



Condit Courier

November 2020

Christian Education Committee

Advent Devotionals for All Ages

Christian Ed is working on the Devotionals which will be ready soon noted Sue Milem, Chair of Christian Ed Committee.

Be prepared for an adventure this holiday season. We are going to try something new for this crazy year:

A Virtual Christmas Pageant

Watch for more news and contact regarding the Pageant for our Christmas Program this year.

At-Home Sunday School



Sunday School continues at home using kits prepared by the teachers. Children learned the story of Noah's and God's relationship when they built arks from graham crackers (Yummy!) They learned about the animals, the voyage and about the ark landing on the mountain top and seeing the rainbow of God's promise. Avery, left, and Addison Scott are shown decorating rainbows on rocks to remember the story of Noah's Ark.

Preparing for Christmas



Condit's Poinsettia Tree

It is time to order the 60 flowers that make our church bright for the holidays. The order form and instructions are on page 7.

Join the Condit Bell Choir

Music Director Adam Garner is looking for bell ringers to add more music to the worship service. With covid cases rising in Delaware County, we are not yet able to sing in church so the music of the bells will add another dimension to the service. No experience is needed. Practice is at 7:00 on Wednesday evenings.

Missions and Outreach

Jiffy Muffin Mixes for BWFWS

Big Walnut Friends Who Share is going to do a Christmas Meal Box for their families this year. Kathy Kees, speaking for Condit, agreed to furnishing 100 Jiffy Muffin mixes. Donations may be left in the box in the church, handed to Kathy at church or delivered

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Hat and Mitten Tree

Teresa Gorsuch is setting up the mitten and hat tree for Big Walnut Friends Who Share. It will be in the church during November and then items will go to BWFWS for local families.

Adult Advent Devotionals

Rev. Annie has prepared a series of devotionals featuring the Psalms. Watch for bookmarks that tell which Psalm to read each day, where to find more on Facebook and a thought to ponder for each day during Advent. *(Continue on page 5)*

*Be thankful our lives have not been worse than they have been.
Stay safe and have a Happy Thanksgiving!*

Giving Thanks

By Rev. Annie Melick

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 NRSV)

Thanksgiving this year is not going to be what I expected. We had to cancel family plans for safety reasons due to the pandemic. It's difficult to focus on what we are thankful for when what we are missing and what we have lost are looming "large and loudly."

Even so, giving thanks to God is always possible. There is always something to be grateful for. One thing I am especially thankful for this year is YOU! November 15 marks my 5th anniversary as the pastor of Condit Presbyterian Church.

I remember the drive down to Sunbury when I began my call. My former church had a wonderful send-off party for me that day after the worship service. I felt so loved as they blessed me. At the end of the party, a bunch of the children and youth surrounded me in a big group hug. Many of them were crying. As I looked up and saw their parents standing around us, many of them were crying. As I began to cry, I made eye contact with Lyle, and he knew it was time to go. We went home and I packed up my car. As I drove away, I couldn't help but wonder if I was making a mistake. How could I leave a church I loved and where I was loved and appreciated? Had God really called me to Condit? Would I be the pastor they needed for this time? As the miles slipped away, my thoughts turned from the people I was leaving to the people I was coming to serve at Condit.

It took no time at all for all of you to capture my heart. From the first time I spoke to members of the PNC during the interview process, I knew that Condit was a special congregation. I'm amazed at how bravely you have embraced changes along the way. I'm impressed with your resilience when we've lost loved ones who were integral to our ministry and our families. I'm surprised to see how Condit, a church who values her history, welcomes new people quickly and completely. I'm humbled by the ways you have welcomed me into your lives, your families, your struggles, and your joys.

Thank you, Condit. I am thankful to celebrate the 5th anniversary of being your pastor. May God continue to bless our journey of faith together!



Rev. Annie Melick

Big Walnut Friends Who Share Moved

567 W. Cherry Street in Sunbury is their new home. To get there one must enter from Cheshire Road and immediately turn left on the gravel road that goes behind Voss Brothers. BWFWS is in the second warehouse. They are open 9-11:30 on Wednesday mornings for donations. See their website at <http://www.bigwalnutfriendswhoshare.org/> for more information.

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to Kathy's house. For those unable to shop, monetary donations should be given to Kathy who will shop for you.

If you need your donation to count as donation to the church on the year-end statement, the check must be made out to Condit Presbyterian Church with BWFWS in the memo line.



WORSHIP

10:00 on Sundays
Service is also Live-Streamed



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

- 11/1/20 Receiving the Word of God 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
*All Saints Sunday to honor and remember our members
 who died since All Saints Day in 2019 as well as
 friends and our family members.*
- 11/8/20 Encourage One Another 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- 11/15/20 Stay Awake! 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- 11/22/20 Guest Preacher: Amy House

Advent – Those Who Dream

- 11/29/20 Those Who Dream... Keep Awake (hope) Mark 13:24-37,
 and Isaiah 64:1-9

**Flowers for November Provided By Ken and Doreen Bartlett
Avery and Addison Scott**

Missions Committee. . . .

