



Condit Courier

January 2019

January 20th Following Worship

Congregational Meeting to Hear Annual Committee Reports, to Elect Treasurer

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, January 20th.

Calm and Bright Artwork

Pictured below are aspiring artists from the Condit congregation – Pam Sheets, Molly Blevins, Abigail Welch, Karen Kerns and Marianne Westbrook and her daughter as well as friends of the Condit congregation Amanda Cruse, Mary Cruse, *(Continue on page 2)*

Worship and Music Committee

Calling Decorators & Artistic Folks!

Our Worship and Music Committee would like to form a Decorating Team to help put together seasonal displays in the Sanctuary that will enhance our worship.

This will be more of working team, without a lot of meetings. If you are interested in being a part of the Decorating Team, either let Rev. Annie know, or come to our Worship and Music Committee meeting the first Thursday of the month at 7pm (January 3rd.) Our first project will be preparing for Lent and Easter.

Installation of 2019 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 January 20.





New Year, New Life

by Rev. Annie

Happy New Year! Happy New Life! Every year at Christmas we celebrate once again our new lives in Christ. Jesus, God the Son, was born in human flesh to show us how to live as children of God and to save us from the sin that separates us from God.

As we begin 2019, we will explore how to live anew as followers of Jesus.

My prayer and hope for each of you in 2019 is that you will experience God anew through his creation, his Word, and his people.

(Continue Calm and Bright from page 1)

Beth and Madison Beaulieu, Cindy Wuellner and Amanda Craley (Abigail's friend) at the end of a three hour session at Dennis Rano's Westerville studio on North Broadway in Westerville.

Organized by Karen Kerns, the women each paid \$35 which included all materials, an apron and step by step instructions by Dennis



Rano. With only a break for refreshments the women completed their paintings of "Calm and Bright." These paintings have graced the Condit Sanctuary throughout Advent adding to the ambience as Rev. Annie led Worship on the history and meaning of "Silent Night" celebrating its 200th anniversary.



COMMUNITY



**7 p.m. Saturday
January 26**

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

**Cards and Fellowship
Public Welcome!**

Soon these works of art will go with the artists to grace their homes.

Find Holidays Depressing?

Unfortunately the holidays may not always be bright and calm for everyone. Many are lonely, lack funds or are not well enough to find their path through maze of life this time of year. If you feel blue, call Rev. Annie at 404-308-7664.



Rev. Annie Melick

Condit's . . . **ADOPT-A-GRAND-PARENT MISSION**



Molly Blevins and her daughters Abby and Addie put bows on lotion and delivered it to permanent residents at Country View Nursing Home to spread joy!





Worship at 10 a.m.



Life for the Children of God - Epiphany

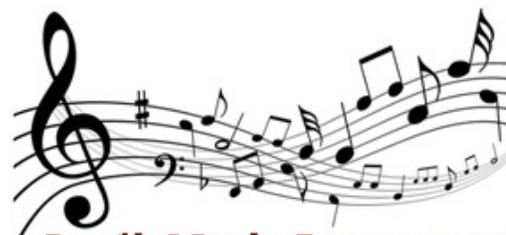
- January 6 Worship and Communion: Rev. Annie Melick, "Outsiders- Insiders (Epiphany)," Matt. 2:1-12.
 Liturgist: Isaia Jacob. Acolyte:
 Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:
 Communion Servers: Sheila Micholes, Darlene Ross, Chip Welch, Polly Horn, Mick Sheets.
 Ushers and Greeters: George Justice, Kathy Kees and Family.
- January 13 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, "We'll Plant the Seeds of Hope," Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.
 Liturgist: George Justice. Acolyte: .
 Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:
 Ushers and Greeters: Doug and Karen Kerns, Carmie Joseph and Trisha Gilbert.
- January 20 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, "We Will Never Forsake," John 2:1-11, Isaiah 62:4.
 Liturgist: Jennifer Shick. Acolyte: .
 Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:
 Ushers and Greeters: Mike and Donna Mucci, Chip Welch and Molly Blevins.
- January 27 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, "We Will Walk Together," 1 Cor. 12:18-19,26, Luke 4:14-21.
 Liturgist: Darlene Ross. Acolyte: .
 Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:
 Ushers and Greeters: Bob and Marianne Westbrook, Sheila Micholes and Polly Horn.

Flowers for January provided by Mick and Pam Sheets.

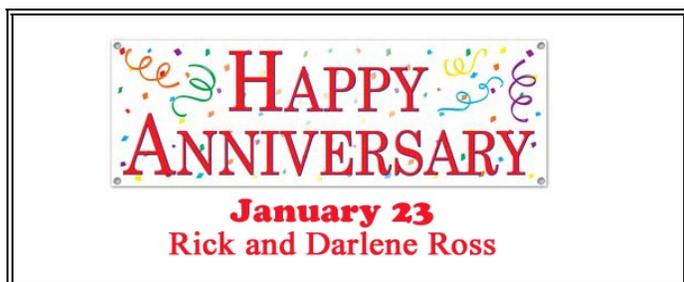


Remember in Your Prayers

Sue Overturf, Joe Cox,
Max Sheets family,
Jim Lahmon and
Sue Milem.



