



# Condit Courier

July 2023

## Westbrook Inducted into Men of Condit

Bob Westbrook was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the church on Sunday, June 18. The “Men of Condit” tradition began approximately 40 years ago with Rev. Carol Weiss suggesting that men of Condit be acknowledged for making special contributions to the church. Over the years their efforts have been recognized by awarding them a navy blue cap bearing the seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The tradition continues today and Bob is the most recent inductee into the group.

Bob and wife Marianne joined Condit in 2019. Bob was quickly put to work. He has served three terms as trustee helping with church upkeep and maintenance. He has also done some individual woodworking and handyman projects around the church. Having trained with Lyle Melick on the audio/visual system, Bob operates the sound/screens each Sunday, allowing our services to be viewed LIVE online. His most recent undertaking is heading the upstairs bathroom renovation project which will result in an Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.) compliant restroom. *Article continued on page 7*



### *Photos*

*Above- George Justice (left) and John Whitney (right) welcome Bob Westbrook into the Men of Condit.*

*Left- Men of Condit (from left to right): Mike Mucci, Chip Welch, Harold Ramsey, George Justice, Doug Kerns, Bob Westbrook, John Whitney, Grant Bartlett, Bill Gorsuch, Ken Bartlett*



## BWFS

*It is time once again for the BWFS School Backpack Project! All donations should be placed in the boxes in the Narthex between Sunday, June 18 and Sunday, July 9. Please consider joining others on Sunday, July 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sunbury Christian Church to pack backpacks!*

### *Condit's Contribution:*

*45 1- Subject Spiral Notebooks (College Ruled)*

*25 Zippered Pencil Pouches*

*50 WIDE Tip Dry Erase Markers*

## All Church Outing

An outing to Deer Haven Park has been planned for **Friday, July 28** for kids of all ages. Please plan to meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. for an 8:45 a.m. departure to the park. A park naturalist will provide 3 educational programs for our private group. We anticipate returning to the church between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m.

Condit youth are each encouraged to invite one friend. Everyone interested in attending need to add their names to the sign-up sheet in the narthex so transportation can be arranged. The participating group is limited to 25 individuals. Attending youth will need a signed permission slip. Please plan to pack a brown bag lunch (drinks will be provided) and wear comfortable, closed toe walking shoes. In case of rain the program itinerary will be moved indoors and slightly altered. Contact Melissa Vermillion or Sandy Thacker with any questions.

### Itinerary:

8:30 Meet at Condit

8:45 Depart for Deer Haven Park

9:35-10:15 Program #1 (Wetland Exploration)

10:20-11:00 Program #2 (Reptiles/Amphibians)

11:05-11:35 Brown Bag Lunch

11:40-12:35 Program #3 (Habitat Exploration Hike)

12:40-1:30 Aviary, Pollination Garden, Bible Lesson

1:35 Depart for church

2:00-2:15 Arrive at Condit

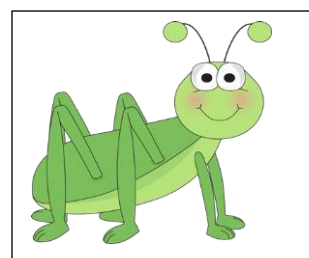
### Location:

Delaware Preservation Parks

Deer Haven Park

4183 Liberty Road

Delaware, Ohio 43015



Condit is hosting a Trunk or Treat event in the parking lot on **Saturday, October 14**, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Be creative and start planning now to decorate your car trunk or pick up bed with a Halloween/Fall/Miscellaneous theme, dress in coordinating costume and bring treats to pass out to area youth. Trunk or Treat will be followed by the traditional Fall Fun Time with bon fire and wiener roast from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Plan now to participate and make both experiences successful.

