



# Condit Courier

March 2022

## Preparing for Easter with Condit On the Move

– LENTEN DINNERS OUT –

March 7 and April 4, 6pm

Continuing with our Lenten theme of God On the Move, we are planning 2 dinners out. We will meet at the church at 6pm on those Mondays to arrange carpools and get directions. If you prefer to go directly to the restaurant, please let Rev. Annie know so the group doesn't wait for you. The group will then go to a restaurant and enjoy a meal together. There will be a short devotion and prayer, and then we will eat! For more information, contact Rev. Annie Melick.

**March 7, dining at Son of Thurman in Galena**

**April 4, dining at District 13 in Sunbury**

– LENTEN HIKES –

March 19 and April 16

Continuing with our Lenten theme of God On the Move, we are planning 2 hikes for a more active experience during Lent. Meet at the church on Saturday morning at 10. The group will go over any instructions and arrange carpooling. There will be a short devotion and prayer, and then we will hike. For more information, contact Bill and Teresa Gorsuch.

**March 19 hike on Hogback Ridge  
at Preservation Parks, in Sunbury,**

The hike is about 1 mile with rougher terrain.

**April 16 on Sheedy Sanctuary Trail,  
at Sheedy Sanctuary, near Centerburg.**

It is a 1.6 mile lightly trafficked loop trail located that features beautiful wildflowers and is good for all skill levels.

**HOLY WEEK PLANNING MEETING  
11:00 ON SUNDAY MARCH 20.**

**Ash Wednesday  
Family Service is  
6:30, March 2**

See Page 3 for details



**Faith**  
*Filled Women*

**Coming to  
Condit  
March 11**

Condit's Women's Circle is hosting a luncheon for Faith Filled Women at 11 a.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Sunbury United Methodist Church will provide an informative program on LifeWise Academy following the luncheon.

Faith Filled Women is a Christian women's organization open to all women. They encourage women of differing faith traditions to gather and share in the richness of diversity at quarterly meetings. Currently eight churches participate by putting aside denominations, to gather fellowship, support, and to strengthen our faith.

In lieu of this meeting, Condit Women's Circle will not meet in March. "Ladies - if you are free - join us for a Taco Bar on the 11!" exclaimed Sandy Thacker. For more details, contact Sandy or Judy Watts. Phone numbers are on the back of this newsletter.

## Easter Flowers for the Church

Instead of collecting money for individuals to give Easter Lilies in memory of someone, Teresa Gorsuch will be collecting money for the beautification of the church with Easter Flowers. You may donate money by check, putting Easter Flowers in the memo line, or by giving cash to Bill or Teresa Gorsuch.

# CONDIT ON THE MOVE FOR LENT

*By Rev. Annie Melick*

Our Lenten theme this year is *God on the Move*. God is always on the move, working in our lives.

We are planning a variety of ways for Condit folks to be on the move this Lent. There should be something for everyone! We have small groups that will be learning about spiritual practices, outings for people who like to hike, outings for people who like to dine out, and special worship experiences for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.



*Rev. Annie Melick*

I hope each of you will make plans to participate in some or all of these events. We will all be encouraged and inspired as we spend time with God and with each other. Let's be on the move with God and our church family.



## *God on the Move – Lent*



Jesus didn't stay in one place for long. His earthly ministry was one of moving from one place and encounter to the next. He also moved through every part of the human experience, from temptation, to joy, to suffering and even death. This series will help us reclaim the movement of Jesus' ministry from temptation to condemnation, through his teaching and miracles and finally through the story of his death and resurrection. As we encounter the life and ministry of Jesus, we cannot stay the same. We ourselves are moved to grow and change as followers and imitators of the gospel. As we delve deeper into our own self-examination, we find that we are not alone. God is still on the move in our lives, walking with us every step as we travel the road to Easter.

