



Condit Courier

May 2021

Happy

On a picture-perfect Sunday, forty-one people enjoyed Rev. Annie's Outdoor Easter Worship Service, which included a possible 'new tradition' for Condit of



Flowering the Cross.

Thanks to Pam Sheets for photos.



Easter



Easter Sunrise Service was cancelled in favor of celebrating Easter and the Opening of in-person Worship Services.

Trustee Bob Westbrook crafted the Cross. Members donated flowers and all attending decorated the cross.

Christian Education

Children to Plant Flowers

Once again, the children will plant annual flowers around the church following worship on May 23. Please wear clothes that may get dirty and can be easily cleaned. This is becoming an annual event the children look forward to doing.

Sunday School Packets

Christian Education Committee has prepared a packet for each child to work on their Sunday School Lessons at home. Packets are available at church for those attending and will be delivered to those worshipping online.

Worship and Music Committee

Mark Your Calendar to Wear Red

May 23rd is Pentecost Sunday. To celebrate, Condit Worship and Music Committee is asking all to wear red to Worship that Sunday. See Rev. Annie's article on page 2 for more about this moving event.

Condit Trustees Need Your Help

"All Hands On Deck !!!!"

By George Justice

The Trustees have set Saturday, May 1st, as our annual Cleanup Day. There are tasks and projects to fit everyone's talents, skills and available time. Lots of work! We need everyone to pitch in and help a little.

Please check the lists and choose the one or two projects you can do or help a team accomplish. Hours are 10-5. There will be some munchies provided for lunch. If Saturday is a scheduling conflict for you, please pick a task and do it at your convenience.

Here's some of the bigger tasks we're looking for individuals/teams to adopt: cleaning the windows of the Searles sign, raking stone out of the grass back onto the driveway, concrete repair on sidewalks, drop & burn several dead pine trees, repair attic ceiling, and remove slats of benches on the sidewalk.

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Pentecost – The Winds of Change Cause the Church to Communicate with Everyone

By Rev. Annie Melick

This month we celebrate Pentecost, sometimes called the birthday of the church, on May 23. It should be an especially great celebration this year as we remember the difficulties of the past year and start to plan for a “new normal.” My hope is that the life of our congregation together will be more meaningful, impactful, and hospitable than ever before. I hope we are like the beginning church described in Acts 2 – speaking in different languages so everyone could understand the good news of Jesus Christ.



Rev. Annie Melick

Those different languages I hope we will be fluent in are the languages of rich and poor, the languages of young and old, the languages of all genders and orientations, the language of celebrating diversity, and the language of love. A Pentecost church doesn’t include everyone because the people know how to do that or can muster up the courage to do it. The way a Pentecost church can speak the language and show love to everyone is because the Holy Spirit equips us, encourages us, and strengthens us for our ministry in and to the world around us.

I hope you will attend worship on Pentecost Sunday either onsite at the church or online from your home. Be sure to wear something red and get ready for a celebration! We anticipate the Holy Spirit moving and breathing into us a new spirit of love for God and our neighbors.

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them. (Acts 2:1-4, MSG)



Sunday Worship in May



May 2, 2021	Vines and Branches	John 15:1-8
May 9, 2021	Love One Another	John 15:9-17
May 16, 2021	Rev. Rebecca Tollefson preaching	
May 23, 2021	Pentecost (wear red)	Acts 2:1-21
May 30, 2021	Who’s At The Door?	John 3:1-17



Remember in Your Prayers

The Wilson family with the death of nephew Mark, Carmie Joseph, Sue Milem, Sue Overturf, Joe Cox, Max and Peggy Sheets.

Big Walnut Friends



Who Share
STOCK THE FOOD PANTRY

Sunday, May 23
Pasta (not spaghetti)
Canned Spaghetti Sauce

Sunday, May 30
Cereal

Sunday, June 6
Peanut Butter
Jelly

Sunday, June 13
Pancake Mix
Syrup

**Put items in containers
in Condit Narthex**

Session and Trustees Will Resume Meeting in Person

Session and Trustees will resume meeting at 7:00 in the Condit Fellowship Hall with the May meeting. Masks are required and participants will be asked to maintain healthy distancing.

