



Condit Courier

December 2018

Congregational Meeting To Elect Church Officers

All members of Condit Presbyterian Church are encouraged to attend a brief Congregational Meeting to elect Elders and Trustees for 2019. The meeting will be held immediately following Worship on Sunday, December 2nd.

Nominating Committee is presenting a slate consisting of Doug Kerns, Jeff Marshall and Sheila Micholes running for Elders in the Class of 2021, Allison Skinner and Grant Bartlett for Trustees in the Class of 2021, and Jaden Jacob as Youth Elder 2019. Additional nominations may be added from the floor at the meeting. There is an unfilled Trustee position in the Class of 2020.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting but only members may vote.



Cookies and Helpers Needed

Worship and Music Committee is asking for home baked cookies for the Condit Christmas Program. If you can donate a batch, please let Teresa Gorsuch know. Cookies need to be in the church by 5 p.m. on December 9th.

The committee can also use helpers in setting up before the program. Check with the Committee to see where your skills can be used.

Discipleship Group

Pam Sheets will host a lunch meeting for all of the Discipleship Group in her home December 2nd.

Christmas 2018

Condit Christmas

December 9 at 6:30 p.m.

A highlight of the year at Condit is Condit Christmas! Join us for an evening of music, drama, and treats.

Rehearsal for the Christmas pageant is Saturday, December 8 at 10 a.m. then again on Sunday, December 9th during Sunday School time. Anyone who wants to participate (all ages!) should just show up Saturday morning.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24 at 7 p.m.

Join us and bring friends and family for this beautiful celebration of Christ's birth. Traditional carols and Scriptures are presented in a peaceful setting with candelabras in the sanctuary and luminaries outside. The service will conclude with our traditional singing of *Silent Night* as we each hold our candle to light the room.

Visit the Columbus Zoo Lights

Condit Congregational Care Committee is planning an outing to see the Columbus Zoo Lights. If interested, buy your tickets at Kroger or at the Zoo Gate then meet at the Zoo Gate at 4:30 on Saturday, December 15. Stroll through the display with your Condit friends. Questions, check with Sheila Micholes.

Adopt a Grandparent

Molly Blevins received Session's permission to collect donations to purchase lotion and socks or gloves for the permanent residents of CountryView. To donate to this program, put cash in an envelope labeled "Grandparent Mission" or a check with Grandparent Mission in the memo line and place in the collection plate at Worship. Donations need to be in by December 16.

All Is Calm, All Is Bright; Imagining Mary

by Rev. Annie Melick

I fell asleep for a little bit. The cold woke me, so I'm just sitting here staring at my baby. He's so beautiful. He's so perfect. I wonder how long I could just watch him sleep. It's as if nothing else in the world matters. This tiny miracle changes everything for me. From now on, my life is dedicated to him. I will set aside my personal needs and desires to provide for him. I will be better for him. There's a lot that I don't understand, but now that he's here, I feel a peace that is indescribable. All is calm.

This is a new beginning for me, for Joseph, for our people. I guess it's a new beginning for the world! Wow! How could one tiny being light things up like this? The stars are shining, glittering, glowing in the night. It's as if all of creation knows and is staying awake to celebrate. All is bright!

Jesus is my calm. Jesus brings my bright light.



Rev. Annie Melick

Learning About Advent



Condit Kids Make Advent Wreaths

On November 18, boys and girls met for a lesson about Advent and the countdown until Christmas. They decorated and assembled their own Advent Wreaths to share with their families during the weeks before Christmas.



They will light their own candles at home as the church advent wreath is lighted at church.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Jane Cockrell is hosting a luncheon for Presbyterian Women at her home at noon on Wednesday, December 16. Following the luncheon, Mariann Counts will lead a discussion on "The Scarlet Thread" in lieu of discussing the book they have been studying.



**7 p.m. Monthly
on Last Saturday
Cards and Fellowship
Public Welcome!**

This is the last Presbyterian Women meeting of the year.

Happy December Birthday

- 1 Holly Fuller
- 8 Chris Ruh
- 13 Megan Gilbert
- 19 Pat Monroe
- 20 Bill Kavage
- 21 Jim Irwin
- 25 Alma Jones
- 28 Kate Skeen
- 29 Ann Lafyatis-Schuler
Kaitlin White

Happy Anniversary

- 17 Jeff and Terrie Groseclose





Worship at 10 a.m.



