



Condit Courier

January 2021

January 3, 2021

Star Words for Epiphany

Epiphany is the day that we commemorate the Good News of Jesus’ birth being revealed to the Gentiles through the story of the Three Magi. In recent years, many churches have celebrated Epiphany with “star words.” It is a prayer practice in churches all over the world to give people a star word on Epiphany Sunday (January 3rd this year). There are many reasons behind this tradition.

First, we know that the Magi followed a star, which ultimately led them to Jesus. Therefore, we too use all the resources we have available to us— including creative prayer practices and intention words for the new year— to move closer to Jesus.

Secondly, we trust that God uses multiple ways to guide us and speak to us. Star words are one such lens that might provide us with a way to look for God in our midst, both actively and in hindsight.

Finally, we know that the most common prayer practice for many involves speaking to God as opposed to silence or contemplation. However, this prayer practice invites a new prayer rhythm of reflection and review. That can be a powerful new way to connect with God.

Normally we would pass out star words at church, but this year we invite you to make your own star and choose a word to write on it. There is a list of possible star words on page 2, or you can pick your own that God is putting on your heart.

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**Condit Presbyterian Church
is a Matthew 25
Congregation**



December 6, 2020

Election of Elders and Trustees

On December 6th, 16 members attended the Special Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers via Zoom meeting with two other ballots cast by mail-in to unanimously elect Judy Watts and Marianne Westbrook new Elders and to renew Elder Darlene Ross for a second term all in the Class of 2023. John Whitney and Molly Blevins were elected Trustees in the Class of 2023. Jaden Jacob was elected Youth Elder for the year 2021.

Condit’s Annual Congregational Meeting of all members will be held via Zoom on Sunday, January 17, at 11:00 a.m.

Time to Update Condit Directory

Annually in January, the Communications Committee updates the church directory. This is the tool used to contact members and active friends throughout the year. In our busy world it is easy to change an email address or drop a landline. In order to keep you in the loop, the church needs this information to be accurate.

In you have not been getting weekly emails or monthly newsletters, your info may be wrong. Please send the corrections to Donna Mucci at 740-965-5798 or Polly Horn at Pollyho@columbus.rr.com.

Condit Blood Drive made Goal

American Red Cross collected 21 pints of blood at Condit on December 4 to make Goal +1. Many thanks to those who showed up on time, wore masks and helped Condit save 63 lives.

The next Condit Drive is 1-6 Friday, February 12.

2020 Reflections and Looking Forward to 2021

By Rev. Annie Melick

2020 was a year we will never forget! The Covid-19 pandemic has changed the way we do many things and put restrictions on many of our activities. This year has been difficult for me personally, mostly because of not being able to see some of my family. As your pastor, the year has been difficult, mostly because of the heavy responsibility I feel to all of you. As we moved from onsite worship services to online in March, to onsite outdoors in the summer, to onsite indoors in the fall, and then online again last month, we have had to be flexible and creative. We've also had to do a lot of extra work to put together the best worship experiences we could. We have approached visitation, prayer, member care, and Christian Education in different ways too. I have not been alone in these efforts. Condit has done what Condit always does; we all pull together and carry on.



Rev. Annie Melick

As I look forward to 2021, I have to be honest and acknowledge that we will still be limited by the danger of the Covid-19 virus for some time to come. I also need to be honest and acknowledge that we will never go back to “the way things were.” As a congregation, we have changed. We will continue to offer online options once we return to onsite worship again. This brings great opportunities to reach people. God is doing good things still! I can't wait to see how we will grow as a congregation in this coming year.

Happy New Year, Condit!

2021 Star Words *Continued from Page 1*

Here are some ways you might use your star word in prayer for 2021:

1. Put your star word in a place where you will see it regularly throughout the year. You might hang it on your mirror, place it on your bedside table, or hang it by the door.
2. As you pray, ask God to make meaning for you from the star word.
3. At the end of the year, reflect on how God has spoken to you through the star word throughout the year.