30 Mascara Wands Mailed

Thanks to Condit Missions Committee, 30 brushes were sent to Wands for Wildlife. With more people working from home and as well as staying at home more, women are not using as much mascara so these wands are really needed and will help save the lives of little animals and birds being rescued.

“They collect wands the last of February as well as in October. Start collecting them for next year,” asked Sheila Micholes, Mission Chairperson.

On-Line Giving Helps Condit

Condit members and friends may make their gifts and donations to the church by using on-line giving set up through Presbyterian Church USA. Instructions are on the website at www.ConditChurch.org.



Remember in Your Prayers

Sue Milem, Molly Blevins,
Darlene Ross, Mary Jo Wilson,
Hannah Shick, Joe Cox,
Max and Peggy Sheets.

Bell Choir
Will
Practice
at 7:00

Wednesdays

No experience necessary



Getting to Know You

Condit Folks Coping

By Jennie Kavage

After a stretch of quarantining, a personal encounter with Covid-19 and months of sticking close to home, **Teresa and Bill Gorsuch** got out their bicycles, and rode the 326-mile Ohio to Erie Trail north and south. Due to some sightseeing, being lost and a few trail closings what should have been a ride of 652 miles stretched to 693!

All of Condit's members and friends have come up with their own ways of coping in this history-making time of pandemic and turmoil. Thanks to all who have shared.

Jennifer Shick: This year just keeps throwing out punches. I would say what has helped me cope the most is the extra time with the kids. Sarah is working and in college and planning to move out in the spring. Josh and Hannah are typically very busy with sports, therapy, etc. Sometimes it seemed like we hardly had any time together. We have really taken advantage of the opportunity to play games, eat dinner every night at the table, and just hang out together. We've also been trying to get outside as much as we can before it gets cold. All of that has been an unexpected blessing in all of this craziness and I definitely recognize and appreciate it.

Grant Bartlett: I have been doing a lot of running/hiking recently in my days off or shorter days from work. Going out in nature has always been a safe and relaxing experience for me. After I go for a nice hike/run I usually end up watching a movie or playing some games virtually with a couple friends of mine. I regularly have long drives for work and I've been listening to a lot of music which has always been a good way for me to connect to God.

Marilyn DeFranco: If it weren't for outside activities with friends and neighbors such as riding bikes on the bike trail from Sunbury to Galena, evening smores over the fire pit, golf, pickleball, visits on our patios, and garage sales, these last 6 months would have been much worse. Our health and attitude has remained strong.

Darlene and Rick Ross: The Rosses were both able to keep working; Darlene from home which she really liked. They were distracted by and concentrating on getting their new house done. "Yes there are new normals right now with the pandemic and we have to remember to always have a mask when going somewhere." Darlene says. "Rick and I are homebodies anyway so having to stay home more didn't affect us. We are coping just fine and always feel blessed."

John Whitney: I have been doing lots of babysitting, and have been having lots of fun with our four-year-old grandson. He easily distracts me from the grim reality around me. 2020 has been, and continues to be, a challenge. Before Covid I had a serious, life-threatening condition. And, with Covid, it's been one thing after another, from deaths of extended family members to the closing of my business. Many others can empathize. I guess you might say it's my grandchildren, and especially the grandson who is nearest and therefore dearest, who have helped me to "keep the faith."

Pam Sheets: During the Covid 19 pandemic, I have discovered that keeping to a regular routine has been helpful. My daily routine begins with scripture reading and prayer and then an exercise dvd. I need to take care of my mind/spiritual body as well as my physical body. Staying connected to friends has also been helpful. This has come in the form of Zoom meetings, phone calls, letters, emails, texts, and outdoor gatherings. A few things that I have been doing to keep myself busy include: reading, tending to plants/flowers, puzzles, and nature walks. I am not a binge watcher when it comes to television, but I have watched some shows on Netflix and Prime that I would not have found the time to do pre-Covid.

Polly Horn: I knew from my own family history how bad the 1918-1920 Influenza often called the Spanish Flu was. Bob's aunt and grandfather died after nursing the rest of the family through the flu and my father was holding his 3.5- week-old brother when the baby died

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Special Events Committee
Condit Bonfire, A Relaxing Time



Scott Girls with the Pumpkins They Decorated at Bonfire

Jeff Marshall, chair of the Special Events Committee, reported fourteen people and a dog enjoyed the bonfire, They brought hotdogs to roast and had marshmallows for somemores,

Former resident, Jenny Woodruff, who now lives in South Carolina stopped to say Hello and catch up with friends.

Marshalls brought Coco, a new addition to their home. The weather was perfect. Everyone took home a pumpkin, a bag of candy, and memories of a fun evening.

**Condit Blood Drive Made Goal Plus 4
 Saved Over 2,000 Lives Since 2014**

For the October Blood Drive, Condit’s Goal was 19 pints but we took in 23 pints to pass the goal. Additional spaces for donors have been added to the list for December 4th. GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org

Since our first blood drive in December 2014, we have taken in 685 pints to save 2055 lives. YEA, CONDIT!