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| <b>March 2</b>  | <b>Ash Wed – The Way Back</b>       | <b>Joel 2:12-13</b>        |
| <b>March 6</b>  | <b>God Moves Into the Desert</b>    | <b>Luke 4:1-13</b>         |
| <b>March 13</b> | <b>God Moves Past All Obstacles</b> | <b>Luke 13:31-35</b>       |
| <b>March 20</b> | <b>God Moves Over the Fence</b>     | <b>Luke 13:1-9</b>         |
| <b>March 27</b> | <b>God Moves Down the Road</b>      | <b>Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32</b> |

## *Remember in*



## *Prayer*

Joe Cox,  
Peggy Sheets

*Thanks to Mike and Donna Mucci for the March Sanctuary flowers.*

## Mark Your Calendar

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|----------------------------------|--|
| Monday, April 4, 6 p.m.          | Dining Out, District 13                                |
| Thursday, April 14, 6:30 p.m.    | Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service                     |
| Friday, April 15, 4:30-6:30 p.m. | Good Friday Guided Prayer, drop in                     |
| Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m.      | Hike Sheedy Sanctuary Trail,<br>Meet at church 10 a.m. |
| Sunday, April 17, 8:30 a.m.      | Easter Sunrise Service                                 |
| Sunday, April 17, 9:00 a.m.      | Easter Breakfast                                       |



**March 23**  
Max and Peggy Sheets



**ASH WEDNESDAY FAMILY SERVICE**  
*MARCH 2 AT 6:30PM in the Fellowship  
Hall*

**SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNER FOLLOWED BY  
PRAYER STATIONS**

Plan to join us for this interactive event for all ages. You will enjoy a nice home-cooked dinner and then be led in prayer activities by our planning team.

The **menu** is sandwiches, soups by Adam and Ken, crackers, brownies, lemonade, coffee, and water.

The **Prayer Stations** are:

WOW Prayers – led by Pam Sheets

I'm Sorry Prayers – led by Adam Garner

Thank You Prayers- led by Sandy Thacker

Help Prayers – led by Ken Bartlett

Ashes- led by Rev. Annie and Pam Gillett

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## Condit Blood Drive Finds a Computing Error

By Polly Horn

Condit made its goal of 19 plus 2 when they collected 21 pints of blood at the February drive. Thanks to all of you who took your time to donate.

Those who have been donors, know I take two lists to the drive. One is for that day and the other for 2 months away so people can sign up then for a spot in the next drive. I take the list home and register those folks right away.

This time I had two donors the system would not let me register. One has given blood at Condit from the beginning of our drives, the other has been a regular for a long time. I had to ask the men to call **(Continue on page 5)**



**7 p.m. Saturday  
March 26**

in  
**Condit**

**Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall  
15102 Hartford Road**

**Cards and Fellowship  
Public Welcome!**

# Condit's Charter Members *By Jenny Kavage*

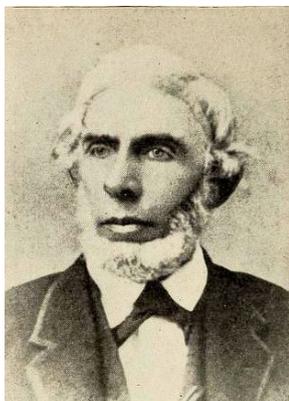
Who were those 20 people who came together on October 15, 1836 to form Trenton Presbyterian Church, now known as Condit Presbyterian?

At least 16 of the 20 came from New Jersey and most of them were members of the Simon Condit family whose ancestor John Cunditt arrived from the British Isles in 1678, settling at Newark, NJ a town founded in 1666 by Puritans from Connecticut.

The Condits who came to Trenton Township lived in Orange Township, Essex County, NJ, an area slightly northwest of present day Newark. Patriarch of the Ohio-bound, Simon Condit was born Jan.18,1763. His first wife and the mother of his nine children was Hannah Pierson. In 1804 Simon joined the Presbyterian Church at Orange and was an active trustee involved in the building of the First Presbyterian Church.

After Hannah died in 1816 he married Elizabeth Douglas Hamilton, a widow.

