



Condit Courier

July 2024

Limiting our Freedoms

If there's one thing we love, it's freedom. We have a whole day celebrating personal freedom. July Fourth is our Independence Day. It's the day we celebrate the American colonies breaking away from English rule. It's so popular to us, in fact, that we have made it into a movie starring Will Smith about an alien attack. We like our freedom.

Think about the first time you drove a car without an adult. Do you remember what it felt like? You felt free. You felt like you could go anywhere and do anything. Except then there were probably rules put in place by parents. You had to be home at a certain time. You had to refill the gas. There were likely places you couldn't go, too. Then there are the speed limits. It stinks going slow. You want to go fast and get to the destination as soon as possible.

These things were put in place so that you and other people would be safe. Yes: you were free, yet there were terms and conditions that applied to that. In a weird sort of way, the boundaries we have make us freer.

In 1Corinthians, Paul is trying to help the struggling church in Corinth. Chapter 10 in particular deals with idol meat. That was meat sacrificed to some other deity. The question was if it was okay to eat that meat

or not. In 10:23, Paul writes, "All things are lawful, but not all things build up." He tells the people it's meat- nothing more. You're allowed to eat the meat sacrificed to other gods because to you it's just meat.

Yet Paul goes back to the notion of freedom and what is lawful. Basically, he says if someone raises a stink about it, then don't eat it. You don't do that for yourself because you know it's fine- it's just meat. No; you do it because you're thinking about the other person. They may not be in the same place you are spiritually. You don't want them to stumble and fall unintentionally, so you limit your freedoms to help someone else.

And that is the crux of it all. All rules and boundaries are set up

to show care and concern for others. We limit the things we do because while we could do anything, it's not always going to be beneficial for us or others. What are some things you've given up for others? How can you help others grow and learn by teaching proper boundaries?

Blessings,
Pastor Sam

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July Events



July 6 Duncan's Run Bicycle Patch Ride- Condit will again be providing the east side yard as a rest stop for the yearly Harlem Township Heritage, Inc fundraiser. Water, snacks and restroom will be offered to the riders. If you are interested in helping please contact John Whitney.

Food & Fun will be **July 10 and July 24 from 5-7 pm**. Please bring a friend to enjoy a home cooked summer meal and great fellowship.



EUCHRE

Euchre returns to the Condit Fellowship Hall **Saturday, July 27 from 7:00-9:00p.m.** Attendees are welcome to bring a snack to share but this is not required for attendance. All ages and playing levels are welcome.



Women's Circle will **NOT** meet in July. The group will resume **August 21 at noon** to begin discussion of Chapter 7.

BWFWS



It is time once again for the BWFWS School Backpack Project! All donations should be placed in the boxes in the Narthex between Sunday, June 16 and Sunday, July 14. Please consider joining others on Sunday, July 27, 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*
- 250 #2 wood pencils*



COMMUNITY DINNER volunteer.

Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, August 10**, the next dinner at Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church. A menu of Johnny Marzetti, salad, rolls and peach cobbler will be served. Volunteers are needed to cook, transport, and serve the meal. A speaker to deliver a brief message is also requested. Please contact Marianne Westbrook if you feel called to

Michael L. Sheets Named 2024 Condit Man of Faith

On Father's Day Michael L. (aka Mick) Sheets was pleasantly surprised to be named the 2024 Condit Man of Faith. John Whitney introduced the history of Condit Men of Faith, briefly mentioning that the father of this year's inductee had previously been capped a Man of Faith. George Justice then revealed the identity of the inductee. John shared a brief biography of Mick and his contributions to Condit and awarded him an official Men of Faith navy blue cap bearing the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) logo to the congregation's round of applause.



Michael L. Sheets. Sunday the "L" was for Liturgist.

