



Condit Courier

December 2021

Chancel Choir Practice Moving To 6 p.m. on Wednesdays

Beginning this week, the choir will practice from 6 to 7 in the Sanctuary in preparation for the holidays. One need not be a trained musician to be a member of our choir. "We welcome new members," noted Adam Garner, Condit's Music Director.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Members of the church are asked to stay after Worship on December 12 to elect Elders and Trustees for the next year. While the meeting is open to anyone, only members are permitted to vote. Condit's 2021 Nominating Committee consists of Elders Doug Kerns and Ken Bartlett, Trustee Molly Blevins and Members of Congregation-at-Large Teresa Gorsuch and Pam Sheets. They are preparing the slate of potential Elders and Trustees to be elected on the 12th.

All Committee Chairs should get their Annual reports to Clerk Chip Welch by December 14 in preparation for the Annual Congregational Meeting in January.

Session and Trustees will hold the last meeting of 2021 in Rattlesnake Golf Club Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. December 9.

Remembering Friends Who Share

Donations for Big Walnut Friends Who Share are coming in nicely. There is still time to bring in Jiffy Muffin Mixes as well as hats and mittens. These items will be taken to BWFWS during the first week in December.

Christmas Cookies



Teresa Gorsuch is looking for cookie bakers for Condit Christmas on December 12th. If you are willing to bake some Christmas cookies please let Teresa know.



Poinsettia Tree

Some more donations are needed for the Condit Poinsettia Tree which traditionally graces our sanctuary. Please give your order with \$7.50 per plant to George Justice.

Advent Begins November 28

An Advent Devotional of scriptures and readings to be used daily during the Advent Season to prepare us for the birth of Christ on Christmas begins on page 9-A.D.1. It begins on November 28 and goes thru Christmas Day. The 2021 Devotional is also posted on our church website at www.Condit Church.org.



Condit Christmas is 6 p.m. Sunday, December 12

The most popular service of the year is Condit Christmas. This year it will begin at 6:00 with music, readings and traditional holiday celebration in the beautifully decorated sanctuary.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service at 7 Dec. 24

This is the highlight of the season as we gather with family and friends to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The candlelight adds so much to this beautiful service it is no wonder so many families from afar return to join this Worship service.

Making Room for the Holy

Rev. Annie Melick

Last year at this time, we were nine months into the pandemic. We only had worship services online. On Christmas Eve, we offered an online service and then gathered in the parking lot at the church with snow falling to sing Silent Night. This year a lot has changed, but our world still feels different to us. As I talk to people, one thing I hear over and over is that we are exhausted. We are tired of unknowns, tired of change, tired of having to pivot every time things change, and tired of loss and suffering. We come to this Advent and Christmas season needing hope, peace, joy, and love.



Rev. Annie Melick

Our worship theme this month focuses on the challenge to welcome The Holy in our lives through our generosity and hospitality. Think of it as taking the role of the innkeeper who had to think outside the box a little to come up with a place for Mary and Joseph to stay. I pray that this season will bring each of us opportunities to give and receive generosity and hospitality. I pray that we will have beautiful moments of encountering our holy Lord. I pray for hope, peace, joy, and love.



The Inn – Advent 2021



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.

December 5, 2021 Advent 2 (Peace): “A Place at the Table” Baruch 5: 1-5, Philippians 1:9-11

December 12, 2021 Advent 3 (Joy): “How Much is Enough?” Isaiah 12: 2-6, Luke 3: 10-14

December 19, 2021 Advent 4 (Love): “A Room with a View” Micah 5:2-5a, and Luke 1: 46-55

December 24, 2021 Christmas Eve: “The Inn” Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2: 1-7 [8-20]

December 26, 2021 Sunday after Christmas: “Dwelling”
Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52



Keep in Your Prayers

Jane Markley, a Family sick with Covid, Bob Westbrook, Sue Milem, Peggy Sheets, Joe Cox, Mary Jo and Homer Wilson, Sheila Micholes.