The Genealogical Record of the Condit Family says in 1833 Simon became the first of his family to settle in Trenton Township but he was not the first from New Jersey. Gilbert Van Dorn, who built the tavern at the intersection of state routes 605 and 37, came before 1820 as had others. Simon's sons Jotham and Alvin P. had been to the land office in Chillicothe in July 1829 and January 1831 buying up about 1,000 acres of land.



**Edgar M. Condit**

Edgar M. Condit went with his Uncle Jotham on a trip to Delaware County in 1829 or '30. He said they walked all the way and made the return trip in 14 days. After learning the carpenter trade from his father Joseph Smith Condit, Edgar moved to Ohio in 1832 and worked as a carpenter for the next three years during which time his father, his Condit uncles and his grandfather Simon Condit moved their families to Trenton Township. Simon settled to the east of the Van

Dorn Tavern which was a four room log house which was replaced with the brick house which still stands.

After months of holding church meetings at Van Dorn's tavern, Alvin and "Smith," as his brother was called, went to Alexandria in June 1835 to confer with the Rev. Calvin N. Ransom about starting a Presbyterian Church in Trenton Township. The pastor encouraged them to go to the church in Genoa Township. About this time Edgar M. returned to New Jersey to marry Jane Mulford. Upon his return, arriving at his grandfather's house he was informed that his father's funeral was being held right then at the cabin Edgar had recently built. Joseph Smith Condit had died August 31, 1835, only a week after he had publically identified with the church group.

The Rev. Ransom came to conduct his funeral and on this occasion announced that he had come to believe the time was right for organizing a church in the Trenton neighborhood. A year later when the official founding papers were executed, among those who signed were:

Simon Condit, born in New Jersey Jan 18, 1763, died Jan. 5, 1839, buried in Trenton Township Cemetery.

Elizabeth Condit, his second wife, born in New Jersey; lived in the Simon Condit house for many years after her husband's death. It is believed she died in Franklin County, OH, where she was living with a daughter.

Asanath Condit, wife of Joseph Smith Condit, born Nov. 9, 1791 in New Jersey to Dorcas Dodd and Japhia Condit, died Jan. 27, 1875, buried in Trenton Cemetery.

Dorcas Condit, daughter of Asanath and J.S. Condit, born March 13, 1813 in New Jersey, married November 1841 Lewis Ketcham, who died March 3, 1865, and is buried in Trenton Cemetery.

Alvin P. Condit, son of Simon, was born June 11, 1801 in New Jersey. He was in the business of tanning and manufacturing shoes with his brother Jotham before moving to the 400 acres he had purchased in Trenton Township where he and his sons operated a sawmill for

many years. In 1852 at the request of his son Robert, he went to look at land in Iowa. The story in the genealogy is upon arriving at a hotel in what is now Langworthy, Iowa, he looked around at the expanse of prairie and exclaimed he would take all the land like this he could get for \$1.25 an acre. He selected a section of land and would not retire for the night until the papers were signed. He traded his horses and carriage for another farm. Robert moved to Iowa in 1854 and his father with his family followed in 1856. Alvin challenged his sons to donate \$500 among themselves and he would add enough to build a Congregational church. The church was soon erected and Robert gave land for Cass Cemetery where Alvin P. was laid to rest when he died Feb.1,1883 in Cass, Jones County, Iowa.



*Alvin P. Condit*

**Maria Jacobus Condit**, Alvin's wife, born in Morris County, New Jersey Dec. 4, 1802; died Feb. 21, 1883, 20 days after her husband in Cass, Jones County, Iowa and is buried in Cass Cemetery.

**Sara Jacobus**, wife of John Jacobus, born in New Jersey 1787, died Sept. 20,1868, buried in Trenton Cemetery. She could be related to Maria who married Alvin Condit but that is not proved.

**Electa Condit**, daughter of Simon, born July 1, 1783, married Reuben Ward, died March 14, 1864, Elmwood Cemetery, DeWitt, Clinton County, Iowa. (Seems right but not proved.)

**Mary Mulford Condit**, second wife of Jotham Condit, born in New Jersey Sept. 3, 1796,, died Apr. 21, 1885, buried in Trenton Cemetery.