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Friends in  
Christ,

As I write this  
there are 10  
more days in  
June then 2023  
will be half  
over! I know  
time moves at  
the same pace  
but man it sure  
feels like it has  
accelerated  
lately. I've had  
another  
birthday since I  
last wrote to  
you so I have  
now made 73



*Pentecost was observed May 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Pastor Wayne surprised all in  
attendance with a special  
Pentecost Rap as an introduction  
to his sermon, which focused on the  
empowering strength of the Holy  
Spirit. A special Pentecost Mission  
Offering totaling \$135.00 was  
collected. Thank you to everyone  
who came in red and supported  
the special offering.*



trips around the sun. I find myself more and more aware of my human mortality and the finitude of my life. Not long ago I was stopped behind a school bus and this young boy hops off and just started dancing. He had no headphones or radio apparent so the music, the energy and the joy just flowed naturally from his youth. I smiled, and I yearned. There was a time when that was me, just dancing, like nobody was looking as they say, to the music and energy of my youth. I don't jump around like that anymore, if I did I'd probably hurt myself! I watch these young golfers bend and twist like Gumby's as they hit the ball 300 plus yards. While I move up to the Seniors tee and hope I don't throw my back out. However, for all I have lost physically, I have gained so much spiritually. I am at peace with my life and I hope I will gracefully accept the end of it when that day comes. After all, what's next is so beyond the joy of hitting a good tee shot. I am at peace in my marriage and with my Mom and with my children and grandchildren. I have said from the pulpit the best way to live is to be prepared to die. Make sure you let those you love know you love them. Let those who are important to you know they are important to you. While you can, do what you can to serve God and make His world a better world for all. Especially those falling behind. Then, whenever it's time for you to "enter the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34), whenever your trips around the sun are over, you will be ready. I might even start dancing again.

God Bless You All,  
In Christ  
Wayne



### *Remember in prayer:*

Linda Dado, Jane Cockrell, Shelli Evans, Bill Walker, Pat Monroe, Clayton Davey, Max and Peggy Sheets, Joe Cox, Pulpit Nominating Committee





## Bartlett Departs for Extended Training

U.S. Army Reservist Grant Bartlett departed Monday, June 26, for San Antonio, Texas. He has been selected to reclass and will spend approximately 1 year training for his new assignment as a Biomedical Equipment Specialist before returning home at the end of May 2024. Grant currently serves as an Elder on Session and the PNC, sings in the Chancel Choir and organizes the monthly Euchre night. A young man of many talents, he will be missed. Please keep Grant in prayer as he starts this new endeavor.



## COMMUNITY DINNER

Condit will be providing a dinner on Aug 26 at The Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church. The meal will be served from 5- 7 p.m. to members of their community. We are preparing food for 70 individuals. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve, as well as to plan. A menu of chicken and noodles, green beans, mashed potatoes, bread and peach cobbler has been chosen. Contact Marianne Westbrook at 614-738-5005 if you can assist in any way.



Dads are extremely important in our lives and set an example of Godly living for all children. In recognition of Father's Day the Condit Outreach

Committee, represented by Sandy Thacker, shared a poem written by Mary Fairchild entitled "My Earthly Dad." Pastor Wayne felt moved by the Holy Spirit early Sunday morning to give a special Father's Day message based on the scripture regarding the Prodigal Son. His message addressed the challenges of letting children go and encouraged all young fathers to be an example for their child's relationship with God. Each dad was given a small gift as they exited the sanctuary.



## The monthly Women's Circle

meeting was held June 21 at Country View with eleven in attendance. After lunch and a dessert served by Sandy Thacker, Sandy led the business meeting discussion. Two different mission projects were discussed. They will be voted on during the July meeting. The group is studying John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*. Led by Mary Ann Counts, the discussion covered the first half of chapter two. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 19, to discuss the second half of Chapter 2 and possibly the beginning of Chapter 3. All ladies are welcome to participate. The group will break for the month of August and resume September 20<sup>th</sup> at noon.



## Condit Blood Drive Broke Pints Donated Record submitted by Polly Horn

American Red Cross had 4 people available to collect blood on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Condit so they raised the number of slots to 39 as well as opened the drive at 12 instead of one o'clock. 38 people signed up to give blood. All of them kept their appointments and one more walked-in. At the end of the day, we had collected 30 pints to save 90 lives. The Red Cross Team was very efficient so we were all done by 6:15 which was almost an hour earlier than usual.