Mick's family moved to the Sunbury area during the summer of 1971. They began attending different churches and Condit was one of the first. They found a good fit and have attended ever since. Mick, his mom (Peggy Sheets), and then girlfriend (Pam Monroe) all joined Condit Presbyterian Church on November 4, 1984. He married that girlfriend in the church on November 7, 1987 with Rev. Alan Thalhuber officiating. The newlyweds moved to Irving, TX (for Mick's job at Cargill, Inc.). They had daughter, Emily, while living there. After four years, Cargill took them to North East, MD where son, Alex, was born. Requesting a transfer back to Ohio to be closer to family, the Sheets family then moved to New Carlisle, OH where they lived until September 2013 when they moved into their current home that they designed and had built on Murphy Rd. Mick was finally able to give back to the tiny little church in which he was raised and became an elder at Condit in 2014. He helped lead the church through the New Beginnings process and also helped find a permanent pastor. To date, he has served 8 years as an Elder. *Continued to page 8*



George Justice, Mick Sheets, John Whitney (L-R)



Condit Men of Faith (L-R) Harold Ramsey, Ken Bartlett, Doug Kerns, Grant Bartlett, Bob Westbrook, George Justice, Alex Sheets, Mick Sheets, Mike Mucci, John Whitney, Marv Monroe

Condit 2024 Graduates

Four Condit graduates were recognized during worship on June 9. John Whitney introduced the students and Sheila Micholes presented each with a graduation gift. A cookie reception was held after the service in the fellowship hall. Congratulation to all graduates and best of luck in your new endeavors!



Graduates Grant Bartlett, Abby Welch, Hannah Shick

Abigail Welch



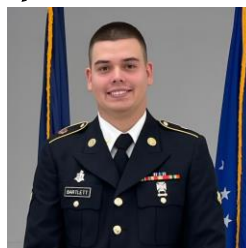
Abby, daughter of Porter “Chip” Welch and Molly Blevins, graduated from Big Walnut High School on May 18. She plans to attend Kent State University in the fall and work toward a degree in Early Childhood Education. At Big Walnut she was active in sports and has interests in art, painting and drawing. She plans to continue club soccer while at Kent State. Her summer plans are to travel to Florida in June and Texas in July.

Trent Pettit, Jr.



Grandson of Norma Jean Feasel and daughter of Daniell Pettit, Trent lives with his dad near Glouster, Ohio and graduated from Trimble High School on May 25. His high school interests were football, basketball and baseball, with baseball being his favorite. He has received a certificate in Pipe Fitting and Manufacturing Welding at Washington State College in Marietta. He hopes to become a heavy equipment operator and will begin training for that occupation in June. Trent was unable to attend worship as he was in Florida enjoying the beach.

Grant Bartlett



Grant, A U.S. Army Reservist, graduated from the Medical Education and Training Campus at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, on May 24. He was an honor graduate of the program (#2 in class but #1 for army Biservice class USAF/USAR) and is now a Biomedical Equipment Technician. Son of Ken and Doreen Bartlett, Grant has many hobbies which include hiking, tennis, singing, cooking and driving. At Condit, he serves as an Elder on Session, is a member of the Chancel Choir and leads the monthly Euchre night. Now that he is back in Ohio Grant will begin a position at Riverside Methodist Hospital using his new skill set. Over time he hopes to advance his career in biomedical engineering.

Hannah Shick



Hannah graduated from Big Walnut High School on May 18 as an Honor Roll student. She is the daughter of Jennifer Shick and granddaughter of Judy Lewis. At Big Walnut she participated in the school spirit team. Her hobbies are working out at the gym, music, auto mechanics and working. Currently Hannah works as the Kitchen Manager at PJ’s Family Restaurant in Sunbury. She hopes to work for a year and then attend the firefighting program at Delaware Area Career Center (D.A.C.C.) in 2025. This summer she will be exercising, traveling, working and doing some auto maintenance.

2024 VBS Experience

A handful of youth came to church on Saturday, June 8, for a one afternoon VBS experience. This year's setting was the Sea of Galilee. During the opening the location of Israel and the Sea of Galilee were determined using a globe and maps. Students then rotated through 4 stations. Three stations offered a Bible story with discussion, accompanied by an activity or craft to enforce the lesson. The fourth stop was a cold summer snack- homemade blue ice cream in a bag, complete with candy fish. A great time was had by both the youth and adults. All learned some new details about Bible facts that weren't known before.



