



Condit Courier

November 2021

All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 7 we will commemorate All Saints Sunday. During the worship service that morning, we will remember those who have died in the past year. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of your loved ones.

Big Walnut Ministerial Association



COMMUNITY
presents the
**Annual Community
Thanksgiving Service**

Monday, November 22 at 7pm
at Sunbury Christian Church.

This is a wonderful experience as we gather with our neighbors to give thanks to God. The service is planned by the Big Walnut Ministerial Association and it's always fun to see many of the area pastors leading worship together.

Holidays are Coming

Friends Who Share Need Help

B.W.F.W.S. needs 100 Jiffy Muffin mixes for the Christmas Meal Boxes they are providing for their families. Kathy Kees agreed Condit will furnish the muffin mixes. Donations may be left in the box in the church in November or delivered to Kathy's house. Monetary donations may be mailed directly to Kathy and she will shop for the mixes.

**In November
Remember
Mittens,
Gloves
and Hats
for
Big
Walnut
Friends
Who Share**



Teresa Gorsuch and Sheila Michols will put up the Mitten and Hat Rack in the narthex throughout November to collect mittens and hats for Friends Who Share.



Believe it or not. . . .

Advent Begins November 28

Our Worship and Music Committee is already making plans to help us have a beautiful season. For our sanctuary decorations this year, we will have the Poinsettia Tree, a Christmas Tree, and a barn door decorated with lanterns.

We are hoping to update our Christmas Tree decorations this year, so if you would like to donate an ornament, please bring that on our Advent Decorating Day, November 21st after worship service. We are also looking for a variety of lanterns to decorate our barn door for Advent. We encourage you to make a homemade lantern or bring a lantern you already have on November 21st to Advent Decorating Day. If you have any questions, contact Ken Bartlett, Teresa Gorsuch or Adam Garner.

Along with decorating for Advent, Worship and Music is also planning the program for Condit Christmas on December 12 at 7pm. If you would like to read a poem, sing, or play a song, please contact Ken Bartlett or Adam Garner.

Order a Poinsettia for Our Tree

Complete the order form on page (7) and give it with your money to George Justice by November 21. Let George know if you are willing to help with watering the plants.

Children's Bible Classes

In Big Walnut Schools?

A group of parents is working with LifeWise Academy to bring religious education to students in the Big Walnut School District. LifeWise Academy is a Released Time Religious Instruction (RTRI) program which provides *(continue on page 2)*

Thanksgiving

by Rev. Annie Melick

Do you think *thanksgiving* is a noun or a verb? When we use it to name a specific day, it's a noun. When we use it to describe the act of giving thanks, it's a verb. On Thanksgiving (noun) we should practice doing thanksgiving (verb). Below you will find some ideas about how to give thanks this year, and a brief Thanksgiving meditation to use on Thanksgiving day.



Rev. Annie Melick

GIVING THANKS THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER:

- Write a note or send a card to tell someone you are thankful for them.
- Each night before you go to sleep, thank God for 3 things.
- Take a walk and thank God for the things you see that are good and beautiful.
- Sing hymns of thanksgiving.
- Do something creative that expresses thankfulness: draw, paint, dance, write.

GIVING THANKS ON NOVEMBER 25:

- Get a candle and matches and find a comfortable place by yourself or with others.
- Light your candle and quiet your spirit.
- Pray: Thank you, God for this day of thanksgiving. Thank you for my life, for Jesus my Savior, for food and shelter, for family and friends, for my church, and _____. Amen.
- Sing the hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" or another song you like.

*Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.*

- Read this Scripture out loud: ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
- Spend a moment in silence remembering all of the things you are thankful for.
- Blow out the candle and take a few deep breaths as you prepare to resume the activities of the day.

(Bible Classes continued from page 1)

Bible based character education to public school students. Under RTRI laws, students can be released from public school during the school day to attend religious classes, provided the program is off school property, privately funded and parent permitted.

The initiative is presently in Phase 1, where they are determining the level of interest and support in the school district. More information will be shared as the process progresses.

Rev. Annie shared a video about the program at the beginning of Worship on October 17. It can be seen online at the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAKjZTMG-DQ>

If you would like more information, go to <http://www.lifewisecademy.org>. You can register your support at <https://www.lifewisecademy.org/district/3904674/big-walnut-local>.