Condit's next blood drive will be August 11 from 12 to 6. To schedule, you may call Polly Horn or email [GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org](mailto:GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org).

## BWFWWS

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Big Walnut Friends Who Share summer food drive during May and June. Condit was able to collect and deliver 342 packaged food items to the pantry. All donations will be used to help feed Big Walnut School District children during the summer break.

## *Getting to Know You....* **the Saunders brothers**

by Jennie Kavage

What began as a simple story about benches refinished turned out to be a bigger story of good memories and a family history that stretches back to Condit's founding.

About the time of the recent clean-up day Trustee George Justice called his cousin Dean Saunders and asked him if he would refinish the wooden benches that sit above the patio outside the Fellowship Hall. Dean said "sure" and called up his brother Gary to help load them for transport to his home workshop.

The benches had been sitting out in the weather a long time. A plaque on one says it was given in memory of Gerry and Wayne Reppart - parents of Bonnie Caudill, church organist for many years; grandparents of Dennis and Chris, and Jim Caudill's in-laws. "Gerry was my mom's best friend," Gary Saunders recalls.

Raymond and Jane Saunders were parents of the four Saunders brothers who were part of the Sunday School classes and Youth Fellowship at Condit during their growing up years. Raymond was a Condit Church kid himself, growing up on the Saunders farm just a short way east on Hartford Road. When he went off to navy training in Chicago he met a girl named Jane Benson at a USO dance. She captured his heart and when his navy days were done she left Chicago's southside and came with him to the farm as his wife.

Gary was born and then Bruce while they lived at the farm but Raymond had painful back problems. When the doctor told him he could farm no longer he moved to Sunbury where sons Ray and Dean were born. He got a job with North American Rockwell and then GE in Worthington until he retired. In retirement Jane and Raymond along with fellow church members Fishers, Repparts, Buxtons and others formed a camping club. They were often off on weekend getaways; sometimes just by the pond at Bill and Margaret Fisher's. Gary remembers church services

there in the summer. Later there would be an occasional summer church service at The Woods at the Nettelhorst farm on Fredricks Road. The Saunders lived in Florida for 13 years after their retirement. A trailer at The Woods became their summer home and they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary there.



*Raymond and Jane Saunders*

The brothers grew up and went off to college - Gary and Bruce to Wilmington College while Ray and Dean stayed in Columbus. Gary majored in political science and history but went to work for Nestles in Sunbury and then Marysville in research and development. He is married to his hometown sweetheart, Debbie Layton. Their children Jennifer, Amanda and Eric grew up as Condit kids. There are seven grandchildren.

Bruce went into education and stayed in the Wilmington area after college teaching and becoming an elementary school principal. He has also headed a small private school in Wilmington and worked in IT for the area schools. Bruce is very involved with his Presbyterian Church and has served as Moderator of the Presbytery. He and his wife, Ann, have three children.

After Ohio State Ray worked in the restaurant and hospitality business all his life. For a time he was in Florida but now lives in Columbus. Before he retired he was working at the exclusive Capital Club downtown.

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*Saunders Brothers, continued from page 5*

Dean got a degree in civil engineering and worked for the City of Dublin for the last 30 years of his career. Now that he's retired he enjoys playing golf and woodworking including making furniture for family members. He and his wife, Jane, have two grown children and a baby granddaughter.



*The Saunders brothers, left-to-right Gary, Bruce, Ray and Dean, were part of the Condit Church family as they grew up and still come back to worship on holidays if they can. Dean recently refinished these benches that sit above the patio outside the Fellowship Hall. The plaque on one of the benches is in memory of Wayne and Gerry Reppart. Bernard and Lolly Searles are remembered on the plaque in the background.*

Though they all go to different churches now Condit still tugs at their hearts. Dean says it's good for him "to go back in time and worship there." He and often Ray are at Condit on Christmas Eve; Gary joins them at Easter. Bruce is busy with his Presbyterian Church in Wilmington but he stops by when he can. When Gary plays golf in Croton he gives a nod to the past as he goes by the church and what he calls "my grandmother's farm," where his cousin Kevin Justice now lives.