“Blood Drives are one way a small church can help save people’s lives,” commented Rev. Annie Melick, pastor of Condit Presbyterian Church. Condit hosts 6 blood drives a year in the Fellowship Hall as one of their missions. This year Red Cross had us skip the April Drive because of covid19 but we moved church tables and chairs to be able to social distance all donors and workers.

To sign up for December 4, email GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org, or call Polly 740-965-3582.

Condit Advent Devotionals
**A PSALM
 A DAY
 FOR ADVENT**



NOVEMBER 29

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| Psalm 150 | |
| NOVEMBER 30 | Psalm 45 |
| DECEMBER 1 | Psalm 145 |
| DECEMBER 2 | Psalm 146 |
| DECEMBER 3 | Psalm 147:1-11 |
| DECEMBER 4 | Psalm 148 |
| DECEMBER 5 | Psalm 130 |
| DECEMBER 6 | Psalm 90 |
| DECEMBER 7 | Psalm 40 |
| DECEMBER 8 | Psalm 33 |
| DECEMBER 9 | Psalm 53 |
| DECEMBER 10 | Psalm 18:1-20 |
| DECEMBER 11 | Psalm 102 |
| DECEMBER 12 | Psalm 149 |
| DECEMBER 13 | Psalm 24 |
| DECEMBER 14 | Psalm 67 |
| DECEMBER 1 | Psalm 85 |
| DECEMBER 16 | Psalm 17 |
| DECEMBER 17 | Psalm 126 |
| DECEMBER 18 | Psalm 16 |
| DECEMBER 19 | Psalm 80 |
| DECEMBER 20 | Psalm 25 |
| DECEMBER 21 | Psalm 122 |
| DECEMBER 22 | Psalm 94 |
| DECEMBER 23 | Psalm 50 |
| DECEMBER 24 | Psalm 132 |
| DECEMBER 25 | Psalm 98 |

During Advent, join in reading a Psalm each day. Rev. Annie will post a video each day on the Condit Facebook group page with a reading of the Psalm and a brief devotional thought.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="font-size: 48px; margin: 0;">November 2020</h1> 						
End Daylight S.T. 1 10 a.m. Worship with Communion Youth Group after Worship		3 6:00 Fitness	4 6:00 Worship and Music Committee 7:00 Bell Choir	5 6:00 Fitness	6 6:00 Fitness	7
8 10 a.m. Worship	9	10 6:00 Fitness	11 7:00 Bell Choir	12 5:30 Fitness 7:00 Session and Trustees	13	14
15 10 a.m. Worship	16	17 6:00 Fitness	18 7:00 Bell Choir	19	20 Deadline for December Newsletter	21
22 10 a.m. Worship	23	24 6:00 Fitness	25 7:00 Bell Choir	26 	27	28
29 10 a.m. Worship 1st Sunday of Advent	30	All Saints' Day will be celebrated on November 1 during Worship Daily Advent Devotionals begin November 29, see page 7				



Poinsettia - Order by November 29

Name _____

Quantity _____ x \$7.50 each = \$ _____

Make check payable to Condit Presbyterian Church

(Write **Poinsettia** in memo line on check)

Give or mail to George Justice 16019 Hartford Rd. Sunbury, OH 43074

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

To order Poinsettia complete the form and give it to George or mail it to him with your check for the flowers by November 29.

To have the funds included on your financial statement from Condit at the end of the you must make out your check to Condit Presbyterian Church and put Poinsettia in the memo line. George will collect the orders and forward the checks on to Darlene Ross, Condit's Financial Secretary. Cash contributions are acceptable but they are not credited to you on the annual financial statement for tax purposes.

Volunteers for set up and to water the flowers should also check with George for scheduling.

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of the Influenza in March 1919. I wanted to work on my memories for my grandchildren and thought it might be fun as a Zoom program for those who are house bound. After checking with Rev. Annie, I added a weekly Zoom meeting to the program of events in May. We are still meeting weekly using Bob Greene's book "For Our Children's Children" as a guide. Jane Cockrell gave a beautiful account of Covid which put the rest of us to shame because we had not thought to journal our feelings during this time.

Jane Lahmon: Jane misses getting together with friends, shopping and spending time with her kids, grandkids and great grandson. You have to think twice about what you are going to do, she says, and who other people have been with. Recently she and her in-laws found a way to resume their weekly breakfast gathering.

Frances Jenkins: "I try to live as normally as I can. I plan ahead when I go to the store and if I see people I try to do it safely." She has lunched with friends at a

local picnic shelter. To relieve any dull moments she decided to foster a kitten that she has since adopted.

Jennie Kavage: The natural world provided coping opportunities for us. We spent several evenings and mornings searching for the Neowise comet, which I did see twice! We watched a bluebird couple raise a family in a box just outside our office window and photographed a mother flicker feeding her young in our chainsaw-carved Tecumseh tree. Baltimore and Orchard Orioles and a variety of woodpeckers brought their young to our feeders. One week we decided to give \$10 to a local charity for each mile we walked on treadmill or trail, benefitting the charity and us.

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