200th Anniversary of “Silent Night”

- December 2 Worship and Communion: Rev. Annie Melick, “Sleep in Peace,” Isaiah 2:1-4, 9:2-7
Liturgist: Porter Welch. Acolyte: Abby Welch. Accompanist: Sasha Neverov.
Communion Servers: Sheila Micholes, Darlene Ross, Doug Kerns and Polly Horn.
Ushers and Greeters: Mick and Pam Sheets, Bob and Marianne Westbrook.
- December 9 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “Glories Stream – Joy,” Psalm 86:9-11, Luke 2:8-20.
Liturgist: John Whitney. Acolyte: Abby Welch. Accompanist: Sasha Neverov.
Ushers and Greeters: Kaitlin White, Allison Skinner, Sam and Nathan Kirby.
- December 9 Condit Family Christmas Program at 6:30
- December 16 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “Redeeming Grace – Love,” John 1:1-18.
Liturgist: Ken Bartlett. Acolyte: Abby Welch. Accompanist: Sasha Neverov.
Ushers and Greeters: Lynda O’Quinn, Sheila Micholes, Jeff and Beverly Marshall.
- December 23 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “Let Us Sing – Hope,” Isaiah 9:6, Matthew 2:1-12.
Liturgist: Polly Horn. Acolyte: Abby Welch. Accompanist: Sasha Neverov.
Ushers and Greeters: Donna and Laura Mucci, Chip Welch and Molly Blevins.
- December 24 Christmas Eve Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “Calm and Bright,” Luke 2:1-20.
Liturgist: Porter Welch. Acolyte: Abby Welch. Accompanist: Sasha Neverov.
Ushers and Greeters: Sheila Micholes, Allison Skinner, Sam and Nathan Kirby.
- December 30 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “...Is Born” Revelation 21:1-6.
Liturgist: Doug Kerns. Acolyte: Abby Welch. Accompanist: Sasha Neverov.
Ushers and Greeters: Kathy Kees, George Justice, Isaia and Jaden Jacob.

FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER PROVIDED BY DOUG AND KAREN KERNS.



Remember in Your Prayers. . . .
 Weiss family (Wayne died November 25th after a lengthy illness),
 Sue Overturf, Sue Milem, Joe Cox,
 The Sheets Family, All the families
 who lost homes to the California fires.

Bell Choir
 6:30 p.m. First and Third Wednesdays
Chancel Choir
 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays

Food & Fun
 5-7:30 Wednesdays
 December 12 & 26
 Stop in for Homemade Food
 any time between 5 and 8 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

COMMUNITY
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 7 p.m. Saturday
 December 29
 in
 Condit
**Presbyterian Church
 Fellowship Hall**
 15102 Hartford Road
**Cards and Fellowship
 Public Welcome!**



“Silent Night” Carol

by Polly Horn

Franz Xaver Gruber

Franz Xaver Gruber was born November 1787 in the village of Hochburg-Ach, in Upper Austria, the son of linen weavers, Josef and Maria Gruber. Gruber worked as a weaver until the age of 18, then trained to become a school teacher. He completed his music education studying with the church organist Georg Hartdobler of Burghausen. In 1807 Gruber became a schoolteacher in Arnsdorf. He also became the church caretaker and organist. In 1808 he married a widow, Maria Elisabeth Fischinger Engelsberger. They had two children, both of whom died young.

In 1816 Gruber took on the additional responsibilities of organist and choirmaster at St. Nicholas Church in the neighboring village of Oberndorf.



Priest Joseph Mohr

Joseph Mohr was born in Salzburg on December 11, 1792, to an unmarried embroiderer, Anna Schoiberin, and Franz Mohr, a mercenary soldier and deserter, who abandoned

Joseph's mother before the birth. As the parents were unmarried, Joseph received the name of his father, according to custom.