About this time in my conversation with Gary, Debbie mentioned they were given "Charter Member" ribbons to wear at the last big church anniversary. That will be Part II of this article and include the Justices and Muccis, as well. The connection is Agnes Faye Jacobus Saunders, grandmother of them all.

(Your writer appeals to any other Condit members or friends who have Jacobus connections to call or text or email me: [jenkav@hotmail.com](mailto:jenkav@hotmail.com) or 740-815-0577.)

*July Ushers-* John and Georgann Whitney  
*July Flowers-* Bill and Teresa Gorsuch







Retirement recognition is in order for Condit members Jeff and Beverly Marshall. On May 25 Jeff closed his 37 year career as a Physical Education Teacher at Creekview Intermediate School in the Marysville

Exempted Village School District. Beverly is completing her 35 years as an IT Consultant on July 7. Together they plan to enjoy retirement by camping, traveling and cruising. Wish them well as they begin a new chapter of their lives.

## Did you know.....?

Animals are spoken of frequently in the Bible. Some like sheep, goats, and birds we often come across in scripture. Others are rarely mentioned. Take a break from the summer heat, dust off your Bible and read the following scriptures. Which animals can you discover?

- 1Kings 10:22
- Leviticus 11:30
- Lamentations 4:3
- Isaiah 11:8
- Jeremiah 13:23

## Westbrook Inducted, continued from page 1

Bob has a lengthy resume preparing him for such an involved task. He started his career as a journeyman bricklayer before college then became a teacher in the field of Vocational Training and in 1980 moved to Columbus from the greater Washington D.C. area to become a Researcher for the National Center for Research in Vocational Technical Training at OSU. Several out of state supervisor/manager positions for excavating and pavement companies built his experience and he finally returned to Ohio to work as a Construction Project Manager for the city of Columbus. Bob retired from this position in 2022. When Bob isn't volunteering at Condit he enjoys woodworking, remodeling and cooking.

Thanks, Bob, for your diligent contributions and congratulations in joining the Men of Condit.

Continue to save mascara wands for wildlife. The next collection will be mailed in September.



## July birthdays

2 Jim Caudill  
9 Amanda Kerns  
14 Isaia Jacob  
20 Deb Bergman  
25 Darlene Ross  
26 Addison Welch  
27 Melissa Vermillion  
28 Dennis Caudill  
31 Dwayne Shick

## July Anniversaries

3 John and Georgann Whitney  
12 Todd and Connie Jacob  
13 Dwayne and Jennifer Shick  
18 Michael and Christine Jones



Kudos to Marianne Westbrook and Sandy Thacker for cleaning out the copy room. If you see an area of the church that needs "sprucing up" feel free to pitch in and get the job done.

## Faith Filled Women

The next Faith Filled Women meeting will be August 11 at the St. John Neumann Church. It will be a planning session for 2024 and lunch will be included. All women are invited to attend.



**Wednesdays  
July 12 & 26**

Stop in for Homemade Food  
any time between 5 and 7 p.m.

Stay for games or cards  
or fellowship.

ALL AGES WELCOME!  
Need not be a member of the church

**Condit Presbyterian  
Church Fellowship Hall  
15102 Hartford Road  
Sunbury, Ohio**

740-965-2911 [www.ConditChurch.org](http://www.ConditChurch.org)