Where is Israel?



Scripture reading



Pam explains the call of the disciples



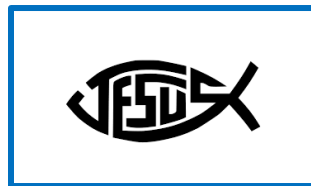
It is hard to catch fish



It is more difficult to catch men



String art fish



Racing cork boats



Blue ice cream!



Condit Fishers of Men

Birthday Celebration



Linda Dado (seated), Judy Watts, Marianne Westbrook

Women's Circle met June 19 for their monthly brown bag lunch and Bible study session. The luncheon dessert was a surprise birthday cake to celebrate Linda Dado turning 87 years young. Happy Birthday Linda!

Mother's Day

Submitted by Sheila Micholes



Mother's Day was celebrated at the close of the service on May 12. Hanging baskets were awarded to the mother who...

- 1) Traveled the furthest- awarded to Beverly Sakska's sister, Brenda, who was visiting from Colorado. Brenda had to decline the flower as she couldn't transport it home on the plane!
- 2) Was the youngest mother present- Jules Miller
- 3) Was the oldest mother present- Jeff Marshall's mother, Carolyn, was the oldest mother present but respectfully declined as she had been awarded 2 baskets in 2023! The next oldest mother present was Linda Dado, who gladly accepted a basket.

All mothers were gifted marigolds as they exited the sanctuary.

Thank you to Richard & Heather Day and Judy Watts for providing flowers for the occasion.



July Birthdays

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



July Anniversaries

- 3 John & Georgann Whitney
- 12 Todd & Connie Jacob
- 13 Dwayne & Jennifer Shick
- 18 Michel & Christine Jones

Help Wanted

The Communications Committee is looking for someone that likes to work with Facebook. We are in need of help with our Condit Church existing Facebook group and our new Page. If you are interested please contact Sandy Thacker.



Remember in prayer:

Ralph & Cindy Monte
Carol Pickworth
Tina Koval
John Vetter
Max & Peggy Sheets
Mary Jo Wilson
Lahmon Family



Treasurer's Report

May 2024 Financials
Submitted by Ken Bartlett

Our regular offering through May was approximately 74.3% of its five-month budget amount (**\$52,609.00** of **\$70,831.67**; **\$18,222.67** in arrears). A \$30,000 bequest was received in May. Total receipts through May were **\$95,780.47** of the five-month budget amount of **\$81,665.00**, **\$14,115.47** more than budget.

Insurance and real estate taxes have been fully paid for the year, per capita has been paid through half of the year. Total expenses through May were **\$72,541.90** against the five-month budget of **\$81,665.00**, resulting in outflows less than budget by **\$9,123.10**.

May year-to-date net was **\$23,238.57** in the black.

Receipts through May were **\$45,450.35** more than a year ago, while expenses were **\$37,110.55** more than a year ago. This results in the net being **\$8,339.80** better than a year ago.

Investment returns were up **6.3%** year-to-date. The \$30,000 bequest received in May was invested and investments totaled **\$294,957.97** as of the end of May. Total funds available were **\$344,841.30** as of the end of May.

Summer Projects

Submitted by George Justice

Again, the Trustees want to thank everyone for your time and effort which made our Spring Cleanup such a success!! You got the church clean and tidy.

Nonetheless, we still have a few Bigger Maintenance Projects facing us to improve the appearance and function of the church. Bob Westbrook led a group which replaced rotten flooring of the manse's deck and also jacked up and reinforced the manse's front porch. We now need to power wash these areas and portions of the church and manse. Then the deck will need to be painted.

As you all know, flooding of the basement has been a problem for years. To eliminate this problem the Trustees plan to do some excavation and also repairs to the drainage system.

We Trustees will need and appreciate any and all Helping Hands who will volunteer to help in these projects. Contact any of the Trustees with questions, comments and to volunteer. Thank for all your help maintaining our church at the corner of Hartford and 605!!!



