



Condit Courier

October 2020

Condit Worship during Covid

While Condit’s Elders know covid is still with us and growing in Delaware County, we also know Mother Nature will not slow down for the virus. Outdoor temperatures will make it too cold to sit outdoors, so beginning October 4th Worship will move into the sanctuary at Condit Presbyterian Church. It will continue to be live-streamed for those wishing to worship in the safety of their homes.

To keep everyone as safe as possible, Elders ask that all attending the service remember to use these safety precautions. Everyone must wear masks inside the building. Family groups, not to exceed 10 people, may sit together but are to social distance 6 feet from any other group. Please use hand sanitizer before taking individually wrapped Communion elements, bulletins, newsletters and other information flyers from the self-serve brackets on the walls inside the doors. Please use offering containers provided near the doors.

There will be no group singing during the Worship Service. Music will be done with piano, organ, boomwhackers, bells, rhythm instruments, and maybe soloists.

Following the service, please pick up all papers and any trash from your group and deposit it in the containers near the outside doors when you exit with your family while keeping 6 feet between your group and others. If you wish to chat, please do so after you have exited the church but are still maintaining social distancing.



Bell Choir Resumes

Members of the bell choir will meet at 7:00 on Wednesdays beginning October 14th in the church. New members welcome. No experience necessary. Mask and social distancing required.

Christian Education Committee . . .

Sunday School for Children

Sue Milem and Pam Sheets are packaging resources of materials for children to do Sunday School at home. Each packet will contain supplies for two weeks of Sunday School lessons. If you are not in Worship to pick up your packet, it will be mailed to you.

Worship and Music Committee . . .

World Communion at Worship, Oct. 4

Celebrate World Communion with special music and decorations. Communion elements are prepackaged.

All Saints Day Celebration, Nov. 1

In addition to Communion during Worship, we will light candles for those who have died.

Worship and Music Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7th. Anyone wishing to help make Condit’s Worship special is invited to attend this meeting as they look forward to celebrating the holidays.



During the weeks of the daily siege of ninety degree weather, the air conditioning system of the church facility had a serious breakdown. The attached sump pump ceased operating due to a nonfunctioning floating switch. This resulted in some water in the furnace room and daily manually draining the reservoir. Ralph Brooks who installed our furnaces four years ago came to our rescue. He diagnosed the problem, tracked down and ordered a new switch and installed it. When asked for a bill, Ralph said “No Charge!” He said he did this for the benefit of the Condit Congregation. Condit sends a big thank you to Ralph Brooks!

Shine Like Stars in the World

by Rev. Annie Melick

Philippians 2 ¹⁴ *Do all things without murmuring and arguing,* ¹⁵ *so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world.*



Rev. Annie Melick

When I was in college, I had a pink turtleneck with stars on it. One day when I wore it to an Economics class, Professor Goldberg commented on it by calling me a star. I can assure you; I was no star in the study of economics, but it became a fun joke with the professor. Over the years, I was more likely to want to be a star in a drama or musical performance. I never thought about being a “star Christian.” In Paul’s letter to the Philippians, he speaks of shining like stars in the world. I think this is a different way of being a star.

We typically think of stars as being someone famous in sports or entertainment. The kind of star that Paul is talking about is to be someone who brings light to the world, not someone who brings attention to themselves. It’s a matter of where our focus is. To shine like stars in the world as a follower of Christ, our focus is on bringing light to dark places. Paul calls it a crooked and perverse generation. That could certainly describe our current world.

What a great time this is for us to bring the light of Christ to our world! We can begin by doing what Paul prescribes at the beginning of this passage: *Do all things without murmuring and arguing.* I find it interesting that Paul would focus on murmuring and arguing in a discussion of how to bring light to a troubled world. It makes so much sense! When we murmur and argue, love does not shine through. So, step one in shining like a star for Christ is to stop murmuring and arguing. This implies that we would instead be saying and doing positive things. Condit is good at this. We have a wonderful heritage of being a church family that loves each other and our community. Let’s continue to shine with love.