Condit Members Share Favorite Christmas Traditions and Special Memories

Collected by Jenny Kavage

Christmas Traditions for the Melick Family

Christmas for our family as our children were growing up centered around church activities until late Christmas Eve, and then our family time began. Our whole family was involved in music and drama productions at church throughout December and then we were all usually involved in Christmas Eve services. Sometime on Christmas Eve we would gather



with several families at our friend's house for a Birthday Party for Jesus. We arrived home pretty late on December 24 and began our family time with fancy appetizers and desserts, served in our "pretty dishes." Everyone got to open one present that night, and then Lyle read Christmas stories before everyone headed to bed. On Christmas morning the kids had to wait until 7am to wake us up, and then we would get all of the lights on and the kids would excitedly come downstairs to open presents and have breakfast together. Over the next few days we would play board games, watch movies, and visit extended family. Now that our family is



grown, we have added new members and we usually celebrate together after Christmas, since there are two pastors in the family. Christmas Eve has always been my favorite holiday because I get to be with my church family and my own family to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

From the Rev. Ann Melick



Condit's Christmas Eve Service a Gorsuch Family Tradition

When I was young my family always attended Christmas Eve service at Condit Presbyterian Church. Afterwards, we hurried home to open gifts because we knew Santa Claus had already been to our house. Bill and I continued this tradition with our family. Our favorite part of the service was to hear Sue Overturf sing *Oh, Holy Night*. Even now my boys, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, and my mom attend Condit's Christmas Eve service and then come back to our house to open presents.

From Teresa Gorsuch



Bill and Teresa Gorsuch

Jacob Family Christmas Traditions Include...faith, family and fun times together!

December is a bustling time of year with the family's toy stores keeping everyone extra busy! Of course, the Jacob family will always try to squeeze in too many holiday activities,...like Christmas music concerts, a holiday parade, and Christmas caroling to name a few! Finding time to decorate their home with a pretty Christmas tree and holiday stockings for each member of the family is always an important tradition.

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Christmas Traditions and Memories continued from page 3

Sometimes they even add special holiday lights around their house,...which everyone enjoys!!

Another wonderful family tradition,...during Advent, on Sunday evenings,.. the family will light one of the candles on their advent wreath,...a tradition that Levi, Isaia and Jaden's grandparents started back when their mom was a small child. Sunday evening advent lighting time is a special moment for the family to slow down and do some reflection.

Another treasured tradition,...being together at Condit's Christmas Eve candlelight service singing Christmas songs,...a family favorite! Lastly, a special holiday memory the Jacob family loves to share,...when Levi, Isaia and Jaden's grandfather was still around,..., their Grandpa Jacob would make a special visit on Christmas morning, riding in a sleigh fueled by two lively horses!! **Shared by Connie Jacob**

Traditions Bring Shick Family Together

When I think about it, I don't have one favorite holiday tradition. What I enjoy most about the Christmas season is the extra time our family spends together through a series of traditions. We have family parties, a ladies luncheon, cookie & candy making days, and shopping trips. On Christmas Eve, my family and my brother's family spend the night at my parents home. We play games, watch movies, eat, make gingerbread houses....and we laugh and laugh. The kids are older now and we're very blessed that they enjoy each other's company so much. All of these things give us the opportunity to spend more time together, which is always a gift!

By Jennifer Shick



Shick Family in 2020

Front Row: Jennifer, Hannah, Sarah, Joe Lewis, Jr.

Back Row: Dayne, Joshua, Joseph Lewis

George Justice Remembers:

Going out together as a Family to select the best Christmas Tree for us, getting it home and then decorating it; Each of the various age Sunday School groups singing Christmas carols during Sunday Church Service and on the evening of the "Christmas Program;"

Youth Fellowship Group traveling around the neighborhood singing Christmas Carols to the Seniors.

When my sister Becky was about 4 years old, she woke up and sprang out of bed at about 4:30 in the morning, flew down the stairs and woke Mom and Dad declaring "Santa's on the roof !!! I just heard him! He's on the roof !!!"

"Cowboy Pistols" and caps. Brother Marvin and I had a great time chasing each other around the house. Dad loved to join in also! Our Allis Chalmers pedal tractor! All of us kids loved it!!

Celebrating Christmas at Grandma Saunders' house with a house FULL of cousins, aunts and uncles. Each grandchild received a Bible which she signed on their 10th Christmas. I still have mine!! Sure my siblings do also.

Was always happy to see all the extra faces in Church during the season as people made sure they made it home to see family and friends.

Recollections from George Justice

Update the Directory Data

Each year we update the information in our Church Directory to keep everyone's contacts correct. We know it is too hard to expect everyone to remember to let us know when they get a new phone number, email address.

Please check in your copy of the Condit Directory or pick up another copy at the church and be sure your information is correct. Copies are in plastic containers near the front and back doors. If everything is right you do not need to do anything else.

If there is something which needs to be corrected, please complete the form on page 6 and return it to Donna Mucci at 16079 Hartford Road, Sunbury, Ohio 43074 by December 30.

New Directories should be available in January.