Next Red Cross Blood Drive At Condit Is Friday, June 11

American Red Cross will be in the Condit Fellowship to collect blood from 1 to 6 on Friday, June 11. We had 28 slots to fill and 20 are filled at this time.

Condit's April Blood Drive netted 23 pints which was 3 over goal. For the 2 drives in 2021 we have taken in 44 pints to save 132 lives. Since we started Condit blood drives in 2014 we have had 36 drives to net 750 pints to save 2,250 people.

"I have been leading this mission since it began but if anyone is interested in learning to do it, I will be glad to help them get started," noted Polly Horn.

For the June Drive we still need 8 donors. Call 740-965-3582 to register.

Attendance Has Grown During Covid

Beginning with the outdoor services, someone has recorded the attendance weekly on a sheet for the month. These are turned into the Communications committee who records these as well as the weekly online attendance.

Since many online people watch the service at different times and different days, one must look back a couple of weeks to catch those people in the attendance. Now the two numbers for each Sunday are added together for the total.

Rev. Annie's Lenten Devotionals netted 1,318 views online. Wings of Eagles had 43 views and Broken Vessels had 49 – both were additional services.

31 attended Palm Sunday online, 14 attended Maundy Thursday on zoom while 36 viewed the Maundy Prayer online.

41 attended Easter Service while 26 watched online.



Easter Egg Hunt at Condit Was a Hit!

On a beautiful spring day, boys and girls found eggs, Easter baskets with all kinds of treats.

Masks were inconvenient but didn't seem to hide the fun.

Photo by Pam Sheets

(Trustees Work Day continued from page 1)
Contact any of the Trustees with any questions.

The Trustees thank everyone in advance for your time, dedication and assistance. There's lots of work to be done, but if everyone can help in their own way, Condit can "Get Er Dun !! "

Thanks in advance,

The Trustees

Christian Education Committee is looking for volunteers to work with the Sunday School Program. Please contact Sue Milem or Rev. Annie if you are interested.



Meeting Our Ministers . . .

Rev. Calvin Noyes Ransom

by Jennie Kavage

The Rev. Calvin Noyes Ransom, first pastor of Trenton Presbyterian Church (now Condit) in 1836, was a very well-educated man. He was born Feb. 15, 1800 at Sandgate, VT, to Mindwell Noyes and Col. Theophilus Ransom, known for his military service in the War of 1812. After it was over, Theophilus moved the family to Washington County, OH.

Ohio University, the oldest university in the state, opened to students in 1809. Calvin graduated with the class of 1825. Then he entered Andover Theological Seminary in Andover, Massachusetts. He was ordained a Presbyterian minister Sept. 25, 1828 and on Sept. 28, 1828 he married Susan Gale of Pembroke, NH.

The Rev. Ransom struck off immediately for his post in the home ministry in southern Ohio. From 1829-32 he was acting Presbyterian pastor at the Hamilton church. While there he and Susan had their first child, Lucinda, in 1830. The Ransoms were called to Delaware County where he served as pastor of Berlin Presbyterian Church from 1832-37. He also served as pastor of Genoa Presbyterian Church from 1834-36, officiated at the organization of Little Mill Creek Presbyterian Church in Scioto Township in 1834, organized and served as pastor of Trenton Presbyterian from 1836-37. In 1837 Rev. Ransom organized a church in Berkshire Township and preached there the first year. Three more children were added to the Ransom household – Daniel, 1833; Edward (or Edwin), 1834, and Susan, 1835. (Daniel may have died young as there is no more information about him.)