Friends, we are living through the year 2020. Our whole world has been rocked. There is no better time for God’s people to shine like stars in the world. I pray that we, the Condit Presbyterian Church, will bring light where there is darkness. **SO, SHINE, CONDIT, SHINE!**



Worship 10:00



Lessons From Coach Paul - How to Live in a Messy World

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| 10/4/20 | Press On Toward The Goal | Philippians 3:4b-14 |
| 10/11/20 | How You Think Matters | Philippians 4:1-9 |
| 10/18/20 | Guest Preacher: Rebecca Tollefson | |
| 10/25/20 | Focus on These Two Things | Matthew 22:34-46 |

Remember in Your Prayers: Sue Milem, Mary Jo Wilson, Sue Overturf, Dick Fisher, Molly Blevins, Darlene Ross, Peggy Sheets, Jim Irwin and Joe Cox.



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| 2 Audriana Agnew | 24 Chip Welch |
| Max Sheets | Samuel Kirby |
| 5 Pam Sheets | 29 Tiffany Miller |
| 6 Terri Groseclose | 30 Brayden Joseph |
| 8 Jane Zimmerman | Jennifer Shick |
| 11 Jackie Covert | Jason Skeen |
| 23 Bill Gorsuch | 31 Josh White |
| Emily Sheets | |



Book Study Group Reflects

As a Matthew 25 Congregation, a group of Condit women met to discuss the book "Anxious To Talk About It" by Carolyn B. Helsel. Two of them are sharing their ideas with you.

Sandy Thacker reflects, "This book was helpful in that it got me to think about my feelings on race and racism.

"It is not a subject that is easy or comfortable for many to discuss. We read about race identity and how different this is based on whether you are Black or White. Each one of us develops our own identity through our different perspectives. This is based on our life experiences, along with our age, gender, class, religion, education and values. The author, Carolyn Helsel, is a white Christian who shares her viewpoint along with stories from other people with many different backgrounds and life experiences.

"I found the stories both interesting and educational. My realization that discrimination and segregation exist and continue today will move me toward making a positive change in my actions," says Sandy.

Pam Sheets reflects, "The book study group consisted of Pastor Annie, Sandy Thacker, and me. We met 6 times, once for each chapter of the book.

"During the book studied I learned that knowing the stories behind our own interpretations of race can help give us clues for how we went from seeing race one way to seeing it differently. It is in sharing our stories that we can begin to understand what shapes our interpretations of the world. Ending racism involves more than education. People need a new framework for interpreting the world we live in.

"The author explains that racial identity has more to do with how an individual views his or her own race, and racialization has more to do with how other people view your race, how society has categorized you. She further explains that racial identity development involves going through the following stages: pre-encounter, encounter, immersion, internalization, commitment. For white people, the stages of racial identity development are: contact, disintegration, reintegration, pseudo-independent, immersion, and autonomy. Racial identity

development is different for different people depending on a number of other factors that make persons who they are. Knowing the progressive stages can help us understand what stage we are in and what stages are to come so that we can listen to our feelings and determine how to move forward in working for justice," notes Pam.

Outreach Committee

Delivers Welcome Bags to New Residents

Sheila Micholes has been delivering bags to new residents in the area to welcome them to the Condit community. Bags contain bread so they will not know hunger, salt so that life may have flavor, candy so they will enjoy the sweetness of life and a candle so they will dwell in light and happiness. A letter from Rev. Annie and other items from the church and the community are included with an invitation for them to visit Condit.

Mission Committee

Blood Drive Needs More Donors

Red Cross Blood Drive added four more donation slots to Condit's list for October 9th. If you are interested in giving blood, this is a good opportunity to do so. Due to the extra care which must be taken at each drive it is important we fill each slot. This reduces the number of walk-ins who can be used.

At the last drive our number was reduced due to many positive covid tests found at other drives which limited the Red Cross staff to 3 workers to work the Condit drive. We had to turn walk-ins away.

The first station is set up outside the building so anyone with a temperature is not allowed to enter the building. Masks must be worn. Beds and chairs are sanitized each use.

Children can not enter the building.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Will meet at 10am October 21 at Jane Cockrell's. Maryanne Counts has the lesson.