Johann Hiernle, vicar and leader of music at Salzburg Cathedral, enabled Mohr to have an education and encouraged him in music. As a boy, Mohr would serve simultaneously as a singer and violinist in the choirs of the University Church and at the Benedictine monastery church of St. Peter. From 1808 to 1810, Mohr studied at the Benedictine monastery of Kremsmünster in the province of Upper Austria. He then returned to Salzburg to attend the Lyceum school. Since he was of illegitimate birth, in 1811 he got a special dispensation so he could enter seminary. On August 21, 1815, Mohr graduated and was ordained as a priest. He provided temporary help in the village of Ramsau.

Mohr served as assistant priest in Mariapfarr (his father's hometown) for two years. It was during this time, in 1816, that he penned the words to "Silent Night." Poor health forced him to return to Salzburg in the summer of 1817. After a short recuperation he began serving as an assistant priest at St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, where he made the acquaintance of Franz Gruber, schoolteacher in neighboring Arnsdorf.

On Christmas Eve in 1818, Mohr walked three kilometres (Sunbury to Galena) from his home in Oberndorf to visit his friend Franz Gruber in the Arnsdorf. Mohr brought with him the poem he had written two years earlier. He needed a carol for the Christmas Eve midnight Mass that was only a few hours away, and hoped his friend who served as the choir master - organist, could set his poem to music.

Gruber composed the melody for Mohr's "Stille Nacht" in just a few hours. The church organ was broken so Gruber produced the melody with guitar arrangement. The two men sang "Stille Nacht" at Christmas Mass in St. Nicholas Church while Mohr played guitar and the choir repeated the last two lines of each verse.

Soon arrangements of the carol appeared in churches in the Salzburg Archdiocese and folk singers from the Ziller Valley took the carol on tours around Europe.



Silent Night Chapel

St. Nicholas Church was damaged several times in the 1890s by flooding of the Salzach - especially by that of 1899, which destroyed a large part of the town and led to the conclusion that the whole of Oberndorf, including the parish church of St. Nicholas, needed to be rebuilt upstream. After the Silent Night Chapel was built in 1906, the old St. Nicholas Church was torn down in 1913.

Mohr ended up in an Alpine parish in Wagrain. Here he set up a fund to allow poor to attend school and set up a system of care for the elderly. Mohr died at 55.

(Information from Wikipedia and travel folders)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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December



<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>						<p>1</p> <p>4:00 Christmas-on-the-Square</p>
<p>2 9:30 Choir 10 Worship & Communion Congregational Meeting at 11 Discipleship Group Lunch</p>	3	<p>4</p> <p><i>6:00 Fitness Group</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p><i>6:00 Fitness Group</i> 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music Com.</p>	7	<p>8</p> <p>10 Christmas Program Rehearsal</p>
<p>9* 9:00 Program Rehearsal 9:30 Choir 10 Worship 6:30 Condit Christmas Program</p>	10	<p>11</p> <p><i>6:00 Fitness Group</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>5-7:30 Food & Fun 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>6:00 Fitness Group</i> 7:00 Session & Trustees at Rattlesnake Golf Club</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1-6 Condit Blood Drive</p>	<p>15</p> <p>4:30 Zoo Lights Stroll (see page 1 for details)</p>
<p>16* 9:30 Choir 10 Worship</p>	17	<p>18</p> <p><i>6:00 Fitness Group</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>Presbyterian Women at 12 for Lunch at Jane Cockrell's 6:30-Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE <i>6:00 Fitness Group</i></p>	21	22
<p>23* 9:30 Choir 10 Worship</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Merry Christmas</p>	<p>26</p> <p>11:30 - Lunch Bunch at PJs 5-7:30 Food & Fun 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p><i>6:00 Fitness Group</i></p>	28	<p>29</p> <p>7 p.m. Euchre in the Church Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>30* 10 Worship</p>	31	<p>December 2nd is the last day to order Poinsettias for the tree, and the last day to bring in Hats and Mittens for Big Walnut Friends Who Share.</p> <p>December 16 is last day to Adopt a Grandparent - see page 1</p>				



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Mick Sheets.....937-765-7697

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John Whitney.....(w)740-965-8130

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Ken Bartlett.....740-965-1569

Sunday School and Bible School

Pam Sheets.....937-902-4779

Nursery Care

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Special Events

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