



Condit Courier

May 2023

Thought You Would like to Know. . .

Pastor Nominating Committee

by Pastor Wayne

On March 26, a Special Congregational Meeting was held to elect Condit's Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Grant Bartlett, Mick Sheets, Marianne Westbrook, Carmie Joseph and Doreen Bartlett were elected with Pam Sheets and John Whitney to serve as alternates.

First the PNC had to create a Mission Information Form (MIF). To do this they looked at the Condit's strengths and areas to grow. Session approved the MIF in a special meeting on April 23rd, and sent it to a committee of Presbytery which must also approve it.

Once that task is completed PNC will begin reviewing Pastor Information Forms (PIF) which have been completed by perspective pastors listing their strengths and gifts. These will contain *(Continue on page 2)*



Cross Decorated for Easter

On Easter Sunday Condit Was Filled

In spite of a little extra water, the breakfast was delicious.

It was great to see many faces return to church on Easter. The visit from Apostle Paul and the beautiful music and dancing balloons made us remember the sacrifice Christ made for all of us and the joy because "He Is Risen!"

Following Worship, ten children hunted for Easter eggs in the yard and took home Easter baskets prepared by the Women's Circle for the occasion. The Sunday after Easter, the congregation of all ages enjoyed a hymn sing during Worship.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Marianne Westbrook, chairperson of Missions, reported as of April 13th a total of \$256.57 was taken in for the annual Easter drive.

Children to Plant Flowers

Following May 21st Worship Christian Ed will help Condit Youth plant flowers, donated by Pam Sheets, around the south entrance to the church. Be sure children are dressed for dirt and water.

Condit Saves Over 3000 Lives!

Condit Blood Drive has saved 3,021 lives by collecting 1007 pints of blood in 48 drives since we began in December 2014.

During the New Beginnings Program Condit went thru prior to hiring Rev. Annie, a group decided we could offer a place for Red Cross to take blood donations. It took a few months to get everything set up. Kathy Kees puts posters around Condit businesses. Jane Lahmon, Donna Mucci, Kathy Kees and Jayne Strouse agreed to serve sandwiches, fresh relish plate, and homemade cookies to the donors. Many took turns checking donors in while Polly Horn registered them and kept the line moving.

When covid shut us down, Red Cross visited to ensure Condit was able to safely continue to help meet the need. We only missed the one visit but lunches were not allowed. Our drives became popular enough that we went from 3 beds to 4 when Red Cross staff is available. Since we do not know ahead of time, lunches can not start again. However we still have chocolates!

On June 9th, Condit will be open 12 to 6 p.m. which adds 8 donation times to our day. To register email GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org or call Polly Horn at 740-965-3582.

Food and Fun is 5-7 on May 10 and May 24!

From Pastor Wayne's Desk . . .

Friends in Christ,

In case you have not heard I will be ministering with you now through August. You are all treating me so well and I am enjoying you as well. I especially appreciate your comments that I have given you some spiritual food for thought on Sundays. I thank God that He is continuing to use me at this stage of my ministry and pray that He will keep giving me the words to share with you.

If you have a topic or question you would like me to try and address please let me know and I'll do my best.

As always, I am ready to bring communion to those who would have difficulty getting to church. If you would like that give me a call, or, if you know of someone you think would like it check with them and see.

Continue to be in prayer for your Pulpit Nominating Committee (PNC) as they have begun their work to find your new Pastor.

Last Sunday, to take a break after Easter, we sang hymns together. As I have said before Condit loves to sing with joy and gusto!

When was the last time you invited someone to come to church with you so they can be a part of the joy and gusto that is Condit Presbyterian. What about next Sunday?

Yours In Christ,
Pastor Wayne



WORSHIP



10 a.m. Sundays

Worship with Communion on May 7
with Pastor Wayne Morrison

Worship May 21st by Dr. Linda Mercadante

Greeters and Ushers

John and Georgann Whitney

Flowers for May:

Jeff and Beverly Marshall



Treasurer's First Quarter Report

by Ken Bartlett

Receipts are \$2,646.20 more than a year ago, while expenses are \$14,413.95 less than a year ago. This results in the net being \$17,060.15 better than a year ago. This is mainly attributable to our current pastoral situation.