Condit Music Department
Adam Garner, Music Director



Chancel Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays
also
9:30 Sunday Mornings when
Choir Sings for Worship



Getting to Know You

Bill and Teresa Gorsuch

by Jennie Kavage

Teresa Cockrell and Bill Gorsuch grew up within a few miles of each other, both milking cows on the family farm. Teresa went to Big Walnut Schools and Bill was in the Johnstown School system.

As the oldest boy in his family, Bill got more than a taste of family farming - plowing, baling, combining - the works. He wasn't too enthused about agriculture but he did like fixing the trucks and machinery. When he was out of school, he took the mechanical direction. He and another man started a business working on vehicles and farm equipment. When they needed a larger place to work it was Teresa's father, Dean Cockrell, who gave them a space.

For months Bill worked at the Cockrells. Teresa thought he would never ask her out. Bill says he thought maybe she was married. Finally he took the fateful step. At the time Teresa was commuting to Ohio State studying to be a teacher. She completed her student teaching on June 8, 1978; on June 9 she graduated and on June 10 they were married by the Rev. Peter Crego in the sanctuary at Condit. Teresa credits her mother, Jane Cockrell, for all the wedding preparations.

Bill was going to the nearby Bethel Church when they met, while Teresa had grown up in Condit Church. For awhile they switched back and forth every Sunday. Eventually they opted for Condit. Over the years both have taught Sunday School, even a Montessori class for a while. Bill was Sunday School superintendent for years. He served as trustee when the basement was remodeled and the patio was built. Teresa helps with Vacation Bible School and is in charge of communion preparations. Bill helps her with that.

They try to care for the flower beds but Teresa says the weeds sometimes get ahead of her. Bill digs the holes for the children to plant flowers every spring. On the Worship and Music Committee, Teresa was in charge of Christmas decorating, and helped with the costumes for the children's Christmas program. Condit's Santa, she is sure, is the real Santa.

Sons Dean and Mike grew up in Condit Church. As part of earning their Eagle Scout awards, Dean planted the flower beds along the ramp in the back of the church and Mike made the benches that convert to picnic tables. It is family tradition to attend the Christmas Eve service at Condit and then go back to the family home on N. County Line Rd. to open Christmas presents.

Teresa has retired from her career as a teacher, mostly of second and third graders, in the Northridge school system. Bill continues to work at Washington Auto Parts, NAPA and Do It Best Hardware, in and out of the Sunbury area.

In their spare time, they aren't sitting around - unless it's on a bicycle. Bill has put in 3,000 miles on his bike this year while working six days a week. Teresa had 8,000 miles by Dec. 10. When they aren't biking they are hiking. Many days Teresa walks with her mother on the Meredith State trail near their homes and she has a group of friends she bikes with around the state and takes extended hikes. She's planning to hike in the Pisgah National Forest in North Carolina in June.

The Gorsuches have pulled themselves up by rocks and bushes to climb volcanos and biked down Haleakala on Maui. At least twice a year they go some place warm to scuba dive and proudly show pictures of them feeding sharks and sting rays. They take an annual cruise with church friends Mike and Donna Mucci and have parasailed with the Mucci children. Teresa is looking forward to the day Bill retires so they can have even more adventures.



Condit Christmas Program December Ninth

Editor's Note

Misunderstood Per Capita is one of the things which many fight against. It is a tax on each member of Presbyterian churches. Burns explains how it is not a penalty but an investment. Condit pays the per capita on each active member. *Polly Horn*

An Investment in the Future. . .

2019 Per Capita

by Christine Burns, Fredericktown Pastor

Per capita began in 1734 as a way to promote our connection to one another as a denomination. The new amount of just \$35.75 per member is not only a part of our history, but instead is a vital and substantial investment in our future.

The majority of each contribution, \$23.55, stays in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley to support every congregation in the presbytery. These funds not only pay our paid staff members, but are also used to fund mission grants, the work of our commissions to provide support to congregations, and to provide

pastoral support and transitions across our vast geographic area.

Your investment in the future includes education of new pastors and training for those seeking churches to serve from other presbyteries across the denomination. \$8.95 is forwarded to the General Assembly (GA) to promote our collective efforts toward the Great Ends of the Church and to continue to be a church that is reformed and always reforming to meet the future of humankind in every corner.

Through your support, mission work, disaster relief, and grants are all paid for. The final portion, \$3.25, goes to the Synod of the Covenant, which does the important work of preparing overtures for presentation to GA, as well as supplying funds for grants to congregations.

If we view the Church as God's mission in the world, each of us has the responsibility to love God through our love for one another. Each time you, or your congregation, choose to pay per capita, you are providing a bright future for congregations across the denomination. ~ C. Burns

Condit Since New Beginning

Look at the state of Condit since New Beginnings. Two other churches in the Presbytery had to close this year. We chose to hire a full time pastor, replace the furnaces and hire musicians. Yes, we had to dip into our savings in order to provide the quality we wanted. The result is our membership rose from 77 to 81.

