comes from the Cheshire Market and she is an avid hockey fan.

Her father studied to be a dental technician upon his arrival in the US and now owns a lab supplying crowns, surgical implants and bridges to dentists throughout Central Ohio. Sasha’s mother recently went back to school to become a nurse. She works at Grant Hospital.

Sasha began piano lessons when she was five-years-old, taking two lessons a week that first year. Growing up, her father would play a classical version of “Name That Tune” with her as they rode in the car - name that work, that composer, the time period it was written, the instruments playing? She started participating in piano competitions at an early age, winning the New Albany Young Artists Concerto competition when she was 15, was a finalist in the world piano competition in Cincinnati, and won the All-Ohio Buckeye competition her senior year in high school. She has performed in Italy and Puerto Rico.

While a music student at Otterbein University she responded to an email asking if she would like to try out for pianist at Condit Church. She remembers well auditioning for Pastor Annie Melick, Bonnie Caudill and Jayne Strouse.

“The first day I met Sasha, I was amazed by her artistry and skill at the piano,” Pastor Annie relates. “Since then, I’m drawn to her quirky, generous, sweet way of approaching life. Some of my favorite moments with Sasha are when I’ve found her sitting cross-legged on the piano bench while playing, hearing a beautiful piece and realizing she was only playing with one hand, and attending her senior recital at Otterbein.”

Sasha graduated from Otterbein last spring with a bachelor’s degree in piano performance. Since then, in addition to playing piano at Condit, she’s been employed as an accompanist for Otterbein, working at two Westerville restaurants and teaching 20 piano students.

Sasha’s desire is to “heal people, to make them happy” so she thought of going into medicine but her mother reminded her that music also heals. She goes to New York hoping to get into one of its **(Continue on page 6)**

# Registration Form

(One Per Child)

## Condit Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School

9-11:30 a.m.  
JUNE 17-21, 2019



Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/caregiver's cell phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to use photos in the church, in newsletter and on the website: yes \_\_\_\_\_ or no \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return Completed Form to:** Condit Presbyterian Church  
15102 Hartford Road  
Sunbury, Ohio 43074

**Questions: Call Pam Sheets, 937-902-4779**

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(Sasha from page 4) famous music schools. She would love to perform internationally as she continues to increase her musical knowledge. When she's 50 or 60 she wants to impart that knowledge and her love of music to students as a college professor.

"When I came to Condit Church I wasn't expecting such a welcoming environment," she says. "Annie has been a mentor to me, an amazing example of living life happily. I am a family person so I will be coming home to visit and will visit Condit."

Do that, Sasha, and keep us posted.



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Will Meet May 15**



- |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 10 Kathy Longshore | 20 Polly Horn      |
| 11 Adam Garner     | 26 Rebecca Bergman |
| 12 Sheila Micholes | Todd Jacob         |
| 15 Hannah Shick    | 27 Joe Krinn       |
| 16 Peggy Sheets    | 29 Ryann White     |
| 17 Noah Agnew      | 30 Jim Lahmon      |
| Sue Milem          |                    |

Toys for Children's Hospital are worked on beginning at 10 a.m. followed by a break to eat the lunches they brought with them (dessert is provided). Following lunch, Marianne Counts will lead the Bible discussion. All women are welcome to come.



**Women from the Area Churches Gather to Discuss Common Concerns and To Pray**

They will meet at 11:00 Friday, May 10, at St. John Neumann's Church. Galena Methodist Church has the program for the day.

## Condit Blood Drive Passes Goal

Twenty-five donors came to the blood drive on April 19. Twenty-three pints were collected to help save 69 lives. This is 3 pints beyond goal.

Jane Lahmon and the canteen crew of Donna Mucci, and Kathy Kees, had sandwiches, veggies and cookies for the donors. It is wonderful to see these strangers sit, talk and become friends at Condit. One donor who is finally free from cancer, returned after a clean bill of health and stated after giving, "I now feel whole again. I've missed this."

Condit's Next Blood Drive is 1-6 Friday, June 14. To sign up to donate or to help call Polly at 740-965-3582.

**Big Walnut Friends**

**Who Share  
STOCK THE FOOD PANTRY**

**Sunday, May 19**  
**Pasta (not spaghetti)**  
**Canned Spaghetti Sauce**

**Sunday, May 26**  
**Cereal**

**Sunday, June 2**  
**Peanut Butter**  
**Jelly**

**Sunday, June 9**  
**Pancake Mix**  
**Syrup**

**Put items in containers  
in Condit Narthex**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h1 style="text-align: center;">May 2019</h1> 						
<p>* 9:30 Youth Sunday School 10:15 Sunday School for children PK-5</p> <p><b>Think Ahead -Newsletter Deadline is May 14</b></p>			<p>1</p>  <p>7:30 Choir</p>	2	3	4
<p>5</p> <p>10 a.m. Worship &amp; Communion</p> <p>5-6 Condit Kids</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 Fitness Club</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5-8 Food &amp; Fun</p> <p>7:30 Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30 Fitness Club</p> <p>7 p.m. Session &amp; Trustees</p>	10	11
<p>12 *</p> <p>10 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	13	<p>14</p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b></p> <p>6:00 Fitness Club</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:00 Presbyterian Women</p> <p>7:30 Choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00 Fitness Club</p> <p>7:00 Christian Ed Committee</p>	17	18
<p>19 *</p> <p>10 Worship</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>6:00 Fitness Club</p>	<p>22 11:30 Lunch Bunch at PJ's</p> <p>5-8 Food &amp; Fun</p> <p>7:30 Choir</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00 Fitness Club</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>7 p.m. Community Euchre</p>
<p>26 *</p> <p>10 Worship</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>Memorial Day</b></p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00 Fitness Club</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:30 Choir</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00 Fitness Club</p>	 <p><b>Condit Kids</b></p> <p>PK to Grade 5 5-6 Sunday, May 5 will plant flowers</p>	



## Condit Presbyterian Church

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Molly Blevins.....	740-225-2640
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