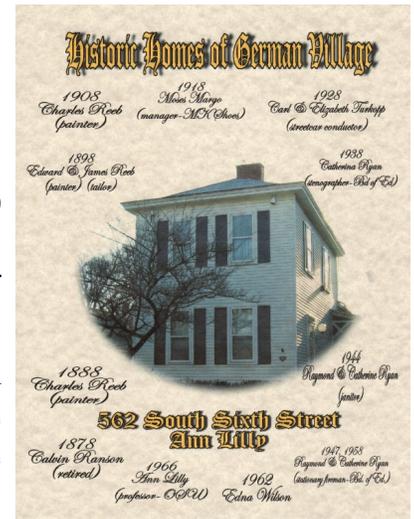
The History of the Marion Presbytery says The Rev. Calvin Ransom and another minister were “dismissed” in 1837. This was the time of intensifying division between Old School and New School Presbyterians. The complete fracture in 1838 wouldn’t be healed until 1870. Was this why he left or did he need to try other opportunities to support his growing family? For the next two years he was an agent of the American Bible Society and then an agent of the Western Education Society, 1839-40. Some of this time he must have been in Indiana because daughter Mary was born there in 1838.

The 1840 census shows a Calvin Ransom living in Jacksontown, Licking County. He served as a Presbyterian pastor at Hebron from 1840-46 and at Scipio, 1846-50. The youngest Ransom child, Serena, called “Rena,” was born in 1843. Calvin’s wife Susan died in 1845. In 1846 he married Ann Elizabeth Clark of Concord, NH. In 1850 he went back to New England for a 10-year stint pastoring at Congregational churches in Bennington, NH, Westbrook, ME, and Poultney, VT.

In 1860 when he was 60 years old, the census shows him in Springfield, OH, listed as minister, “N.S. Presbyterian.” He was pastor at Lowell, Adams Twp., Washington Co., Ohio from 1864-68 and, his eyes failing, lived there until 1875. The census of 1870 lists him as 70 years old, a retired minister. Living with him and Annie, 66, is daughter Lucinda Pelton, age 40 and her son Edward, 10. Calvin’s obituary says he was “totally blind” from 1870. After 1875 the Ransoms lived with daughter Mary Ransom Hills at 562 South 6th St. in Columbus and with other relatives in the Cincinnati suburbs.

The Rev. Dr. Washington Gladden, his pastor in Columbus, wrote about Calvin, “During the long years of his blindness the inner light was never dimmed. His mind was always wakeful; he found the keenest pleasure in the studies which he had always followed, and the new phases of thought were familiar to him. Far from being distressed at the changes in theology, he hailed them with exultation, as new light breaking forth from God’s Holy Word. And all the while his Christian faith grew firmer and stronger, and his love for his master more tender and more pure. Dark as were the paths of his feet, the highway of his soul was one that shone more and more unto the perfect day.”

Annie died July 31, 1887 followed by Calvin on Jan. 7, 1889. He is buried at Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati with other family members.



Where Ransom lived in 1878



Ransom's Stone

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<h1>May 2021</h1>				
<p>* Sunday Services are being held in the church at 10:00. Masks are required, Healthy distancing is required. Please move outside to chat after the service.</p> <p><i>Sunday Worship is live streamed for those choosing to watch at home. Links to YouTube and Facebook are on the home page of the website at www.ConditChurch.org</i></p>						<p>1 Clean-Up Day 10-5</p> 
<p>2* 10:00 Worship & Communion 10:45 Liturgist Training</p>	3	4	5	6	7	8
		6:00 Fitness Group		6:00 Fitness Group		
<p>9* 10 Worship</p> 	10	11	12	13	14	15
		6:00 Fitness Group		5:30 Fitness Group 7:00 Session & Trustees		
<p>16* 10 Worship</p>	17	18	19	20	21	22
		6:00 Fitness Group	Condit Women's Circle at Noon	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:00 Fitness Group		
<p>23* Wear Red 10 Worship 10:45 Condit Kids Plant Flowers (wear clothes that can get dirty)</p>	24	25	26	27	28	29
		6:00 Fitness Group		6:00 Fitness Group		7 p.m. Euchre in the Church Fellowship
<p>30* 10 Worship</p>	<p>31</p> 	<p>Big Walnut Friends Who Share Annual Food Drive begins May 23 at Condit Items should be left in the church. See page 2 for details.</p>				



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