Not so long ago the three little communities along routes 605 and Condit Road in Trenton Township all had Condit in the name; South Condit where the Condit Church is located; Condit Station at State Route 36 where there was a train station, and North Condit at the intersection with old 3C Highway. It is suggested that Condits owned property at all those locations.

In the 1849 atlas of Delaware County nine properties

are listed in the name Condit in Trenton Township. In 1875 there were 11 with E. J. Condit noted as a breeder of thoroughbred Spanish Merino Sheep. In 1908 the atlas shows 13 Condit properties - 10 in Trenton and three in Porter. A 1990 list shows 13 Condit properties but not one in Trenton. On Feb. 21, 2022 the Delaware County auditor's website showed five different property owners with the last name Condit, some with multiple properties but not one in Trenton Township.

Most of the information for this article came from the Condit Genealogy with considerable help from Ancestry.com. There will be an article about the remaining 11 charter members at a later date.

***Condit Blood Drive Continued from page 3***  
American Red Cross to find why they were rejected. Neither got a reasonable answer.

The following Monday I emailed Katie, my contact at Red Cross. She would send a reason she thought they were rejected and I would reply why it was not possible because the others were not rejected. I kept saying it was some kind of programming error.

As days went by they started getting complaints from people not able to register for other drives so that got the attention of the Ohio office. Then people started being rejected across the nation.

It turns out the new blood bag holders and scales sometimes go over the pint level which makes the donor look like he gave more than a pint.

Condit is the leader in discovering the error. Scales will be calibrated, a new program written. Meanwhile many donors will have to skip a drive.

happy birthday!

**March**

- 3 Trent Pettit
- 5 Joe Cox
- 12 Marilyn DeFranco
- 15 Joe Marshall
- 16 Levi Jacob
- 24 Lynda O'Quinn
- 29 Jayne Strouse
- 31 Molly Blevins

Trent Pettit's Address is  
17 Fairview Avenue  
Glouster, Ohio 45732

## SMALL GROUPS FORMING FOR LENT –

### *Answering that question: should I give something up for Lent?*

Small group Bible studies will be formed for the 6-week season of Lent to study the Bible and learn about spiritual disciplines. Participants may choose to participate in person on Sundays after church or on Zoom at 11am each Thursday. The groups will begin meeting on Sunday, Feb. 27 and Thursday, March 3. Participants will need a workbook, available for purchase for \$8. Sign up to participate and order a workbook on the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or email [pastor@conditchurch.org](mailto:pastor@conditchurch.org) to sign up. Contact Rev. Annie for more information. Sign up for a workbook (\$8) or order your own: <https://www.pcusastore.com/Products/FM0705/practice-spiritual-disciplines.aspx>

### *Practice Spiritual Disciplines Overview*

#### SUMMARY OF THE PRACTICE

In some Christian settings, the words *spiritual disciplines* and *spiritual practices* are used interchangeably. This curriculum, *Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living*, focuses on practices that Jesus engaged in. The collection of various spiritual practices available in the *Follow Me* library dive deeply into actions lived and modeled by Jesus and across Scripture. The six sessions on spiritual disciplines in this unit also include additional activities we do and relationships we nurture that enable us to draw closer to God, walk with Jesus, and experience transformation.

Spiritual disciplines train us in faithfulness. We commit to study the Bible with a weekly group, and we grow in faithfulness. We pray every night before sleeping, and over time we find prayer more natural and comfortable. We go to worship consistently, and over time the singing, prayers, sermons, and relationships shape us. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we are changed by the habits we engage in.

#### SUMMARY OF THE SIX SESSIONS

Adults explore biblical texts that illuminate six types of spiritual disciplines:

**One: Fast**—Matthew 4:1–4; 6:16–18; Acts 13:2–3. Voluntarily denying oneself something for a specific time for the specific purpose of drawing near to God.

**Two: Pray**—Matthew 6:9–13; Philippians 1:3–11. Keeping company with God by talking, listening, or resting in God’s presence.

