



Condit Courrier

November 2023

Thoughts of Thanksgiving

It's a fascinating thing when people sit and share a meal with one another. See, often times when we share a meal with people, the very nature of the table itself makes it impossible for all of the food to be put in front of us. When this happens, you essentially have to ask someone to pass something such as stuffing. I find the idea of being asked to pass food in a family style meal interesting. See, often times it happens when one is busy. Perhaps you are getting your own food. Perhaps you have recently dug into food yourself to eat. Yet when a person asks you to pass the food, it is done. Your own want or desire takes a second place to someone else's wants and desires.

I believe that, in some small way, these little sacrifices remind us of God's love for us. After all, it is not uncommon for us to understand the sacrifices that God made for us. However, there is also another lesson here that needs to be thought of as well. See, this holiday is called Thanksgiving. Perhaps, we should work to take the name literally. Perhaps we should literally give our thanks.

There are many things that Christ does for us. We always count our blessings and thank God for the many gifts we enjoy. But we must reflect about what we do with them. Are we using these gifts God has so richly blessed us with for God's glory? Are we using them at all? If we are so thankful for what God has given us, why do we not share?

Matthew 25:35-40 reads, “³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick

and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

How can we, who have been so blessed, who are so thankful for what we have, ignore those without? Are we blessed to be a blessing, or do we just want blessings to accumulate things? If we want to show how thankful we are for what we have, perhaps we should have hearts that are full of giving and love.

Blessings,

Pastor Sam

(330) 207-7038

pastorsamuel85@gmail.com

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

Visitation usually on Wednesdays



Remember in prayer:

Bill Walker, Shzila Micholles, Jane Cockrell, Clayton Davy, Max & Peggy Sheets, Mary Jo Wilson, and Joann Ippolito

Upcoming November Events



The first Sunday in November is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Please consider in prayer victims being persecuted for their faith as well as organizations whose mission it is to defend the human rights of persecuted Christians.



Women's Circle

Women interested in sewing pillowcases for the "shut in" veterans of Country View will meet Saturday, **October 28th** at the home of Beverly Saksa. Fabric has been purchased and is ready to sew. If you have a working machine please bring it and a neutral color of thread like white, cream or tan. We will begin sewing at 10am. Lunch will be served so plan to stay and work into the afternoon. Beverly lives at 2042 Croton Road in Centerburg.

In October the Women's Circle met on the 18th at Country View for their monthly brown bag lunch and Bible study. Thirteen were present. Mary Ann Counts led the discussion covering the second half of "The Pilgrim's Progress" Chapter 3. The next regular monthly meeting will be at noon on **November 15th**. All women are welcome to attend.



Faith Filled Women will hold their quarterly meeting at the Bridge on Friday, **November 10th** at 11am. The women of Condit will be providing the program before lunch. Marianne Westbrook has arranged for Kimberly Turner of Cornerstone of Hope to speak about her work with survivors of traumatic loss. All women are invited.



A Service of Installation will be held on Sunday, **November 19th** at 3 p.m. to officially install Pastor Sam as a Teaching Elder of Condit Presbyterian Church. Please plan to attend this special service of celebration that will officially unite him with our congregation. A reception will follow the service.



Sunday school has resumed for the months of October, November and December. Children are invited to leave the worship service after the Children's Message to attend. This year the group will meet in the basement. Teachers are still needed for November 19th and 26th. Please see Georgann Whitney if you would like to volunteer. Sunday school will not be in session on communion Sundays.

November Birthdays

*6 Mick Sheets
9 Marvin Monroe
10 Joshua Shick
11 Jacquelin Kerns
12 Harold Ramsey
17 Kathy Kees
26 Michael Jones
28 Mary Jo Wilson*



It is time to update the church directory. A form to make revisions to the Directory is on page 8 and copies will be available in the narthex. Please make necessary changes and return to Donna Mucci or Polly Horn.

November Anniversaries

*7 Mick and Pam Sheets
16 Ken and Doreen Bartlett
27 Gary and Jackie Covert*



Advent is rapidly



approaching...