Getting to Know You

Jana Sue Milem

by Jenny Kavage



Sue Milem

Sue Milem first came to Condit Presbyterian Church as a preschooler enrolled in a Montessori program led by Shirley Gray and others in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. Today, some 50-plus years later, she is the Elder responsible for Condit's Christian Education program as well as a staff member at the Emilia School, a daycare and preschool in Powell.

Her parents, Dr. Paul and Margaret Milem, moved to Sunbury when Sue was two years old. He had just finished dental school at Ohio State and set up his practice on "the point" on Granville Street. The family lived first in the Gardens, then on Rainbow and finally, Sue says, moved to the farm on the north side of state routes 36 and 37, just east of Interstate 71. Here Sue, her older brother and younger sister, raised 4-H projects and sold sweet corn to passers-by.

At Big Walnut High School she was in sports year-round--volleyball, basketball and track as well as playing fast-pitch softball in a league. All this helped get her a good scholarship at Mount Union in Alliance but it proved too far away when she was needed to help out at home after her mother got sick. She enrolled at Ohio Wesleyan in Delaware where she played volleyball and softball and worked as night auditor at The Gathering Inn. She graduated with majors in education and religion.

Her first year out of college Sue coached volleyball at Olentangy High School, and was a substitute teacher for the next three years. She also house-sat at a large horse farm and ran a gift shop in Delaware. She continued to coach and substitute teach during the 10 years she worked for her father. After he retired in 1995 she managed the office another 15 years for Dr. Dean Backiewicz who bought the practice.

Sue accompanied her father on missions trips to provide dental services in Haiti, bringing back native handiwork to use in church education programs. She used her enthusiasm for missions work to help others participate in work trips to Central America.

She worked early on with the women who started Big Walnut Friends Who Share, taking classes to learn how to run a non-profit and serving on the Board as they set up rules and by-laws. She says Condit Church was heavily involved in the early years. She worked with The Rev. Carol Weiss and Gene Wampler and served as president of the organization helping area people in need.

Except for six years working as a nanny in the Cincinnati area, Sue has been an involved member of Condit for the last 20, serving in various posts, helping with Christian Education, Vacation Bible School and fondly recalls helping with plays Bonnie Caudill produced. She worked with Pam Sheets to put together Sunday School kits for Condit kids to use during the pandemic, gathered material for the prayer flags now hanging in the church hallway and has led book studies for adults.

She enjoyed the time a group of church members read the Bible in a year and that is on the agenda again maybe using Zoom. She likes talking to people and listening to them, appreciates times when other people lead the programs and is glad to be coming to worship on Sundays.

Most of all, Sue says, she loves kids, working with them and playing with them. She doesn't mind getting down on the floor and getting messy with them. For her, it's always been about education and the kids.

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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|  | | <h1>October 2020</h1> | |  | | |
| <p>Condit Worship will move back into the sanctuary. Masks will be worn. Family units will social distance from each other. Worship will be live-streamed for those at home.</p> | | | | 1 6:00 Fitness Club | 2 | 3 |
| 4 10 a.m. Worship & Communion Youth Group after Church "Pizza with the Pastor" Grades 7-12 | 5 | 6 10:00 Children's Children Writers Group <i>via Zoom</i> 6:00 Fitness Club | 7 7:00 Worship and Music Committee | 8 5:30 Fitness Club 7 p.m. Session & Trustees | 9 | 10  6:00 Fall Bonfire at Condit Being your own food, drink and chairs. |
| 11 10 Worship | 12 | 13 10:00 Children's Children Writers Group <i>via Zoom</i> 6:00 Fitness Club | 14 7:00 Bell Choir | 15 6:00 Fitness Club | 16 | 17 |
| 18 10 Worship | 19 | 20 10:00 Children's Children Writers Group <i>via Zoom</i> 6:00 Fitness Club | 21 Presbyterian Women 10 at Jane Cockrell's 7:00 Bell Choir | 22 6:00 Fitness Club | 23 | 24 |
| 25 10 Worship | 26 | 27 10:00 Children's Children Writers Group <i>via Zoom</i> 6:00 Fitness Club | 28 7:00 Bell Choir | 29 6:00 Fitness Club | 30 | |



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