**Three: Listen to God**—1 Samuel 3:1–11; Mark 1:35–39. Approaching God with an openness to hearing God’s voice, direction, or guidance.

**Four: Embrace Simplicity**—Matthew 6:19–21; Philippians 4:11–13. Intentionally untangling and uncomplicating life to make space to love and serve God, staking an identity in God’s love rather than in accumulations and possessions.

**Five: Unplug**—Genesis 2:1–3; Mark 1:35–39; 6:30–34. Releasing ourselves from electronic devices and media for the purpose of walking with Jesus and connecting with people around us.

**Six: Try Different Practices**—Isaiah 43:19; Hebrews 4:15–16. Experimenting with a variety of spiritual practices that bring us into God’s presence and transform us as disciples of Christ.

#### Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83497380219?pwd=cVVQTE9EUnMxYnVLYnZWcmxSTXVGZz09>

Meeting ID: 834 9738 0219

Passcode: 401360

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: green; margin: 0;">March 2022</h1> 						
<p><b>* ALL SUNDAYS EXCEPT FIRST</b>  <b>10:15 Children's Sunday School</b>  <b>Ash Wednesday Dinner and Prayer Stations - details on page 3</b>  <b>11:00 Sunday March 29</b>  <b>Holy Week Planning Committee</b></p>	<p><b>1</b>  <b>No Fitness Club</b></p>	<p><b>2</b>  <b>6:30</b>  <b>Ash Wednesday Dinner &amp; Prayer Stations</b></p>	<p><b>3</b>  <b>11:00 Lenten</b>  <b>Group on Zoom</b>  <b>6 pm Fitness Club</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	
<p><b>6</b> 10 a.m.  <b>Worship with Communion</b>  <b>**11:00 Lenten Small Group</b></p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>6:00 at church</b>  <b>Dinner Out at Son of Thurman in Galena</b></p>	<p><b>8</b>  <b>6 pm Fitness Club</b></p>	<p><b>9</b>  <b>6 p.m. Chancel Choir</b></p>	<p><b>10</b>  <b>11:00 Lenten Group on Zoom</b>  <b>7 p.m. Session and Trustees</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>Women's Circle Hosting Faith Filled Women 11:00 a.m. at Condit</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>
<p><b>13*</b> 10 a.m.  <b>Worship</b>  <b>**11:00 Lenten Small Group</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b>  <b>6 pm Fitness Club</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>NO WOMEN'S CIRCLE see 11th</b>  <b>6 p.m. Chancel Choir</b></p>	<p><b>17</b>  <b>11:00 Lenten Group on Zoom</b>  <b>6 pm Fitness Club</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>Meet at 10:00 at Condit to Hike at Hogback Ridge. See page 1.</b></p>
<p><b>20*</b> 10 Worship  <b>**11:00 Lenten Small Group</b>  <b>11:00 Holy Week Planning Committee</b></p>	<p><b>21</b>  <b>NEW SLETTER DEADLINE</b></p>	<p><b>22</b>  <b>6 pm Fitness Club</b></p>	<p><b>23</b>  <b>6 p.m. Chancel Choir</b></p>	<p><b>24</b>  <b>11:00 Lenten Group on Zoom</b>  <b>6 pm Fitness Club</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b>  <b>7:00</b>  <b>Euclere in the Fellowship Hall</b></p>
<p><b>27*</b> 10 a.m.  <b>Worship</b>  <b>**11:00 Lenten Small Group</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b>  <b>6 pm Fitness Club</b></p>	<p><b>30</b>  <b>6 p.m. Chancel Choir</b></p>	<p><b>31</b>  <b>11:00 Lenten Group on Zoom</b>  <b>6 pm Fitness Club</b></p>	<p><b>** Lenten Small Group 11 a.m. on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall</b>  <b>*** Lenten Small Group 11 a.m. on Thursdays via Zoom</b>  <b>Contact Rev. Annie to join a group</b>  <a href="mailto:Pastor@ConditChurch.org">Pastor@ConditChurch.org</a> See page 6</p>	



## Condit Presbyterian Church

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