



Condit Courier

October 2023

Fall is officially here! I apologize for my excitement, but I adore this time of year. First and foremost, there is pumpkin flavor in everything and that sets my heart singing. The air is cooler. The fun of Halloween comes. Yet the thing I love the most is the changing of the leaves. It starts off slowly- you barely notice it at first. You may be driving down the highway and see one brown and orange tree in a sea of green. Soon, other trees follow the lead and you are surrounded by a myriad of browns and reds and yellows and oranges. It's beautiful and breathtaking. Do you know why the leaves change color? The simple answer is because the chlorophyll, color in leaves that allow them to use sunlight for energy, starts to go away because the tree begins to sort of eat the chlorophyll to maintain energy through the winter months. Doing this causes the green to disappear letting the other pigments in the leaves shine through.

The leaves act as a sort of natural herald of change, a word that makes most Presbyterians cringe. "Change?" we ask ourselves. "Certainly, we cannot do that!" There is an inherent fear in changing things. Often times, the problem with change is not knowing for sure what the outcome is going to be. I, personally, try to plan for as many eventualities as possible. This way, I can have all my bases covered. Yet, inevitably, I can't cover everything and during a change, there is sort of a curveball thrown. That, however, is when I am actually to use a talent of mine: improvisation. I find the more I try to control things, I cannot. No matter what, the one constant in the world is that change happens.



So what's a good Presbyterian to do with this? Perhaps we need to take our cues from The Book of Hebrews. Hebrews 13:6-9 reads, *"6So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' 7Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. 9Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings; for it is well for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by regulations about food, which have not benefited those who observe them."*

In the midst of life's upheavals which, at time, seem like the only constant, we are told to remember The Lord is our helper. "That's great," we think. "Of course we can know that, but it doesn't change the fact that the world changes in seemingly random and chaotic ways." I believe that God has already taken this into consideration and has, as the author suggests, sent people into our lives who, by their very living, showed us how to handle trials and tribulations. If we hold true to the gospel of Jesus Christ, then we can see and remember those lessons. We can remember the one true constant in the world. Jesus Christ doesn't change.

There in is the good news. In the midst of life's upheavals, the one true constant is Jesus Christ. No matter what happens, Jesus Christ and God's love does not change. Oh, don't mistake me: everything else, like the leaves, will change. The world will always be random and chaotic looking. There is, however, something that we can focus on- a firm guiding point for our whole lives that can set us back on the right path. The only constant is Jesus Christ. The tree, itself, is still a tree after all. After fall when the leaves are gone, the tree remains. In the

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spring, when the buds are blooming, the tree remains. Allow yourself to be rooted in Jesus and any change that occurs will never be terrifying because of the sure footing we have found in the Lord.

Blessings,
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Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9:30-2:00

Visitations usually on Wednesdays



The annual fall bonfire and wiener roast will be Saturday, October 14th from 5-7 p.m. Beverages, hot dogs, buns and s'more ingredients will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish, roasting forks and outdoor chairs. Come enjoy fresh fall air and a hearty meal with your Condit family.



American Red Cross will be accepting donations in Condit's Fellowship Hall from 12 to 6 p.m. on Friday, October 13th.

We know you are busy so we have tried to streamline the process to save you time.

- * It usually takes only an hour to donate a pint of life saving blood from the time you enter the church.

- * Remember people with appointments go before walk-ins.

- * Donors who complete Rapid-Pass online the morning of the drive will go through the process faster than those who need to read the information at the blood drive.

There are still plenty of openings between 12:30 and 5:15. To schedule an appointment email GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org, use the app on your cell phone, or call Polly Horn at 740-965-3582 and leave a message with your phone number. Polly will

send you an email Monday before the drive with the Rapid-Pass link. It must be completed on October 13th. If you have questions, call Polly.



Congratulations to Megan Gilbert who was elected to serve as a freshman attendant on the Johnstown High School homecoming court Friday, September 22nd. Megan's grandpa, Homer Wilson, proudly served as her escort for the event.



Helen Gilbert, Homer Wilson, Megan Gilbert & Trisha Gilbert at the Johnstown H.S. homecoming.



A tentative date of November 19th at 1 p.m. has been reserved for the installation of Pastor Sam to Condit Presbyterian Church. Please mark your calendars for this special event.

