



Condit Courier

April 2021

Condit Plans Reopening

Elders voted to resume onsite Worship at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 18. We will continue our protocol from last fall when we were meeting indoors: wear masks, practice social distancing, offering plates at the doors, prepackaged communion elements, no hymnals, no congregational singing, and social gathering after the service outside.

The services will be simulcast on YouTube.

Sunday School and Youth Group will resume when there are teachers lined up. If you are interested in helping, contact Sue Milem.

Condit Women’s Circle will meet at noon on April 17. See page 4 for more details.

Euchre will resume at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 24. Each person should bring their own beverage and wear a mask. No food will be served.

Trustees’ Spring Clean-Up Day is scheduled for May 1.

Condit Auto Show is scheduled for August 14. No decision was made on the Ice Cream Social.

Harlem Bike Ride has scheduled a comfort station at Condit on July 9th.

Condit Blood Drives are 1-6 on Friday, April 9 and June 11 using Red Cross protocol. Everyone must wear masks, arrive on time, pass temperature check, no children or visitors (only donors) admitted. Water juice and snacks will be provided as the donor leaves the drive.

No Food Will Be served I Church

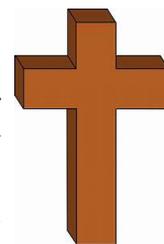
Although the church is opening, no food is to be served in the church until further notice.

Maundy Thursday Service with Communion on April 1

The Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Bring bread and juice to use for Communion.

Flowering the Cross

Thanks to Bob Westbrook for making the Cross for the church lawn. Money for flowers to decorate it was provided by members of the congregation and will be at the church or you may bring flowers from home. Flowers will be put on the Cross during the Prelude for Easter Worship. Names of the honorees will appear in the Bulletin.



Easter Worship will be at 10 in the church parking lot. While many of Condit’s parishioners have completed vaccines and quarantine time, others are still waiting so Elders ask that you wear masks and bring your lawn chair and practice healthy distancing. Hymns will be sung while outdoors. Communion will be served and offering collected as done in the summer outdoor services.

The service will be live-streamed thru Facebook and You-Tube so those not ready to come back may worship from their homes.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Following Worship, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt put on by Sue Milem and the Christian Education Committee.



Welcoming Back the Alleluia

By Rev. Annie Melick

When we return to worship onsite in April, we will be in the liturgical season of Easter. The liturgical cloths on the lecterns and communion table will be white. My stole will be white. And the *alleluias* will be back. Maybe you didn't notice they were gone, but during the season of Lent we typically don't sing songs or use readings in our liturgy that have the word *alleluia* (the Greek version) or *hallelujah* (the Hebrew version). On Easter Sunday we welcome back the *alleluia* to add to the joy of that day. Most of our music on Easter is filled with *alleluias*!



Rev. Annie Melick

The practice of hiding or burying the *alleluia* dates back to Medieval times. Some traditions even have a whole liturgy or service around it. Most Presbyterians just mention it, maybe in a children's message, and just avoid using hymns that have either *alleluia* or *hallelujah* in them during Lent. The word means "praise Yahweh" (praise God) in either version. It's a term of great joy, and it is the word used by angels in their praise to God.

The point of not using *alleluia* in worship during Lent is to practice of a kind of self-denial as we focus on our relationship with God during Lent. It's kind of like putting away the Christmas decorations after Christmas. We love our decorations, and they celebrate something that is worth celebrating year-round, but by putting them away we have something to look forward to the next year when that season comes around again. The Christian year is shaped around the life of Christ and welcoming back the *alleluia* is another way to mark the importance and joy of Easter Sunday.

Here are the seasonal colors, liturgical seasons, and the meaning of the colors in the Christian calendar:

Blue	Advent	We are waiting for royalty – Christ our King.
White	Christmas	The light has entered the world.
Green	Epiphany	We are growing in Christ.
Purple	Lent	We repent, examining our lives and seeking God.
White	Easter	We celebrate that Christ is risen.
Red	Pentecost	God has given us the Holy Spirit.
Green	Ordinary Time	It's time to grow in Christ.

I'm excited to be back onsite for worship, and Easter is a wonderful season of joy. Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is Risen Today by Charles Wesley

*"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

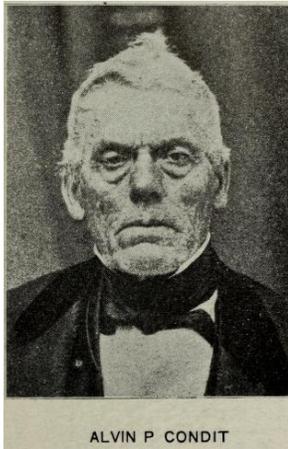
*Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!*

Condit Presbyterian Church, Part 1

by Jennie Kavage

Thanks to the good fortune of “second thoughts” Condit Presbyterian Church came into being 185 years ago this October. In researching the Rev. Calvin N. Ransom, Condit’s first pastor, I came across *The History of Marion Presbytery* by A. C. Crist. It covers events in the Presbytery from 1829 to its publication in 1908.

In June 1835 there was a meeting of people who wanted to have a church, the history states. It is believed this meeting was in the Van Dorn Tavern, the building that still stands at the NE corner of Routes 605 and 37.



ALVIN P. CONDIT

“Messrs. A. P. Condit and J. S. Condit were sent to Alexandria to confer with the minister of that place in regard to the matter. Receiving no encouragement from him they went to Genoa to talk the matter over with Rev. C. N. Ransom, pastor of the Presbyterian Church there. They received but little more encouragement from Mr. Ransom than they had found at Alexandria. He, however, induced them to become members of the Genoa Church. In the September following these visits, one of the members of the above deputation (J.S. Condit) was called away by death. His pastor, Mr. Ransom, conducted the funeral services and at this time he took occasion to refer to the visit of the Messrs. Condit and the object they had in view, and being then more fully acquainted with conditions, he said that upon further reflection he had come to the conclusion that he had been wrong in discouraging the organization project, and he believed that the time had come for organizing a church in the neighborhood.”