Condit received the thank-you card above for the wands sent to Wands for Wildlife this fall. So far Condit has sent 44 wands to help with cleaning baby animals and birds.

Sheila Micholes is collecting used mascara wands to send to them in February. Please wash them in warm soapy water, dry, then bring them to Condit before the end of January.

Christmas Decorations will be taken down after Worship on January 2. Helpers WELCOME!

Condit Women's Circle

Women will meet in the Fellowship Hall at noon on December 15 for a Potluck and Bible Study with Mariann Counts. All women are invited.

Give the Gift of Life By Donating Blood

December 10th from 1 to 6, Condit will host a Red Cross Blood Drive in our Fellowship Hall to begin our 6th year.

In December 2014, we began Blood Drives as a mission following our New Beginnings Program at Condit. In 2015, two drives were cancelled by Red Cross but after that we hosted 6 drives a year until covid hit in 2020. Red Cross cancelled a drive but we measured the space and asked their supervisor to visit Condit before the next drive. After measuring they agreed we could continue to safely host the drives with 3 beds.

Following our October drive, we have hosted 39 drives, collected 808 pints to save 2,424 lives.

At press time, we have 23 of our 29 donor spaces scheduled for our December Drive. If you are willing to donate, email GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org or call Polly Horn 740-965-3582 and leave a message. We will get back to you to schedule your appointment.

Only donors are allowed in the Fellowship Hall during the Blood Drive. Masks are still required.

Happy Birthday in December!

- 1 Holly Fuller
- 4 Hayden Agnew
- 13 Megan Gilbert
- 18 Bob Westbrook
- 21 Jim Irwin
- 25 Alma Jones
- 28 Kate Skeen
- 29 Ann Lafatis
- Katlin White

Happy Anniversary

17 Jeff and Terrie Groseclose



Help Us Get It Right: The Condit Family. . . .

Name _____

Street Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mailing Address if different than house street address:

Home Phone (_____-_____-_____) Cell (_____-_____-_____) _____

Email Address: _____ Text? Circle one YES or NO

Birthdate: 00/00/0000 ____/____/____

Spouse _____

Birthdate: 00/00/0000 ____/____/____ Cell (_____-_____-_____) _____

Email Address: _____

Children:

1. Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

2. Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

3. Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

4. Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

5. Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

If not living in the home provide address and phone number below

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT TO BE PRINTED BUT TO HELP CONDIT SERVE YOU:

Are you a Member of Condit Presbyterian Church? _____ Date baptized _____

Do you have any health issues or disabilities we should know to better serve you? Use another sheet if necessary.

Thanks!
Donna Mucci, Directory Editor
16079 Hartford Road
Sunbury, Ohio 43074.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h1 style="color: green; display: inline;">December 2021</h1> 						
* 9:30 Adult & Youth Sunday Discussion Group in Church Library. Bring own coffee or Tea 10:15 Sunday School for children PK-5			1 6-7:00 Choir	2 6:00 Fitness Club	3	4
5 10 a.m. Worship & Communion	6	7 6:00 Fitness Club	8 6-7:00 Choir	9 5:30 Fitness Club 6:30 p.m. Session & Trustees at Rattlesnake	10 1-6 CONDIT BLOOD DRIVE	11
12 * 10 a.m. Worship followed by Congressional Meeting 6:00 Condit Christmas Program	13	14 6:00 Fitness Club	15 12:00 Condit Women Circle Potluck & Bible Study 6-7:00 Choir	16 6:00 Fitness Club	17	18
19 * 10 Worship	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 6:00 Fitness Club	22 6-7:00 Choir	23 6:00 Fitness Club	24 7:00 Christmas Eve Service	25 Christ Is Born!  Merry Christmas!
26 * 10 Worship	27	28 6:00 Fitness Club	29 6-7:00 Choir	30 6:00 Fitness Club	31 New Year's Eve	





Condit Presbyterian Church

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL



Advent 1 Sunday, Nov. 28 - Saturday, Dec. 4

Light the First Advent Candle

Reader - This is the candle of Hope. (light candle)

Response - We look forward to Jesus' coming with hope.

Daily Scriptures and Stories

Sunday - Jeremiah 1:4-10

Monday - Jeremiah 32:6-15

Tuesday - Jeremiah 33:14-16

Wednesday - Psalm 25:1-10

Thursday - 1 Thessalonians 3:9-10

Friday - 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

Saturday - Luke 21:25-36

Questions to Ponder

1. What did you hear today that gives you hope?
2. Consider how hope that is confident in the promises of God casts out fear.
3. Consider how you might live differently when you trust in God's promises.
4. Consider how you might share this hope with someone you know this week.