Our insurance and real estate taxes are paid for the year. Many thanks to all who turned in their Per Capita in March which covered that bill.

Please continue to support Condit as it moves through this transition.

Pastor Nominating Committee (from page 1)

background, education and other facts to help PNC identify those they want to follow up on. Next PNC arranges interviews, and then arranges to hear the chosen candidates preach. When they have identified who they believe to be your new Pastor, this individual must be approved by the Presbytery. Finally, a worship service is scheduled for Condit to meet the candidate, experience them leading worship. Lastly there will be a congregational meeting to vote on the candidate. This is not a quick and easy task so do keep them in your prayers.

Congratulations to the Linnabarys



Doug and Sheri Linnabary added two granddaughters to their family tree this year. On Easter, Drew and Rebecca Linnabary brought their new daughter, Isla Mae, to Easter Worship. Isla was born on January 30. On April 6th, Nora June joined her sister, Zoey, in Nate and Nikki's family. Both families are doing well and the grandparents are very happy.

Remember in Your Prayers

Joe Cox in assisted living in Marysville.

Carmie Joseph who is driving her mother home from Florida this coming week.

Jane Cockrell who celebrated her 97 birthday this past week in Country View where she while recovering from a fall.

Bill Walker, who started chemo this past week.

Staci Evans who is continuing her chemo treatments and doing much better with her new treatments.

And the Pastor Nominating Committee as they wait for Presbytery to approve their MIF so they will begin sorting PIF's. May they have the patience, and guidance to seek the for Condit.



Getting to Know You

George Justice

By Jenny Kavage

George is the third generation of George Justices that have lived just down Hartford Road about a mile east of Condit Presbyterian Church. All five children of Donivan (that's George Donivan) and Dorothy Saunders Justice attended Condit Church. Four of them - George, Kevin, Marvin and Donna Mucci - still live on the family property. Becky and her family live in Willard, OH.

Grandfather George Justice moved to Trenton Township in the 1940s. His wife, Rebecca Fisher, was a Quaker from Wilmington who earned her teaching certificate from Wilmington College. George Jr. says he learned his work ethic from his father and grandfather working on the family farm.

Another big influence in his life, George says, was Ken Schultz, who coached baseball, basketball and football at Big Walnut High School in the 1960's. He was there just two years but had a profound influence on his students. George remembers the first day in health class Mr. Schultz lifted a boy out of his seat and made it clear he would stand when a girl came into the room. His goals, he told the class, were to make them gentlemen, scholars and athletes - and in that order. Mr. Schultz was a child advocate, always trying to build kids up, George says. He recalls the boost it gave him when the coach told him he could play college baseball if he worked at it hard enough.

George played both baseball and soccer at Wilmington



Trustee George Justice pointing to straps holding gutter to church.

College while completing majors in health and physical education as well as psychology in 1973. It was the tumultuous time of the Kent State shootings and Vietnam and Civil Rights protests at Wilmington and across the country—events hard to imagine for the farm boy from Sunbury. Nevertheless he became a supportive alum who visits Wilmington College frequently, helps where he can and served on the committee that organized the recent 50th reunion for the class of 1973.

He started teaching health and physical education at Mark Twain and Robert Frost Elementary Schools in Westerville when they opened and continued for 30 years until retirement. His PE classes transformed over the years to include climbing walls and zip lines, as well as activities that promote cooperation, confidence and grow leadership skills. He held open gym both before and after school. Every year he enlisted successful athletes to speak to his students and arranged fund-raising events to get the gym equipment he wanted for his kids. In addition he coached Junior Varsity soccer and baseball at Westerville South for 12 years.

“Hey, Mr. J!” “Hey, J-Bird!” Even after 20 years of retirement his former students call out to George as he and his friends climb into bleachers for sporting events. “We can’t take you anywhere, Justice,” his buddies josh.