Choose one of these Star Words or come up with your own:

Awe	Listen	Release	Patience
Rest	See	Renew	Hospitality
Resist	Generosity	Leadership	Wonder
Imagine	Share	Discernment	Integrity
Seek	Clarity	Tenderness	Empathy
Dwell	Commitment	Enthusiasm	Gratitude
Learn Play	Freedom	Justice	Affirmation



Poinsettia Tree

Ken and Doreen Bartlett

*In honor of: The Trustees
In memory of: Loved Ones*

Jane Cockrell

*In honor of: My family
In memory of: My husband, Dean Cockrell; My grandson,
Chase*

Bob Comstock

In memory of: My parents, Agnes and Ralph Comstock

Linda Dado

*In honor of: My children and grandchildren
In memory of: My husband, Ralph Dado*

Richard and Heather Day

*In memory of: Wendell and Doris Day; Ray and Veronica
Bukowski; Terry Day*

Bill and Teresa Gorsuch

*In honor of: Jane Cockrell
In memory of: Dean Cockrell; Bob and Ann Gorsuch*

Polly Horn

*In memory of: Bob Horn; Alvin and Vergie Horn; Bill and
Marian Whitney*

Jim Irwin

In memory of: My wife, Sharon Irwin

Todd and Connie Jacob

*In honor of: Our mothers, Nancy Sparrow and Betty Lou Stull;
Our sons, Levi, Isaia, and Jaden
In memory of: Our fathers and grandfathers, John Stull, Ray
Jacob, and James A. Kees*

Virginia Kavage *In memory of: Sarah and Nick Kavage; Lucy and Fred Weber*

George Justice and Kathy Kees *In honor of: Betty Lou Stull; The Justice and Kees families*
In memory of: Donovan and Dorothy Justice; James A. Kees;
John Stull; The Saunders family

Doug and Karen Kerns *In honor of: Our children*
In memory of: Our parents

Jane Lahmon *In honor of: Julie, Jack, Brian, Brittany, Brennan, and Emily*
In memory of: Jim and all the family he is now with

Sheila Micholes *In honor of: Carol Sturgill and "all the Ladies"*
In memory of: My mom and dad, Gee and Nancy Fuller

Mike and Donna Mucci *In honor of: Our children: Nick and Laura*

Ray Saunders, Jr. and Family *In memory of: Our parents, Ray and Jane Saunders*

Sandy Thacker *In memory of: Lucy and Fred Weber; Charlie Thacker*

Judy Watts *In honor of: Our Family and hope of peace in our world*
In memory of: My mom and dad, George and Ann Ross; Glenn
Wolfe

Molly and Chip Welch *In honor of: Our daughters, Abigail and Addison*

Bob and Marianne Westbrook *In memory of: Debra L. Westbrook; Robert J Westbrook; James*
Curry Wilson; Gust Reifensnyder

John and Georgann Whitney *In honor of: Our grandchildren, Tessa, Allie, and Cameron*

Thank You Condit From Big Walnut Friends Who Share

In a year when nothing has been "normal," Condit has stayed steadfast. Thank you for your support of Big Walnut Friends Who Share in 2020. Through your generous donations of food and money, we have been able to keep our doors open in this very difficult year!

Beyond grateful,
Kathy Kees

Getting to Know You

Sandy Thacker

by Jennie Kavage



Larry and Sandy Thacker

“I am a country girl who was born into a city family,” horse-lover Sandy Thacker, Condit’s newest member, says about herself. Growing up in the city of Upper Arlington, Sandy started taking riding lessons in third grade. By the time she was in seventh grade she had her own horse.

“My parents said I could have a horse if I could find a place that would board it for \$25 or less a month,” she said, and she did. She was in a 4-H club in Dublin that was mainly for kids who had horses and showed at the various fairs. Even today one of her favorite things to do is go to the Delaware County Fair when kids are showing their animal projects - dogs, cats, rabbits, gerbils, whatever.

When she married Larry Thacker from Galena they started looking for property in the country where Sandy could have her horses. In 1982 they moved to the northern-most house on Fredricks Road in Porter Township. The barn is on the other side of the road. Their chickens roam back and forth like natural speed bumps. It’s a gravel road and there’s not much traffic but enough to be worrisome when the boys were learning to ride bikes.

Sons Casey, who lives in Ann Arbor, MI, and Jared of New Albany, were more interested in sports, especially soccer, than horses when they were attending Big Walnut schools. Now they both want to live in the country, Sandy notes.

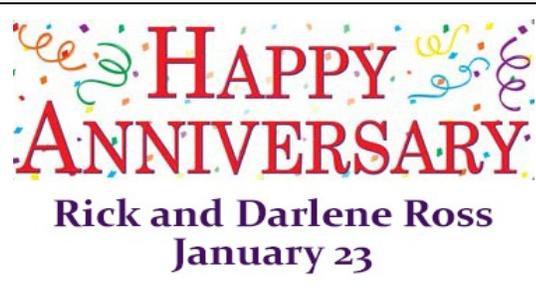
Over the years their other animals have been dogs and not-more-than-five stray cats at a time, a family rule. Larry has 16 bee hives behind the house. Sandy has a trailer to transport her two quarter horses anywhere she wants for trail riding but doesn’t use it much because of the abundance of trails on their own property.