Prayer

Faithful God, how good it is to remember that you keep your promises. Let this Advent be a time for us to remember that you love us and tell us over and over again to live in your hope. When we see a new branch growing out of an old stump, we know that the hope you offer us is true. Help us to live into your hope every day as we share this hope with others. Amen.

Advent 2 Sunday, Dec. 5 - Saturday, Dec. 11

Light the First and Second Advent Candles

First Reader - This is the candle of Hope. (light candle)

Second Reader - This is the candle of Peace. (light candle)

Response - Thank you God for messages and messengers of hope.

Daily Scripture

Sunday - Malachi 3:1-4

Monday - Isaiah 40:3-5

Tuesday - Luke 1:5-20, 57-66

Wednesday - Luke 1:67-79

Thursday - Luke 3:1-6

Friday - Isaiah 43:18-19

Saturday - Philippians 1:3-11

Questions to Ponder

1. What promises did you hear in today's reading?
2. Consider what the peace that God promises looks like for our world.
3. Consider how God's special messenger prepared the world for change.
4. Consider how you can also to be a messenger of God's and peace in the world.

Prayer

Faithful God, with you the impossible is possible. With you real peace is possible. With you living in peace, sharing peace with others, and the foretelling of your dreams of peace are made real. Your kingdom come, O Lord, your kingdom come. Amen.

Advent 3 Sunday, Dec. 12 - Saturday, Dec. 18

Light the First, Second & Third Advent Candles

First Reader - This is the candle of Hope. (light candle)

Second Reader - This is the candle of Peace. (light candle)

Third Reader - This is the candle of Joy. (light candle)

Response - We lift our voices in praise and joy for what is about to happen.

Daily Scripture

Sunday - Zephaniah 3:14-20

Monday - Isaiah 12:2-6

Tuesday - Philippians 4:4-7

Wednesday - Luke 3:7-17

Thursday - John 1:1-9, 14-15

Friday - Luke 1:26-38

Saturday - Matthew 1:18-25

Questions to Ponder

1. What did you hear today that brings you great joy?
2. Consider what brings God great joy.
3. How do show others that you are filled with joy? What do you do and say?
4. Think of specific ways you can share your Advent joy with others this week.

Prayer

God of all joy, we are filled with praise for you today. We celebrate the growing light of the Advent candles and the knowledge that Jesus is coming to live among us. Like John, we want to tell others that Jesus' arrival changes everything. With lights, and song, and dancing we say thank you. Amen.

Advent 4 Sunday, Dec. 19 - Saturday, Dec. 23

Light the Four Advent Candles

First Reader - This is the candle of Hope. (light candle)

Second Reader - This is the candle of Peace. (light candle)

Third Reader - This is the candle of Joy. (light candle)

Fourth Reader - This is the candle of Love. (light candle)

Response - Thank you God for your love for Mary, Joseph and all who cared for them. Thank you God for your love for us all.

Daily Scripture

Sunday - Luke 1:39-45

Monday - Luke 1:46-56

Tuesday - Psalm 130

Wednesday - Luke 1:57-66

Thursday - Micah 5:2-5a

Questions to Ponder

1. What did you hear today that reveals God's love to you?
2. Consider a time when you saw someone you loved very much cared for you when you really needed it. How did they show they cared? How did you feel to receive such care? How did you say thank you?
3. Consider how waiting for something can prepare you for what is yet to come.
4. Consider how you might share God's love with someone this week.

Prayer

We thank you God for those who have shown us how to trust you. We thank you for your deep love and care for Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, and Zechariah; for your promises that all would be well and that through their faithfulness your Son would come into our world and live among us. Amen.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Friday, Dec. 24 - Saturday, Dec. 25

Light the Advent Candles and the Christ Candle

- All - This is the candle of Hope. (light candle)
This is the candle of Peace. (light candle)
This is the candle of Joy. (light candle)
This is the candle of Love. (light candle)
This is the Christ candle (light center candle) Thank you God for the birth of Jesus, your Son, who brings hope, peace, joy and love to our world.

Daily Scripture

Christmas Eve - Luke 2:1-14

Saturday - Isaiah 9:2-7

Questions to Ponder

1. Consider what Mary might be pondering in her heart.
2. What are you pondering in your heart today?
3. How will you, like the shepherds, tell those you meet about this special day?

Prayer

Loving God, we cannot find words to say how we feel today. Our hearts are overflowing with joy. In our silence we are so very thankful for the birth of your Son, Jesus. This is the greatest gift of all. Amen.



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