Since he retired George and his significant other of 30 years, Kathy Kees, have formed Justice Associates working for Amway Corporation; she as an image consultant and he in agricultural products. Wherever he goes he keeps his eyes open for prosperous farmers that might be interested in those products to increase their yield. They work on golf courses, too, he notes, and in retirement he does enjoy *(Continue on page 4)*



Condit Women's Circle



Pictured left to right: Jenny Kavage, Linda Dado, Marianne Westbrook, Pat Monroe, MaryAnn Counts, Jane Cockrell, Jane Lahmon, Judy Watts, Melissa Vermillion and Beverly Saksa. Photo by Sandy Thacker

To celebrate Jane Cockrell's 97th birthday with her, Condit Women's Circle met in Country View where she is recovering from a broken pelvis. The women took their lunches and shared a birthday cake with Jane. The Circle will meet at noon on May 17. They will continue to study the classic, "Pilgrim's Progress."



**Will Meet at Condit at 11:00
on Friday, May 12
Sunbury United Methodist will
have the program**

Westbrooks Are New Grandparents

Naomi Brook Wade was born April 12th to Marcellus Wade and Brittany Westbrook Wade. Brittany is the daughter of Bob Westbrook. Bob and Marianne are traveling to Denver to meet the new addition in May.



May 5 - Larry and Jayne Strouse
May 26 - Mike and Donna Mucci



**7 p.m. Monthly
on Last Saturday
Cards and Fellowship
Public Welcome!**

Christian Education Committee Announces Summer Plans

Condit has elected to not have Vacation Bible School this summer. Instead they are planning day excursions during the summer. More information will be available next month.

Justice continued from page 3 visiting golf courses.

For years George has been on Condit's Board of Trustees, the organization entrusted with maintenance of the church. Trustee president for a number of years, it's always on his mind. The recent rains flooded the church basement and winds tore loose the gutter on the back east side of the building. With the help of fellow trustees John Whitney, Ken Bartlett and Bob Westbrook, problems are solved. Straps were holding up the gutter in time for Easter and the basement floor is drying.

George became a member of Condit Church in April 1965, 58 years ago. He chuckled for nearly three hours talking about old school friends and good times as a PE teacher but thinking of the church members who influenced him over the years and challenges that lie ahead brought tears to his eyes. "This place is like home," he said.

BWFWS FOOD DRIVE

School is almost out and the children of the Big Walnut School District will be home for the summer. Since that means no school lunches, there is a need to feed our children. Condit will be collecting food for the Big Walnut Friends Who Share food pantry May 21 through June 11. Please place your weekly donations in the boxes in the Narthex.

Watch for shopping cards in the Narthex!

Big Walnut Friends



Who Share

May 21
Canned Pasta
Hamburger Helper
Beef Ramen
May 28
Cereal
Mandarin Oranges
June 4
Peanut Butter
Jelly
(No glass jars, please)
June 11
Pancake Mix
Syrup

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h1>May 2023</h1> 						
	1 	2 6:00 Fitness Club	3 6:00 Choir	4 6:00 Fitness Club	5	6
7* 10:00 Worship with Communion	8	9 6:00 Fitness Club	10 5-7 Food & Fun 6:00 Choir	11 5:30 Fitness Club 7:00 Session & Trustees Meeting	12 11:00 Faith-Filled Women at Condit	13
14 * 10:00 Worship 	15	16 6:00 Fitness Club	17	18 6:00 Fitness Club	19	20 Newsletter Deadline
21 * 10:00 Worship	22	23 6:00 Fitness Club	24 5-7 Food & Fun 6:00 Choir	25 6:00 Fitness Club	26	27 7:00 Condit Euchre Game
28 * 10:00 Worship	29 	30 6:00 Fitness Club	31 6:00 Choir	Since March 1915, I have enjoyed bringing you the Condit news. Many thanks to all who sent me news, and to those who proofed the copy. Many thanks to Jenny Kavage for her features which we all enjoyed. Starting in June, Melissa and Dave Vermillion will be the newsletter editors. Send your news to them. Keep Condit informed. Polly Horn		

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Sue Overturf

Class of 2024

Doug Kerns Mick Sheets

Sandy Thacker

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Georgann Whitney Judy Watts

Marianne Westbrook

Gap Pastor Rev. Wayne Morrison

Treasurer Ken Bartlett

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***Custodian* Lynette Meliorre**

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