



Condit Courier

June 2021

Condit Protocols for Opening

Session and Trustees met on May 20 and approved the following protocols to begin in June. They will review and update as needed each month at their regular meeting.

1. Masks will not be required at church events.
2. Social distancing is still encouraged.
3. The offering plates will still be at each door.
4. Communion elements will still be picked up at the doors.
5. There will be one hymn sung at the end of the indoor services.
6. Fellowship is encouraged to occur outdoors rather than indoors
7. We will have an outdoor service the last Sunday of each month. More hymns will be included in those services.

Big Walnut Friends Who Share Drive Continues at Condit

Items still needed are cereal on May 30, then peanut butter and jelly on June 6 and pancake mix and syrup on June 13. Items are to be put in the boxes in the narthax at the church.

Coordinator Kathy Kees is grateful for the donations of spaghetti sauce and pasta. If you have not gotten yours to the church, there is still time to do so.

As always if you do not wish to shop, money may be donated and someone will do the shopping for you.

Graduates to Be Honored May 30

Condit has many graduates completing another phase of their education. These men and women will be honored on May 30 during Outdoor Worship. The graduates shared their accomplishments and goals on pages 3, 4.



Condit Kids Planting Flowers May 23

Activities Replace VBS in 2021

To protect our children, Condit's Vacation Bible School will be replaced with Special Activities throughout the summer. Sue Milem, chair of the Christian Education Committee, has announced the following scheduled events. As always she needs additional adults to help.

Sunday, June 13 at 4 p.m. Craft Activities Outside at the Church.

Saturday, July 17. Outdoor Fun Time and Time with Mr. George. Starting time to be announced.

Saturday, August 21. Evening Outdoor Family Movie with Popcorn Time to be determined.

Community Euchre Welcomes Players

Play Euchre at 7 p.m. on the last Saturday night of the month in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own beverage. Food will not be served.

The Seam Ripper

by Rev. Annie Melick

A few months ago I began making curtains for my daughter's kitchen. I have a new sewing machine and it was a perfect project for learning to use the features on my new machine. I snuck up to my sewing room to work on the project whenever I had a weekend afternoon free. I finished the curtains just in time for our first visit to our daughter and son-in-law after we were fully vaccinated and ready to resume family visits. Unfortunately, the rod pocket I had sewn on the top of the curtains was too narrow for the curtain rod she had purchased. I told her, "No problem, I'll just rip out those seams and put in new ones that will give you more room."



Rev. Annie Melick

Now ripping out seams is not as much fun as sewing. Taking that seam ripper and gently pulling out every stitch is not as satisfying as the whirl of the sewing machine putting the stitches in. Using the seam ripper is painstaking slow work. I avoided doing it until a few days before I knew I'd be seeing my daughter again. It took a couple hours to remove the too-narrow seams. Then I headed up to the sewing room and had all the new seams sewn in about ten minutes. Why is it so much harder to remove the part that's not working than it is to put in the new?

Life is like that, isn't it? When something in our lives isn't useful anymore, it's so hard to remove it. We avoid it. We procrastinate. Sometimes we just never do it; we just put it in the back of the closet and hope it stays there. But when we get the useless, outdated, or unhealthy things out of our lives, it's a wonderful freeing time. As we replace them with good healthy things from God, we are restored and energized. As the season of summer begins again, I pray that each of us will clear out the things that hold us back from God's good design and renew our lives of faith.



WORSHIP at 10 a.m.



Tending the New Creation

"And if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

June 6, 2021

June 13, 2021

June 20, 2021

Re-Creating the Sabbath

Expanding the Kinship

Planting With Care

June 27, 2021

Living Out Loud

2 Cor 4:5-12 and Mark 2:23-3:6

Mark 3:20-35

Mark 4:26-34

2 Cor 6:1-13



Remember in Your Prayers . . .

Joe Cox, Sue Overturf, Sue Milem, Kathy Kees, Max and Peggy Sheets, and all of our graduates as they move forth with their lives.

Congratulations Condit Graduates!



Caitlyn Garner

Caitlyn Mary Garner graduated from The Ohio State University in August 2020 with a Master of Science in Health and Rehabilitative Sciences Degree in the Medical Dietetics Program.

Caitlyn is the wife of Adam Garner, Condit’s Director Music. Completing her Master’s Thesis was a major accomplishment.

Her hobbies are running, sand volleyball, hanging out with friends. Her immediate plans include going to a cousin’s wedding in California while she is looking for a job as a dietician.

Isaia Samuel Jacob

Isaia Jacob graduated from the University of Indianapolis with a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Communications in 2020.

He is the son of Todd and Connie Jacob, middle brother of Levi and Jaden, as well as the nephew of Kathy Kees and George Justice. He served as a Junior Elder on Condit’s Session.