Condit Engaging in Missions

Submitted by Marianne Westbrook

Our Christmas Project

This year please consider participating in Operation Christmas Child. This is a mission coordinated by Samaritan's Purse. Franklin Graham heads this up. There are 11 countries who contribute (of which the US is one) and over 170 countries and territories who receive the contributions.

What is it? You start a shoe box and you can chose boy or girl and an age range. Then you fill the box with toys, school supplies or hygiene items. And then it will have a label on the box. Also write a letter to the child and put it in the shoe box. And turn it in at church by the end of October. From there, they go to a processing center, are shipped, then distributed by trained volunteers. They do add a booklet called *Greatest Gift* which presents the gospel written in their own language. They also have a program called Greatest Journey which is a 12 week discipleship course to learn how to follow Jesus and share Him with others.



This world we live in is very big and there are lots of people, in particular children. There are kids in

- hard to reach areas where culture, religion, customs prevent access to material but will let shoe boxes in
- unreached people groups
- Pacific islands

We need to know these people exist and know that volunteers are working in difficult circumstances. A child may never receive anything new before getting a shoebox. A kid may never hear of Jesus if not for a shoe box. So please think about this prayerfully.

Reference www.samaritanspurse.org or see Marianne Westbrook for detailed information. Plastic shoe boxes and labels have been ordered and will be at church in the near future. Please pick up the number of boxes you would like to fill and a label for each box. A \$10 donation is required for processing/shipping each box. An additional \$6 donation/box will purchase one child's attendance for *The Greatest Journey* discipleship course.

Suggested items to pack:

One "WOW" item- doll, toy, soccer ball, truck

School supplies- pencils and sharpener, pens, erasers, crayons, pencil case, scissors, ruler, notepad, etc.

Personal Care items- comb/brush, toothbrush, washcloth, reusable eating utensils, nail clipper/file, decorated band aids or mini first aid kit, waterbottle

Clothing/Accessories- hat, undergarments, socks, watch, jewelry, sunglasses, backpacks, flashlights, scarves, gloves/mittens

Crafts/Activities- puzzles, drawing pad, watercolors, jump rope, sewing kit, fishing kit, craft kits

Toys- ball, yoyo, Etch a Sketch, Slinky, small board games, playing cards

A Personal Note – and a photograph of yourself

Do Not Send- candy, gum, food, toothpaste, liquids, scary or war-like items (no wearable camouflage), vitamins or anything breakable

Hoge Memorial Service and Dinner

Condit Engaging in Missions by M. Westbrook, continued

On August 26 of this year a number of Condit went to the Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, a church in our presbytery located in western Columbus, to support one of its local ministries. We served a homemade chicken 'n noodle dinner to members of this community, following a Gospel message given by Adam Garner, our Director of Music. His message was well received and many thanks to Adam for rearranging his schedule to be there.

Our cooks were Doreen Bartlett, chicken 'n noodles, Bob Westbrook, mashed potatoes, Mary Kingseed, green beans, Jennie Kavage, rolls, Melissa Vermillion, peach cobbler. Our chicken pickers were Judy Watts, Beverly Saksa, Mary Kingseed, Sandy Thacker and Marianne Westbrook. Sandy helped Bob with mashed potatoes-she had a good time with that. George Justice assisted with food transport. Servers were Sandy, Teresa Gorsuch, Pam Sheets, Jennie, Judy, and Melissa. Madi Howard and Logan, a local 10 year old, were responsible for serving drinks and assisted with the dessert tray.

Many thanks to Diane and Patty from Hoge who helped us in the kitchen. It was a fun day and everyone had a nice dinner with plenty to eat. Thanks for this opportunity to help our sister church in their outreach ministry. *See page 8 for photos of the event.*



Condit Women's Circle met September 20th at noon in the fellowship hall. Sandy Thacker provided fruit pies for dessert. Mary Ann Counts led the discussion covering the first half of Chapter 3 of *The Pilgrim's Progress*.

Interested women will begin a sewing project which will provide Country View shut ins with colorful pillowcases to help brighten their rooms and give residents an emotional boost. The short term goal is to supply Veteran residents a patriotic pillowcase by Veteran's Day. Listen to church announcements for a sewing date. If anyone has excess patriotic fabric and would like to support

this mission donations are welcome. Contact Beverly Saksa (BJSaksa@gmail.com) to discuss any fabric you may have on hand.