Jesus Our Great High Priest

– the Book of Hebrews –

October 3- November 21



Hebrews is a sermon, but scholars aren't sure who wrote it, whom the audience was, where the church was, or when it was written. What we do know is that the author/preacher was addressing a specific problem in a church; the congregation is exhausted and their faith is shaky. The preacher doesn't start a new program or write a new mission statement; he preaches serious theology about the nature and meaning of Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest.

November 7	Hebrews 9:24-28	The New Holy of Holies	All Saints Sunday
November 14	Hebrews 10:11-14	A Single Offering for All Time	Pam Gillett preaching
November 21	John 18:33-37	A Kingdom Not From This World	Christ the King Sunday



Advent

The Inn

– Advent 2021 –

November 28



Advent

The past two years have made obvious, and widened, economic disparity locally and globally. As we enter the Advent season, how can our churches become houses where the Holy will be born anew—offering respite, sustenance and care, opening the doors ever wider to those seeking shelter from the onslaught of life? No one church can do it all, but each can do something. As we study the biblical prophets that call us to care for our neighbors and “make room in the inn,” the lonely and frightened spaces within us are filled with the light of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

November 28 Jeremiah 33: 14-16, Psalm 25: 4-5 Advent 1 (Hope): “Making Room”



Condit Music Department
Adam Garner, Music Director

- ♪ Piano
- ♪ Organ
- ♪ Choir
- ♪ Boom-Whackers
- ♪ Bell Choir

Flowers for the Sanctuary

Mission by Sheila Micholes

Each month a person or family in our congregation brings two arrangements to decorate the Sanctuary. The arrangements are kept in the refrigerator and brought up throughout the month.

Sheila is making the list for 2022. If you wish to change your month or discontinue your flower donation, please let her know.

Music adds so much to our Worship Service.

Won't you add your voice?

7 p.m. Wednesdays



Condit Christmas on December 12

Will need donations of cookies and punch if served after the program. Watch December Newsletter for details.



Remember in Your Prayers

Joe Cox, Mary Jo Wilson, Jim Irwin, Molly Blevins

Meeting Our Ministers . . .

Joseph Fowler

by *Jennie Kavage*



Joseph Fowler

Joseph Fowler was the third minister of Trenton (later Condit) Presbyterian Church. He was born in Blandford, Massachusetts, August 9, 1809. When he was still a boy his family moved to the young state of Ohio. The 1820 census shows his father Eliseus, mother Sally (Knox) and family in Hartford (now Croton), Licking County, Ohio.

Young Joseph went back to New England to attend Yale College, graduating in 1834. Then he studied for three years at Lane Theological Seminary in Cincinnati. In his class were Henry and Charles Beecher, brothers of Harriet Beecher Stowe who wrote *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Head of the school was their father Lyman Beecher nationally known for his fiery sermons against intemperance and slavery. His preacher sons also became famous for their abolitionist views. The Ohio History Connection says the seminary, like the nation, was divided over the issue of slavery. One can only imagine the heated discussions among the 14 men in the class.

When Joseph graduated from the Seminary in 1837 he headed to the Alton, IL, Presbytery just across the Mississippi from rapidly growing St. Louis. In July 1837 Alton was incorporated as a city by the state of Illinois. In November what is perhaps the most tragic event of its history occurred. Elijah P. Lovejoy, Presbyterian minister, abolitionist, journalist and newspaper editor was murdered by a proslavery mob and his printing press thrown in the river.

The Rev. Joseph Fowler's first pastorate was the First Presbyterian Church of nearby Jerseyville, IL, a young church still trying to get enough money together for a building. The Rev. Amos P. Brown had been the church's minister the previous year, doing the best he could despite his fragile health. Pastor Fowler began his Jerseyville ministry in September 1838, and was ordained by the Alton Presbytery, April 4, 1839. He left the Jerseyville church in September 1840. On March 23, 1841 Joseph Fowler and Eliza A. Brown, daughter of the Rev. Amos P. Brown, were married in Jerseyville.

In April 1842 Joseph Fowler united with Marion Presbytery, New School, and became pastor to Trenton Presbyterian for a six-month period. He was a young minister, a newly-wed and, at some point that year, a new dad to a daughter Eleanor. From here he united with the Medina Presbytery and pastored at York briefly. In October 1844 he took charge of the Presbyterian Church in Lacon, IL, on the Illinois River north of Peoria. This would be his charge until 1853, "a longer time than any other minister since the organization of the Society," according to local history.