Join the Study Group

Condit will offer a weekly Advent book study group for adults beginning at the end of November. The book used will be "The Carols of Christmas," written by Alan Vermilye, which explores the history of four Christmas carols and provides six days of daily devotions that reflect verses from each hymn. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to gauge interest as well as what time works best for everyone. Please listen to church announcements to learn when the group will begin meeting.



by **November 26th**. This year's goal is 120 boxes of muffin mixes. See Teresa Gorsuch or Kathy Kees with any questions you may have.

Deck the Halls...



The sanctuary will be decorated for Advent immediately following the worship service on Sunday, **November 26th**. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help.

Trim the Tree...



Once again it is time to order poinsettias for the poinsettia tree which helps make the sanctuary so festive at Christmas. George Justice will be accepting orders through **November 26th**. The cost for a poinsettia this year is \$8.25. An order form can be found on page 6 and also in the narthex. Please return order forms with payment to George

in person or mail to his home address, which is listed on the order form. If writing a check please mark "poinsettia" on the memo line.

Attend the Party...



Condit Christmas will be on **December 10th** at 6pm and we are looking for volunteers! Anyone who would like to perform a piece of literature, music or visual arts should contact Adam. He will provide any assistance you need in performing your art!

We are also looking for providers of refreshments (drinks and cookies) for afterwards, see Adam if you would like to help.

Participate in Holiday Missions...

Operation Christmas Child



Shoeboxes supporting Samaritan's Purse international mission project, Operation Christmas Child, need to be filled and returned to the church by **November 5th**. Please remember to include a letter written to the child and to label the box with the appropriate gender/age group. The shipping fee can be paid on line or placed in the box. Most importantly **PRAY** for these boxes to transform the lives of the children who receive them.

Big Walnut Friends Who Share

Tis the season to bring in Jiffy Muffin Mixes, hats, mittens and gloves for families in the community who are presently in need of a helping hand this holiday season. Beginning November 5th a hat/mitten display will be set up in the narthex as well as boxes to collect all donations. Please have items to the church



Come to Food & Fun!

Wednesdays, November 8 & 22

5-7pm

For Food & Fun Doreen Bartlett always prepares and serves a hot, delicious, filling dinner. Desserts are prepared by Doreen or a volunteer. In case you didn't get enough of these cookies in October the recipe has been provided. Enjoy!

Soft- Baked Pumpkin Cookies

Shared by Mary Kingseed

Ingredients

- 2 ½ cups all-purpose white flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 ½ teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup granulated white sugar
- ¾ cup light brown sugar, lightly packed
- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened- Do Not Melt
- 1 cup canned pumpkin, do not use pumpkin pie filling
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Cream Cheese Frosting

- 4 ounces original (full fat) cream cheese in block form, softened
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Optional: pumpkin pie spice

Instructions

1. Line a large sheet pan with parchment paper or a silpat liner. This will avoid burned bottoms on the cookies. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In large bowl, add flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, pumpkin pie spice and salt: whisk to combine and set aside.

2. In a medium bowl, cream together the butter, white sugar and brown sugar. Add 1 cup pumpkin, the egg and vanilla. Beat until the mixture is creamy. Add in the dry ingredients and mix until *just* combined. Avoid over-mixing as it will create denser cookies.
 3. Place heaping tablespoons of the batter on the lined baking sheet and flatten the balls of dough slightly. The batter is wetter than normal cookie dough so don't be alarmed that you can't roll out balls of dough. [Mary suggests using a medium sized cookie scoop]
 4. Bake for 9-14 minutes, watching carefully, to avoid over-baking. The tops should not be shiny. Remove from oven and allow to sit 2 minutes before transferring to a cooling rack. Cool.
 5. Make frosting. In a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment, beat the softened cream cheese and butter until creamy at medium high speed. Add the powdered sugar, salt and vanilla. Option: add the pumpkin pie spice to taste. Beat until icing is smooth and of spreading consistency. Ice cooled cookies and serve.
- Makes 22 large cookies.



**7 p.m. Saturday
November 25**

in
Condit

**Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
15102 Hartford Road**

**Cards and Fellowship
Public Welcome!**

Condit's Windows, Part 2

by Polly Horn

The Pierson Family.