## COMMUNITY



**7 p.m. Saturday  
July 29**

in  
**Condit**

**Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall  
15102 Hartford Road**

**Cards and Fellowship  
Public Welcome!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2023</h1>						1
2 Worship with communion 10:00	3	4 Independence Day 	5 Chancel Choir 6:00	6 Fitness Club 6:00	7	8
9 Worship 10:00	10	11 Fitness Club 6:00	12 Food/Fun 5-7 Chancel Choir 6:00	13 Fitness Club 5:30 Session & Trustees 7:00	14	15
16 Worship 10:00	17	18 Fitness Club 6:00	19 Women's Circle at noon Chancel Choir 6:00	20 Fitness Club 6:00	21	22
23 Worship 10:00	24	25 Fitness Club 6:00	26 Food/Fun 5-7 Chancel Choir 6:00	27 Fitness Club 6:00	28 All Church Outing 8:30-2:30 Deer Haven Park	29 Euchre! 7:00
30 Worship 10:00	31	<p>Please submit newsletter articles to <a href="mailto:Newsletter@conditchurch.org">Newsletter@conditchurch.org</a> by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.</p> 				

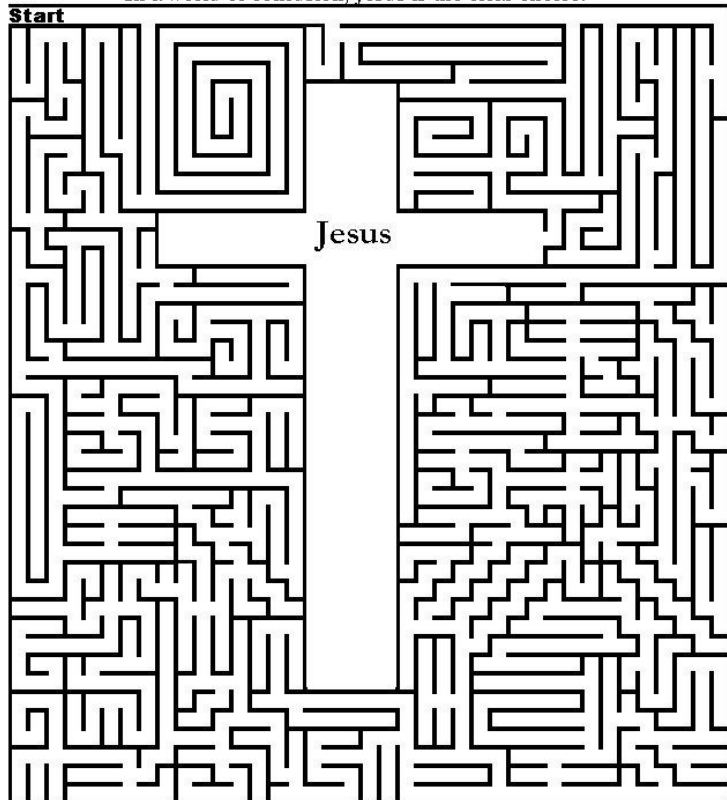


# Summer Page for Condit Kids



Search above for these animals of the Bible: Bear, Cow, Dog, Donkey, Dove, Dragon, Eagle, Goat, Horse, Lamb, Lion, Pig, Serpent, Vulture

In a world of confusion, Jesus is the clear choice.



Follow the maze to  
Jesus

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## SESSION

### *Class of 2025*

Grant Bartlett     Sheila Micholes  
Sue Overturf

### *Class of 2024*

Doug Kerns             Mick Sheets  
Sandy Thacker

### *Class of 2023*

Georgann Whitney     Judy Watts  
Marianne Westbrook

Gap Pastor     Rev. Wayne Morrison

Treasurer             Ken Bartlett

Music Director         Adam Garner

Financial Secretary     Doug Kerns

Acolytes     Bill and Teresa Gorsuch

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Website: <http://ConditChurch.org>

## TRUSTEES

### *Class of 2025*

Bob Westbrook     George Justice

### *Class of 2024*

Allison Skinner     Kenneth Bartlett

### *Class of 2023*

John Whitney     Molly Blevins

### *Church Directory*

Donna and Laura Mucci

*Custodian*     Lynette Meliorre

*Newsletter Editor*     Melissa Vermillion

*Website, Streaming*     Bob Westbrook

*Ushers/Greeters*     Georgann Whitney

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