June 14th Blood Drive had 29 donors including 4 walk-ins, who donated 25 pints of blood which will save 75 lives. Our goal was 20 pints.

We are now registering for the Condit Blood Drive on Friday, August 9, 12 to 6 p.m. You may register online using your Red Cross app, email GiveBlood@CondiChurch.org or by calling Polly Horn at 740-965-3582 and leave your phone number and she will return your call.

THANK YOU CONDIT!



A big THANK YOU to all of you who donated food and money to our Big Walnut Friends Who Share Food Drive. With the food and financial donations received, we were able to deliver 301 food items this spring. Our donation was much appreciated!

Thank you,
Kathy Kees

Welcome Amora Haze Jacob



Levi and Taylor Jacob (*above*) welcomed a beautiful daughter, Amora, into their family March 29, 2024...born five weeks early! Her proud grandparents are Connie and Todd Jacob. Other relatives who are Condit members are Uncle Isaia Jacob, Uncle Jaden Jacob, and Great Aunt and Uncle Kathy Kees and George Justice.



Did you know....?

The Sea of Galilee is actually not a sea but a freshwater lake. Snow melt water from Mount Hermon seeps into rock channels to feed underground springs at the base of the mountain cluster. The spring waters form streams that merge and become the Jordan River, which is the water source flowing into the Sea of Galilee on its northern side. Water exits the Sea of Galilee on the southern end and reforms the Jordan River, which descends down Israel into the Dead Sea, a salt water body.

The Sea of Galilee is referred to by several names in the Bible, including the Sea of Tiberias, Lake Kinneret, and Lake of Gennesaret. It is approximately 13 miles long and 8 miles wide. Situated below sea level, it is the second lowest lake in the world, second only to the Dead Sea.

The Sea of Galilee is well known and important to Christians because the Galilee region was “home territory” to Jesus and much of his ministry occurred along the shores of the lake. If one is familiar with the stories of Jesus calling the first four disciples, walking on water, calming the storm, feeding the five thousand and the miraculous catch of fish, one should understand the significance of the Sea of Galilee.



Cook's Corner

This recipe was served at Food & Fun at the end of May. Many requested the recipe so Mary Kingseed has provided it for you

all to enjoy at home.

Cauliflower Salad

Pre-mix:

2/3 c. light mayonnaise

1/3 cup sugar

Mix:

1 large head cauliflower chopped or shredded

1 ½ cup salted peanuts

1 package (70z.) dried cranberries

In a large bowl add all the above and stir until well combined.

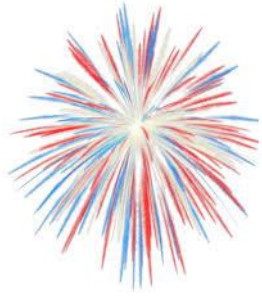
Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour.



Condit Man of Faith, *continued from page 3*

Fun fact about Mick: He has a lifelong goal of attending a game in all of the MLB baseball parks. This summer, he and Pam will be traveling to Arlington, TX (Rangers stadium), San Diego, CA (Padres stadium), and L.A., CA (Dodgers stadium). That will leave 3 ball parks on the list: two in New York and the last one will be Fenway Park in Boston (at least until a new baseball park is built).

Congratulations Mick!



July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Exercise 6pm	3 Choir 6 pm	4  Independence Day	5	6 Duncan's Run Bike Ride
7 Worship with Communion 10 am	8 	9 Exercise 6pm	10 Food & Fun 5-7pm Choir 6 pm	11 Exercise 5:30pm Session & Trustees 7 pm	12	13
14 Worship 10 am	15	16 Exercise 6pm	17 No Women's Circle Choir 6 pm	18 Exercise 6pm	19 	20
21 Worship 10 am	22 	23 Exercise 6pm	24 Food & Fun 5-7pm Choir 6 pm	25 Exercise 6pm	26	27 Euchre! 7 pm
28 Worship 10 am	29	30 Exercise 6pm	31 Choir 6 pm	<i>July Flowers- Bill & Teresa Gorsuch</i>  <i>Summer break-No Sunday school</i>		

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