Like many of our original First Trenton Presbyterian Church members, the Piersons, came here from New Jersey. "Presbyterian Church Records" for Morristown, New Jersey, are online beginning in 1771-1970. Condit and Pierson facts are prominent in this record.

Since it was common to carry the names from one generation to the next, this gets very complicated. I have taken the direction of Jotham and Eben Condit who wrote the book on the Condit family and included the father in ().

Ira Pierson (of Enos)

In March 1811, Ira Pierson (of Enos) married Jemima M. Condit (daughter of Simon) in this New Jersey church. They were blessed with 10 children. The family moved to Ohio in 1837.



Ira A. Pierson

Their son Ira Albertus married Juliette Herron then Pyrena Perry. Ira A. was a farmer and dealer in wool. He became active in the community and a member of the Trenton Church. When the church moved from Vans Valley to Condit they built a church on the northwest corner of Croton (now Hartford) and Condit (now 605) Roads on Ira A.'s property. Later when the present church was built across Hartford Road, Ira A. bought the previous church for a barn. A lightning strike destroyed the barn. When the C.A.&C. railroad came through, there was a battle between North and South Condit to see who would get the railroad. C.A.&C. decided to go

between the two and thus Condit Station was formed. Ira A. became the employee of this station.

Simon H.

Ira and Jemima's 7th child Simon H. (I'm guessing the H. was for Harrison) was born in

1827 in N.J. In 1850 lived with the blacksmith, Dorcus Ketcham. On February 22, 1854, Simon H. and Abigail Jacobus were married in by John Hess in Delaware Co.

On March 3, 1855, 127.55 acres in Gundy Co., Iowa, were put in the names of Simon H., Ira A., and Ira Pierson from Capt. Days Co. NJ Militia under Script Warrant Act. I did not find the family in 1860 but perhaps they went to Iowa or maybe it was an investment. In 1870 census, Simon H. was a farmer next door to Ira (of Enos) in Hartford of Licking Co,

Simon and Abigail were the parents of 2 boys and 3 girls, one of which was Cora who married John B. Miller, the son of Willim D. Miller.

Cora Pierson was born in 1870. John B. Miller on January 26, 1898. Unfortunately Cora died in childbirth with their daughter, Mary, the following year. Her memorial window is in the south wall. Cora and four of her siblings went to Antioch College.

Cora's sister Emma married Henry Paul Miller, John's older brother.

The Millers

In 1864, William D. Miller of Knox Co. bought land in Trenton for \$6,850. He added to it until he had 1,000 acres and 3 barns. He married the girl down the road, Mary Paul, daughter of James and Sarah Paul. Thus Miller Paul Road. They had 4 sons. After Cora's death, John B. married Ada Saunders and they stayed on the family farm at Vans Valley Road. Fred D. became the cashier for the Galena Bank. Henry Paul had the farm now the east part of Sunbury which was run later by Russell then Paul Henry Miller.



Cora Pierson Miller

Fall Bonfire a Success!

Submitted by Sheila Micholes

In spite of a wet and soggy evening twenty nine members of the congregation had great fun at the annual fall bonfire and wiener roast on October 14th. A large bonfire was started by “Boy Scout” Ken Bartlett and “Girl Scout” Sheila Micholes. Hot dogs and s’mores were roasted over the blazing fire and served with assorted side dishes. Due to the dampness pumpkin decorating activities were moved inside. Eleven children decorated mini pumpkins generously donated by Jackie Covert and Christy Krinn. Prizes were awarded for various categories with each youth winning a prize. The evening was wrapped up by giving each child a Halloween treat bag full of goodies. Thank you to all who braved the weather and came out for a great time of fellowship. *Photos page 9*

Editor’s Note: A special thank you to Sheila for coordinating this event and making it a wonderful evening for the youth of Condit. One child said she had “the best night ever!”

Wands for Wildlife *also by Sheila Micholes*

At the end of September Condit was able to ship 320 donated mascara wands to North Carolina’s Appalachian Wildlife Rescue to help care for small wildlife critters. The next shipment will be in February so please continue to save your retired mascara wands in order to repurpose them for this unique mission project. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Treasurer's Report

September 2023 Financials

Submitted by Ken Bartlett

Our regular offering is approximately 72% of its nine-month budget amount (\$69,284.00 of \$96,570.92; \$27,286.92 in arrears). Total receipts are \$86,553.25 of the nine-month budget amount of \$114,634.67, \$28,081.42 in arrears.