Being able to broadcast on a radio station in Paducah, Kentucky, is his favorite collegiate accomplishment. He plans to continue with a career in radio broadcasting.

He says, “I love playing golf and hanging out with my dog” and plans to do both this summer as well as hang out by the pool.



Jaden Jacob

Jaden Gabriel Jacob graduated with honors from Johnstown Monroe High School on May 28, 2021. He is a member of the National Honorary Society. He played football and Lacrosse, and was the student section leader for the basketball team.



Jaden is the youngest son of Todd and Connie Jacob, as well as the nephew of Kathy Kees and George Justice.

In addition to sports, Jaden enjoys cooking and biking. He plans to spend the summer with his friends before heading to the University of Cincinnati where he will pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering and play Lacrosse.

Nicholas Mucci

Nicholas Mucci graduated from the University of Akron Law School with a Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration (JD/MBA) in December 2019. He passed the Bar Exam in May 2020.

His graduate school honors include Dean’s List, Moot Court Honor Society, and a Certificate in Intellectual Property Law.

Nick is the son on Mike and Donna Mucci, brother of Laura Mucci, and the nephew of Kathy Kees and George Justice.

He enjoys playing guitar, reading, spending time with friends, working out.

His future plans include continuing to develop himself personally and professionally. This summer he plans to go to Vegas for the 4th of July as a break from work.

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Graduates Continued from Page 3 . . .



Samuel Allen Kirby

Samuel Kirby graduated from Big Walnut High School on May 22, 2021.

He is the son of Allison Skinner and Phil Kirby and brother of Nathan Kirby.

Sam was active and a leader in the Condit Youth Group. His hobbies include gaming and Lacrosse.

He has enlisted in the U.S. Navy and plans to go to college to study Electrical Engineering.

During the summer, Sam plans to relax until basic training.

Abigail Marshall

Abby Marshall graduated, summa cum laude, from Miami University in 2020. She was honored to receive the spirit of Miami award and varsity athlete letter in field hockey. Her team had 3 regular Mid-American Conference championships and 3 post-season MAC Championships. She became fluent in sign language.

Abby is the daughter of Jeff and Beverly Marshall and the big sister of Joseph Marshall. She enjoys field hockey, working out, hiking and water sports.

She is currently attending Harvard School of Dental Medicine to obtain a doctor of medicine in dentistry. “Afterwards I might pursue a residency in oral surgery and obtain my doctor of medicine degree in hope of doing facial trauma reconstruction or cleft palette repairs,” says Abby.

She only gets 2 weeks off from school this summer and is going to Denver and to Myrtle Beach. “Other than that I will be taking my last medical school classes and doing research.” noted Abby.

Congratulations to Addie

Hats off to Addison Welch who crossed the Bridge from Daisy to Brownie Girl Scout.



Condit Kids Planting Flowers May 23rd

Letter from the Treasurer . . .

Friends:

I'd like to provide you a brief update on the state of Condit finances as of the end of April.

First, the straight-forward bottom line - we are nearly \$10,000 in the red as of the end of April. But that is largely due to it being our heating season, and paying our taxes and insurance all up front for the year. So adjusting for these items as though we paid the across all 12 months, we would only be about \$3,000 in the red. Not so bad, given that until very recently we had been together by computer screens only.

After January, each month has trended better, so I congratulate you all!

We also need to keep in mind that coming back to in-person worship and return to other programming will increase our expenses. So let's not rest on our laurels, let's keep it up.

Further details on our finances are always available from me, but are sometimes included in the newsletter. And for those of you who want to contribute specifically towards your per capita, the 2021 amount is \$37.75.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Bartlett, Treasurer

From the Editor. . .

When reviewing the Condit Membership List while I was Clerk of Session, I wondered what had become of some of the young people who were once active in our church. When Jenny Kavage told me about her daughter, I was fascinated and asked her to share with us. This is Sarah's Story.



Sarah Kavage thru the Portal

What Became of. . . .

Sarah Kavage

By Jenny Kavage

As a little girl Sarah Kavage knew all the flowers in the Golden Guide to Wildflowers; which needed protection and which could be picked. Home decorations featured wreaths from the arbor's grapevines and dried flowers of the field. Earth Day was new and people were speaking up for the environment. At Condit Presbyterian Church where she attended Sunday School in the 1970s and '80s, she remembers the Smorgasbord and pastor Peter Crego who was championing stewardship of the environment.

This summer Sarah is the lead artist for 17 public installations being built of invasive natural materials at the environmental centers of the Delaware River Watershed in and around Philadelphia. Called the Lenapehoking Watershed Art project, it is on the native land of the Lenape people, an indigenous people also known as the Delaware.