The next meeting will be October 18th at noon. All women are welcome to attend.



October Birthdays

2 Max Sheets

Audriana Agnew

5 Pam Sheets

6 Terri Groseclose

11 Jackie Covert

23 Bill Gorsuch

Emily Sheets

24 Chip Welch

Samuel Kirby

27 Cameron Gale

29 Tiffany Miller

30 Brayden Joseph

Jason Skeen

31 Larry Thacker

Josh White

On-Line Giving



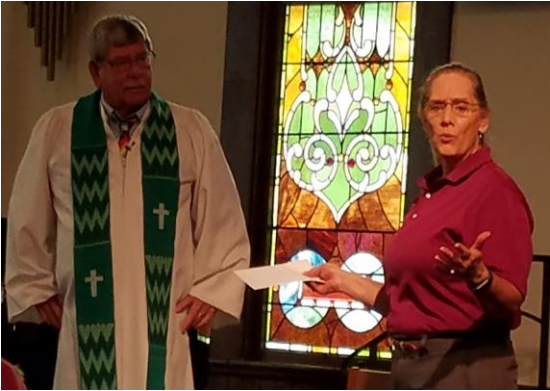
Many have inquired about tithing and monthly auto-pay to Condit online. This is possible and easy to do. Please go to the homepage of Condit Presbyterian Church (www.conditchurch.org) and scroll approximately half way down the page. On the right in green is the heading "**On-Line Giving.**" Click on "**Learn More**" for details or the "**Give Now**" button to make a payment.

As One Door Closes, Another Opens...

Farewell Reception

Many turned out for a farewell brunch that was held in honor of Pastor Wayne Morrison and his wife, Betsy, after the church service on August 27th. After taking the month of September away from ministry Pastor Wayne plans to seek another GAP position within the Presbytery. We wish Pastor Wayne all the best and continued success in touching lives with his gift of spiritual leadership.

Thanks to Sandy Thacker and Georgann Whitney for organizing and providing dishes for the meal. Great fellowship was enjoyed by all.



Kathy Keys presents Pastor Wayne with a gift.



Addie Welch, Molly Blevins, M. Sheets



Pastor Wayne with State Park Gift



George Justice and Linda Dado



J. Whitney, H. Ramsey, Karen & Doug Kerns, B. Walker, M. Westbrook



Pastor Wayne with embroidered golf club cover



Mike & Donna Mucci, Polly Horn, Shiela Micholes



Pastor Wayne's final blessing on the Condit congregation

Welcome Reception

September 10th a welcome luncheon was held for Pastor Samuel Monte and family. Pastor Sam began serving Condit on September 3rd but due to the holiday weekend the official welcome was held one week later. We are glad the Monte family is settled in their new home and new schools. We are looking forward to a great ministry together!



L-R: Pastor Sam, Nemo, Elijah, Juliana, Odessa, Martha, Jules, and Xavier



Pounding the Pastor Submitted by Marianne Westbrook

Yes, that's right, we had an old fashioned pounding. As you know Pastor Monte recently moved here and is setting up a new home for his family. So at his welcome lunch on Sept 10, he received donated staples and prepared food for his kitchen. We are so very glad to have the Monte family at our church- Sam, Jules, Elijah, Xavier, Martha, Odessa, Juliana and Nemo. And thanks to Condit for contributing



Remember in prayer: The family of Bill Harshberger, Bill Walker, Jane Cockrell, Mary Jo Wilson, Clayton Davey, Max & Peggy Sheets, Shelli Evans and all Condit blood donors

Condit's Beautiful Windows Teach Us Our History

By Polly Horn

The third Trenton First Presbyterian Church was built on our present site in 1879 in a classic Gothic style with beautiful stained glass windows. During the 1904 renovation those windows were put in the belfry for safe keeping and new memorial windows were installed. In 1959, Rev. Bingaman sent the old windows to the new Camp Atterbury Air Base Chapel.

The Squire Wheatons

The window behind the piano and the one directly across the church are in memory of Wheatons.