The 1850 census for Lacon shows Joseph, 41, born in Massachusetts, and Eliza Ann, 32, born in New Hampshire, with three children in their household—Eleanor, 8, born in Ohio; Frances, 4, and Theodore, 1, both born in Illinois.

Next he was hired to work for the American Home Missionary Society, which aimed to assist financially until a church became able to support an established minister. In this capacity he ministered in Astoria, Rushville and Magnolia, IL. He died in Magnolia on Sept. 16, 1857 at the age of 48. He was buried in Lacon Cemetery. Eliza joined him there in 1880.



Eliza Brown Fowler



Hotdogs to Dinner



Marshmallows to Somemores



Decorating Pumpkins



Enjoying good food!

20 Enjoyed Condit's 2021 Bonfire and Hotdog Roast



Matthew 25 Zoom Book Study

Poverty

Condit is a Matthew 25 congregation, which means we are committed to learning and acting on 3 emphases: poverty, racism and church revitalization. The Presbytery is offering a 2-part class online to explore the issue of poverty.

Join friends from around the presbytery for a book study on *Broke in America: Seeing, Understanding and Ending US Poverty* by Joanne Samuel Goldblum and Colleen Shaddox. We will meet on zoom for two consecutive Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 pm on November 10 and 17. This is sponsored by the Matthew 25 team from the Commission on Nurture and Outreach.

Register in advance for this meeting using this link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUzf-mpqDkuH9wXFSdLw8HKqRdmIW_6TZ1L

Community Euchre is the last Saturday of the month at 7 p.m.

Nominating Committee Looking for Elder and Trustee Candidates

Call Doug Kerns, Ken Bartlett, Molly Blevins, Teresa Gorsuch or Pam Sheets if you are interested or know someone who is.

Condit Blood Drive Made Goal

Twenty five people came to the October Blood Drive and gave a total of 20 pints of blood which was our goal. Thanks!

The next drive will be 1-6 on Friday, December 10.

Happy November Birthday

- 6 Mick Sheets
- 9 Marvin Monroe
- 10 Josh Shick
- 11 Jacqueline Kerns
- 12 Harold Ramsey
- 17 Kathy Kees
- 28 Mary Jo Wilson

Happy Anniversary

- 7 Mick and Pam Sheets
- 16 Ken and Doreen Bartlett
- 27 Gary and Jackie Covert

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h1 style="color: orange;">November 2021</h1> 						
	1	2 6:00 Fitness Club VOTE TODAY	3 7:00 Choir	4 6:00 Fitness Club	5	6 REMEMBER FALL BACK  <small>DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS AT 3AM SUNDAY November 7</small>
7 * Youth & Adult Sunday School * 10 Worship All Saints' Sunday with Communion	8	9 6:00 Fitness Club	10 7:00 Choir	11 6:00 Fitness Club	12	13
14 * 10:00 Worship	15	16 6:00 Fitness Club	17 12:00 Condit Women's Circle 7:00 Choir	18 5:30 Fitness Club 7:00 Session & Trustees Meeting	19	20 Newsletter Deadline
21 * 10:00 Worship 11am Decorating for Advent—bring ornament and lantern	22 7 pm Community Thanksgiving Service at Sunbury Christian Church	23 6:00 Fitness Club	24 7:00 Choir	25 Give  Thanks!	26	27 7:00 Euchre
28 * 10:00 10 Worship	29	30	Sunday School* Adult and Youth Class 9-9:45 a.m. on Sundays in the Church Library.  Sunday School for children following Children's Message each 2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th Sundays.			



Poinsettia - Order by November 21

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 _____





Condit Presbyterian Church

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<http://www.conditchurch.org>
Pastor: Rev. Annie Melick

SESSION
Class of 2023

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Judy Watts.....614-832-7902
Marianne Westbrook..... 614-738-5005

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Chip Welch, Clerk.....614-774-0390
Ken Bartlett.....740-965-1529
Sue Milem.....614 984-7966

Class of 2021

Doug Kerns.....614-216-0964
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Sheila Micholes.....740-965-4394

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John Whitney.....740-485-0844
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Bob Westbrook.....614-668-8850
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Pam Sheets.....937-902-4779

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Special Events

Jeff Marshall740-816-4676

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Sheila Micholes.....740-965-4394

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