Willow, grapevine, grass and phragmites (frag-MY-teez) will be featured construction materials. Living willow benches in the style of old-time Appalachian bent willow furniture have been completed at Cobbs Creek. At another site grapevine adorns a rotting stump, backs a common bench and becomes a snake sculpture draping a tree.

The Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia recently used the grapevine setting for breakfast and dialogue about the movement of plants and people and a spokesman from the Lenape talked about tribal history. Grateful for a safe place to live after the Khmer Rouge ravaged their country, the Cambodian immigrants tied ribbons for blessing and good fortune on the sculptures.

Sarah is an art graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and urban planning from the University of Washington in Seattle, where she has lived for nearly 25 years. When she decided she wanted to provoke conversation on topics she feels strongly about she moved her art out of the studio and into public places. At the top of her list are the environment, relationships, water whenever possible, and, more recently, native Americans.

In 2006 she and fellow artist Nicole Kistler created their Living Barge filled with native plants on Seattle's Duwamish River and in 2015 produced Duwamish Revealed, a summer-long event with more than 40 artists, performances and community events. Seattle Magazine called them the "River Queens" and named them among Seattle's most influential.

In 2010, Sarah was in Chicago finding out how the commodities market effects the bread we eat. With Kickstarter funds she purchased 1,000



bushels of wheat, had it milled into 20 tons of flour and gave it away. Some of that flour came to Sunbury's Friends Who Share, Sourcepoint, and Open Shelter and Faith Mission in downtown Columbus.

Sarah says "These large-scale, process-oriented, ephemeral works exemplify my creative worldview. In this work, the physical object is only a small part of what art is about, and it is the place, time, context, process, and human interactions that truly create it. My hope is that the work has an ongoing dialogue with its surroundings and those who see it."

Sarah and her husband, Rob Zverina, spent a cold January 2019 at Strawbale Studio in Michigan learning how to harvest and thatch with phragmites (invasive reeds) for the Lenapehoking art project. Then, she and groups of volunteers harvested phragmites on location. After a year-long delay due to Covid 19 the reeds are emerging from storage.



Mudhif Structure

In January 2020 Sarah showed a slide of an Iraqi mudhif, a ceremonial gathering place built of reeds, in a talk at Philly's Moore College of Art and Design. Afterward Yaroub Al Obaidi, an Iraqi immigrant, came forward to tell her he knew how to build a mudhif. "It is the essence of what we are trying to do," Sarah says, "create a welcoming and healing space."

On Memorial Day, military veterans, Iraqi refugees and other volunteers will join forces to set the foundation for "Al-Mudhif - A Confluence" at the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education. A 5,000 year-old building style, it will be one of the first of its kind in the United States when it opens June 24.

New installations will be constructed every week through the middle of August.

If you are going to be in the Philadelphia area this summer you can look up this Condit connection at <https://www.lenapehoking-watershed-art.com/water-spirit> or the entire program at <https://www.lenapehoking-watershed-art.com/>

Participation in Music Slowly Returning

In addition to the congregational singing the last hymn, the last Sunday of each month will feature favorite songs in Outdoor Worship.

Music Director Adam Garner is also seeking Boom-Whackers and soloists for Worship Services.

Condit Blood Drive 1-6 June 11

Pentecost Sunday



*Acolyte Madison Howard
Leads Rev. Annie*



Condit Kids Planting

**Happy Birthday
in June**

- 4 Caitlyn Garner
- 6 Donna Mucci
- 13 Norma Feasel
- 15 Ken Bartlett
- 16 Nathan Kirby
- 18 Linda Dado
- 23 Greg Gaydos

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="color: green; font-size: 48px; margin: 0;">June 2021</h1>						
 <p>Worship with us on Sunday mornings at 10:00. Masks not needed if vaccinated.</p> <p>Worship will be live-streamed.</p>		1 6 pm Fitness Club	2	3 6 pm Fitness Club	4	5
6 10 a.m. Worship with Communion	7	8 6 pm Fitness Club	9	10 5:30 Fitness Club 7 p.m. Session and Trustees	11 1-6 p.m. Condit Blood Drive	12
13 10 a.m. Worship Children's Craft Activities Outside Church at 4 p.m.	14	15 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER 6 pm Fitness Club	16 Noon Condit Women's Circle In Fellowship Hall	17	18	19
20 10 a.m. Worship 	21	22 6 pm Fitness Club	23	24	25	26 7 p.m. Euclere in Condit Fellowship Hall Bring your own beverage.
27 10 a.m. Outdoor Worship with More Music	28	29 6 pm Fitness Club	30	Recognition of 50 Year Members on June 13 Big Walnut Friends Who Share Food Drive Continues June 6 - Peanut Butter and Jelly June 13 - Pancake Mix and Syrup		



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