Insurance, real estate taxes, and per capita are fully paid for the year. As the budget was prepared as though a full-time pastor was in place for the entire year, the net savings year-to-date for our pastoral leadership is \$45,136.93 through September. Total expenses were \$65,690.17 against a nine-month budget of \$114,634.67, resulting in outflows less than budget by \$48,944.50.

September net is \$7,810.21 in the red, and the year-to-date net is \$20,863.08 in the black after nine months.

Receipts are \$9,216.09 more than a year ago, while expenses are \$20,677.55 less than a year ago. This results in the net being \$29,893.64 better than a year ago. This is mainly attributable to our previous pastoral situation.

Investments as a whole were down in September and are now up 3.7% year-to-date. Investments total \$234,209.66. Total funds available are \$274,185.04 as of the end of September, \$23,779.26 higher than the beginning of the year.

The trustees are nearly finished with some important renovations and maintenance to the church facility – upgrading the upstairs restroom, gutter repairs, and drying out the basement. Now on to the next project – trying to figure out and resolve the basement flooding. Thanks to the PNC – completing its charge and bringing us a permanent pastor – Rev. Samuel Monte who started in September. We hope you and your family are settling in!



THIS HOLIDAY SEASON GIVE THE BEST

Give Blood Save a Life!  **American Red Cross**


1-6 Friday, December 9

Condit Presbyterian Church

corner of Hartford Road and Rt. 605

GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org

The October blood drive took in 25 pints to save 75 lives. Thank you to all who were able to donate. Come again in December!



Order for Poinsettia Tree by November 26

Name _____

Quantity _____ x \$8.25 each = \$ _____

Make check payable to Condit Presbyterian Church
(Write **Poinsettia** in memo line on check)

Give or mail to George Justice, 16019 Hartford Rd.
Sunbury, OH 43074

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Set Clocks Back at Bedtime 
5 Worship with Communion 10 a.m. Daylight Savings Time Ends	6	7 Fitness Club 6 p.m.	8 Food & Fun 5-7 p.m. Choir 6 p.m.	9 Fitness Club 5:30 p.m. Session & Trustees 7 p.m.	10 Faith Filled Women 11 a.m. at The Bridge	11
12 Worship 10 a.m.	13	14 Fitness Club 6 p.m.	15 Women's Circle @ noon Choir 6 p.m.	16 Fitness Club 6 p.m.	17	18
19 Worship 10 a.m. Installation for Pastor Sam 3 p.m.	20	21 Fitness Club 6 p.m.	22 Food & Fun 5-7 p.m. Choir 6 p.m.	23 	24	25 Euchre! 7 p.m.
26 Worship 10a.m. Advent Begins Decorate Sanctuary 11 a.m.	27	28 Fitness Club 6 p.m.	29 Choir 6 p.m.	30 Fitness Club 6 p.m.	November Flowers Ken & Doreen Bartlett November Ushers Mike & Donna Mucci	

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 ____/____/____

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 back of sheet if necessary.

Thanks!
Donna Mucci, Directory Editor
Polly Horn



2023
Condit
Fall Festival
Collage



Condit Presbyterian Church Newsletter
 15102 Hartford Road
 Sunbury, Ohio 43074

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

Minister Rev. Samuel Monte

Music Director Adam Garner

Treasurer Ken Bartlett

Financial Secretary Doug Kerns

Clerk of Session Chip Welch

Church Phone Number: 740-965-2911

Website: <http://ConditChurch.org>

TRUSTEES

Class of 2025

Bob Westbrook George Justice

Class of 2024

Allison Skinner Ken Bartlett

Class of 2023

John Whitney Molly Blevins

Church Directory

Donna & Laura Mucci

Custodian Lynette Meliorre

Newsletter Editor Melissa Vermillion

Website, Streaming Bob Westbrook

Ushers/Greeters Georgann Whitney

Acolytes Bill & Teresa Gorsuch

All Contact Info in Church Directory
 available in the church