The Presbytery appointed Rev. Ransom to effect the organization and what is believed to be the first ecclesiastical organization in Trenton Township came into being Oct. 15, 1836 as Trenton Presbyterian Church. Charter members were: Squire Wheaton, Mercy Wheaton, Sarah Wheaton, Alvin P. Condit, Maria Condit, Mary Condit, Asanath Condit, Dorcas Condit, Louis Lewis, Robert Lewis, Elizabeth Leake, Magdalen Van Dorn, Silas Ogden, Simon Condit, Jane Ogden, Ellizabeth Condit, Andrew Herron, Sarah Jacobus, Julia Herron and Electa Ward. Elected to the office of Ruling Elder at this time were Silas Ogden, Robert Lewis and Andrew Herron.

The 1966 Sunbury Sesquicentennial history says most of the first church meetings were held in the Ogden log school house, a building that stood near the corner where the Center Village Road intersects the Sunbury-Johnstown road, now Route 37 and the first church was built in 1838 just across the road from the school house. On the 1849 map of Delaware County the Ogden property is well west of the intersection and the school location is not apparent. However the church is shown on present Route 37 and just west of present Route 605. In addition to the letters P.M.H. for Presbyterian Meeting House there’s a small cross drawn on the map just north of the road.

The Marion Presbytery publication says the building was located at Vans Valley on the Sunbury and Johnstown Road. Due to the material and workmanship put into the building, the Presbytery history continues, the Trenton church served the United Brethren long after the Presbyterians moved to a more accessible location on the Sunbury to Hartford road in 1856. In 1879 “a larger and a more beautiful building was erected,” the history continues, “in keeping with the prosperity of the members and the growth of the congregation.” *(Continue on page 4)*



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| 5 Randy Longshore | 10 Doug Kerns |
| 7 George Justice | 13 Larry Strouse |
| 9 Annie Melick | 14 Heather Day |
| Homer Wilson | 17 Jane Cockrell |
| 10 Cheryl Caudill | 23 Sarah Shick |



Worship Easter Season



April 4, 2021	He Is Risen	John 20:1-18 and 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
April 11, 2021	Everything in Common	Acts 4:32-35
April 18, 2021	Preach It, Peter	Acts 3:12-19
April 25, 2021	Be Encouraged	Acts 4:5-12 Rev. Matthias Akih preaching

Flowers by Sheila Micholes

Condit Women's Circle To Hold First Meeting

Women of the Condit Church are forming a Circle to replace the Presbyterian Women's Club which used to meet in the church. Over the years, Presbyterian Women met the needs of the women but now they are ready to try a new format.

Women will meet in the Fellowship Hall on the third Wednesday of the month at noon. Each woman will bring her own lunch. Following lunch, Marianne Counts will lead the group in a Bible Study. Masks and healthy distancing will be the protocol. Jane Cockrell will be glad to answer questions about the Circle.

Condit Presbyterian Church by Kavage

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That was the beginning of Condit's church building of today. The Presbytery history author goes on in 1908 to say "a word or two concerning its spiritual condition."

The Trenton Church has exercised a widespread influence for good over the entire community, and much of the progressiveness and thrift, as well as the church nobility of

character found in this favored section are no doubt due in a very large measure to the ennobling influences emanating from this church. While, like all rural churches, the Trenton Church suffers from a constant stream of her faithful members journeying city-wards, yet she still remains in a very flourishing condition.

(Next month we will write more about the Rev. Calvin Noyes Ransom, Condit's first pastor. If you are descended from any of the people mentioned or have any early church history in your possession, please get in touch with Polly Horn or Jennie Kavage. Google *The History of Marion Presbytery* to access the book online.)



Trenton Presbyterian Church built 1879

Happy
April
Anniversary

18 Dennis and
Cheryl Caudill



2021 Condit Directories Are In the Narthex!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h2 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">April 2021</h2> 						
<p>EASTER WORSHIP with COMMUNION will be in the Parking Lot and live-streamed on YouTube & Facebook see page 1 for details</p> <p>* Condit Worship will move back into the sanctuary April 18 Masks will be worn. Family units will social distance from each other. <i>Worship will be live-streamed for those at home.</i></p>				1 7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship on Zoom	2	3
4 10 a.m. <i>Flowering the Cross</i> Worship & Communion in parking lot and online Egg Hunt following service	5	6 10:00 Children's Children Writers Group <i>via Zoom</i> 6:00 Fitness Club	7	8 5:30 Fitness Club 7 p.m. Session & Trustees	9 <i>1-6 Red Cross Blood Drive</i>	10
11 Worship online only via YouTube or Facebook	12	13 10:00 Children's Children Writers Group <i>via Zoom</i> 6:00 Fitness Club	14	15 6:00 Fitness Club	16	17
18* 10 Worship <i>in Sanctuary</i> also online via YouTube or Facebook	19	20 10:00 Children's Children Writers Group <i>via Zoom</i> 6:00 Fitness Club	21 12:00 Condit Women's Circle See page 4	22 6:00 Fitness Club	23	24 7:00 Euchre in Fellowship Hall Bring Drink No Food Wear Masks
25* 10 Worship in Sanctuary also online via YouTube or Facebook	26	27 10:00 Children's Children Writers Group <i>via Zoom</i> 6:00 Fitness Club	28	29 6:00 Fitness Club	30	



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