Food & Fun

**5-7:30 Wednesdays
January 9 & 23**

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



- 2 Mike Joseph
- 8 Doreen Bartlett
- 12 Karen Kerns
- 16 Richard Day
- 19 Peyton White
- 26 Jeff Groseclose
- 27 Lyle Melick
- 28 Laura Mucci
- 30 Jane Markley
- 31 Jenny Kavage

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="font-size: 48px; margin: 0;">January 2019</h1> 						
<p>* ALL SUNDAYS EXCEPT FIRST 9:00 Youth Sunday School 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:15 P-K thru 6th Sunday School</p>						
<p>6 9:30 Choir 10 a.m. Worship with Communion 4-5 Condit Kids 6:00 Discipleship Group</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 6 p.m. Fitness Club</p>	<p>9 5-7 Food & Fun in Fellowship Hall 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>10 5:30 Fitness Club 7 p.m. Session and Trustees</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 9:30-3 P.I.E. Leadership Training at Hilliard Presbyterian Church</p>
<p>13* 9:30 Choir 10 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 6 p.m. Fitness Club</p>	<p>16 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>17 6 p.m. Fitness Club</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20* 9:30 Choir 10 a.m. Worship Installation of officers 11 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting 5-7 p.m. Youth & Young Adults Group</p>	<p>21 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER</p>	<p>22 6 p.m. Fitness Club</p>	<p>23 Lunch Bunch 11:30 at PJs 5-7 Food & Fun in Fellowship Hall 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>24 6 p.m. Fitness Club</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 7:00 Community Euchre Night</p>
<p>27* 9:30 Choir 10 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 6 p.m. Fitness Club</p>	<p>30 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>31 6 p.m. Fitness Club</p>	<p>Before driving to a church event in bad weather, check facebook, newsletter email or the website at www.ConditChurch.org</p>	

Time to Publish the 2019 Presbyterian Church Directory

Please check your 2018 Directory to be sure everything is correct. If you lost yours, please check the one in the Narthex. Check this box if your info is correct and you wish to be in the 2019 Directory.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

If you do not wish to be in the 2019 Directory, check this box.

If you checked either box above you do not have to complete this form. PLEASE give this top to Donna Mucci or Polly Horn.

If you did not check the box, note the changes in the form below and give the whole form to Donna or Polly.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Cell: _____ Home phone _____ Birthday _____

Email _____ Text _____ Anniversary _____

Spouse's Name _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Birthday _____

Child in Home: Name _____ Birthday _____

Cell: _____ Text: _____

Child in Home: Name _____ Birthday _____

Cell: _____ Text: _____

Repeat info for each Child. Add another sheet if necessary.

When complete give to Donna Mucci or Polly Horn. Questions: Call 740-965-3582

Early Registration Saves Money. . . .

Youth Retreat at Camp Akita

Presbytery's Annual Winter Youth Retreat will be held on February 22-24, at Camp Akita. This retreat offers fellowship, music and keynotes, along with small group Bible studies and a confirmation tract. The theme: "Lift Every Voice" will be explored through a wide variety of activities. The retreat keynote speaker will be Reverend Rob Jackson, pastor in Greensboro, North Carolina. Rob, formerly a pastor in Scioto Valley, was one of the creators of the popular winter retreats at Camp Akita.

Presbytery to Train Church Leaders January 12

Each year the Presbytery has a one day training program for officers and leaders in the churches. Partners in Education, known as P.I.E., is a good place for all new officers to get the background they need to be leaders in our church. Held from 9:30-3 in Hilliard Presbyterian Church at 3600 Leap Road, the day includes a speaker, workshops and lunch. Let Rev. Annie know if you wish to go.



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<http://www.conditchurch.org>

Pastor: Rev. Annie Melick

**SESSION
 Class of 2021**

Doug Kerns.....614-216-0964
 Jeff Marshall.....740-816-4676
 Sheila Micholes.....740-965-4394

Class of 2020

Darlene Ross.....740-965-3482
 Sue Overturf.....614-563-2570
 Polly Horn, Clerk.....740-965-3582

Class of 2019

Alex Sheets.....937-903-0939
 Chip Welch.....614-774-0390
 Mick Sheets.....937-765-7697

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Jaden Jacob.....614-674-1511

Church Pastor

Rev. Annie Melick.....440-308-7664
 Condit Presbyterian Church.....740-965-2911

Music Director

Adam Garner.....740-739-0002

Church Treasurer

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

Financial Secretary

Darlene Ross.....740-965-3482

Christian Education

Grant Bartlett.....614-915-9698

**TRUSTEES
 Class of 2021**

Allison Skinner.....614-214-5813
 Grant Bartlett.....614-915-9698

Class of 2020

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

Class of 2019

George Justice.....740-965-9668
 John Whitney.....(w)740-965-8130

Sunday School and Bible School

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

Nursery Care

Molly Blevins (Nursery).....740-225-2640

Special Events

Alex Sheets, co-chair.....937-903-0939
 Chip Welch, co-chair.....614-774-0390

Ushers/Greeters/Flowers

Sheila Micholes.....740-965-4394

Acolytes

Bill and Teresa Gorsuch.....740-965-3742

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Donna and Laura Mucci.....740-965-5798

Custodian

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