A 44-year employee of NiSource, parent company of Columbia Gas, Sandy has worked in the GIS section involving six mid-western companies, the pipelines, a big data base, reports and special-use maps. Previous to this year she had an hour drive to downtown Columbus for work and an hour back. Since March, like so many others, she has worked from home. She had begun planning for retirement in the not far distant future but when she was offered an opportunity to retire at the end of 2020 she was delighted. Larry is already retired from Columbia Gas.

She likes to be outside, loves the water and the beach so she hopes to spend more time at the family cottage on Lake Michigan’s shore. Larry is an avid reader. She would like to have more time for that, as well.

For most of her nearly 40 years in Porter Township Sandy has continued to actively participate in the church where she grew up. Located across the road east of Riverside Hospital, part of the church property was taken for Route 315. Eventually the rest was sold. When the congregation stopped meeting Sandy began searching for a new church home. She went to several before giving Condit a try.

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Known and Called

With Rev. Annie Melick



January 3, 2021	Known by the Light: Called to Joy	Isaiah 60:1, Luke 2:1-12
January 10, 2021	Known by a Watermark: Called to Life	Mark 1: 4-11
January 17, 2021	Known on Sight: Called to Be	Psalm 139:1-6, John 1:43-51
January 24, 2021	Known as Fishers: Called to Cast a Wide Net	Mark 1:14-20
January 31, 2021	Known to Stand Our Ground: Called to Justice	Mark 1: 21-28

Flowers for January 2021 Mick and Pam Sheets

Trustees, Friends Add Nativity to Condit Outdoor Decorations

By George Justice

A huge Christmas congratulations and thank you to R&R Head Engineer Bob Westbrook and his R&R Construction Crew Ken Bartlett, Doug Kerns, Molly Blevins, John Whitney, Mike Mucci, Kathy Kees and George Justice. Bob took on the project of an Outdoor Manger Scene. He found a pattern, secured supplies, prepped all material and guided the crew. Assembly went very smoothly and easily!! This will be a very nice new Christmas decoration for the Church and the Condit Community!! In addition the crew assembled the Poinsettia Tree in the Sanctuary and changed the message in the Searles Sign. Thanks to ALL for a job well done, God is very pleased!!



John Whitney, Mike Mucci, Molly Blevins, Bob Westbrook, George Justice, Ken Bartlett and Doug Kerns, work day, November 28th.

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“It felt so very familiar to me,” Sandy says. “It’s been a hard year to start in a new church. I was just getting to know people when all went crazy in March. I have been doing the online services. Come 10 a.m. Sunday I’m listening but I look forward to getting back to normal.”

Sandy participated in the Bible study course given as part of the Matthew 25 Church requirements. She joined the congregation during Worship on October 25, 2020.



January

02 Mike Joseph	26 Jeff Groseclose
08 Doreen Bartlett	27 Laura Mucci
12 Karen Kerns	Lyle Melick
16 Christy Krinn	28 Jane Markley
Richard Day	30 Jane Lahmon
19 Jeff Marshall	31 Virginia Kavage
Peyton White	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		<h1>January 2021</h1>					
<p>All Worship Services will be Streamed Online on YouTube Use link found on website at www.ConditChurch.org</p>					1	2	
3 10 a.m. Worship & Communion	4	5 <i>For Children's Children via Zoom at 10 6:00 FITNESS CLUB</i>	6	7 6:00 FITNESS CLUB	8	9	
10 10 a.m. Worship	11	12 <i>For Children's Children via Zoom at 10 6:00 FITNESS CLUB</i>	13	14 5:30 FITNESS CLUB 7:00 Session & Trustees Meeting	15	16	
17 10 a.m. Worship 11:00 Congregational Meeting Via Zoom	18	19 <i>For Children's Children via Zoom at 10 6:00 FITNESS CLUB</i>	20 No Presbyterian Women NO MEETING	21 6:00 FITNESS CLUB	22	23	
24 10 a.m. Worship	25	26 <i>For Children's Children via Zoom at 10 6:00 FITNESS CLUB</i>	27	28 6:00 FITNESS CLUB	29	30	
31 10 a.m. Worship	<p>Handout Materials for the Congregational Meeting will be sent via email. This may be 20 plus pages. Anyone who does not use email and wishes a copy should contact Polly Horn. Additional Copies will be available in the Church when we reopen.</p>						



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