Squire Wheaton was born in 1795 in New Jersey. In 1813 he married Mercy Jacobus (b. 1793 in NJ) daughter of Cornelius and Abigail (Gould) Jacobus. They had a large family but many were married before they came to Ohio. In 1835 Squire bought 40 acres from land office in Chillicothe. On the 1849 map Wheatons own the O in Trenton and north and south of it. Their older sons, Silas, Charles are north of Squire on the map. In the 1850 census. Squire's younger children Martin age 18, Harriet, age 14, and Watson age 10, live with Squire and Mercy. When Squire died in 1864, his wife got the 30 acre homestead for her life then it went to son Martin.

Son Morris got the land purchased from Solomon Walker and had to give his 6 sisters each \$100. They were Sarah Walker, Eliza Potter, Martha Ketcham, Maria Condit, Abigail Rush and Harriet Condit. Son Charles got \$50.



Charles Wheaton from History of Marion Presbytery

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheaton

Squire's son **Charles**, (age 40), married to **Mary Elizabeth Saunders** (age 31) daughter of Azor Saunders, moved to Porter Twp. in 1860 with children Harvey (11), Clinton (8), Elizabeth (5) and Eva (1). By the 1870 census, the family added Sarah and Charles M. Another boy, Otis, followed in 1871.

Mary Elizabeth Saunders Wheaton

Mary was born in New York to Azar and Elizabeth Saunders. After living in Licking Co. in 1840 census, they moved to Trenton Twp. by 1850 with her twin brothers Edward and Edwin. The latter married Phebe Alice Utley and they had Charles Willis and Ida May who was a teacher who later married Robert W. Fisher.

Edwin moved his family to Berkshire Twp. then to Berlin township. Azar died in Berlin Twp. in Tank Town in 1865. Charles Willis in 1930.

I was unable to find anything about Margaret Elder Wallace, perhaps she was at Condit and that

record is not in the drawer with other tomes.

Mary Elizabeth Wheaton's will left money to Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church and to the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

Her son, Charles M. Wheaton, married Daisy Green, built the three large business buildings on the south side of Sunbury Square. He also brought the first automobiles to Sunbury after getting the streets bricked as a councilman. He and Daisy had no children.



In memory of Mary Elizabeth Wheaton and Margaret Elder Wallace presented by the Missionary Society



Charles Wheaton



Judy Watts, Sandy Thacker, Mary Kingseed



Doreen Bartlett, Bob Westbrook



Bob and Marianne Westbrook

***Hoge Dinner Photos,
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Center Photo, Left to Right

Back: T. Gorsuch, B. Westbrook, A. Garner

Middle: P. Sheets, G. Justice, M. Westbrook,
J. Watts, M. Vermillion

Front: J. Kavage, Madi Howard, S. Thacker



Sandy Thacker



Reference Left text box



Adam Garner



Pam Sheets and Judy Watts



Madi Howard, Pam Sheets and Patty from Hoge



Marianne Westbrook and Teresa Gorsuch



Sandy, Judy and Jennie Kavage



Melissa Vermillion



OCTOBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship at 10:00 <i>World Communion Sunday</i>	2	3 Fitness Club 6 p.m.	4 Choir 6 p.m.	5 Fitness Club 6 p.m.	6	7
8 Worship at 10:00	9 Columbus Day	10 Fitness Club 6 p.m.	11 Food & Fun 5-7 p.m. Choir 6 p.m.	12 Fitness Club 5:30 p.m. Session & Trustees 7 p.m.	13 Blood Drive 12-6 p.m.	14 Fall Bonfire 5-7 p.m.
15 Worship at 10:00	16	17 Fitness Club 6 p.m.	18 Women's Circle @ noon Choir 6 p.m.	19 Fitness Club 6 p.m.	20	21
22 Worship at 10:00	23	24 Fitness Club 6 p.m.	25 Food & Fun 5-7 p.m. Choir 6 p.m.	26 Fitness Club 6 p.m.	27	28 Euchre! 7 p.m.
29 Worship at 10:00	30	31 Fitness Club 6 p.m. Halloween	October Anniversaries 1 Adam and Caitlyn Garner 3 Doug and Karen Kerns 14 Richard and Heather Day 16 Larry and Sandy Thacker 19 Josh and Kaitlin White 28 Homer and Mary Jo Wilson			

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