



Condit Courier

March 2019

Prepare for Lent

Order Easter Lilies

It is time to look forward to Easter. Each year the church is decorated with Easter Lilies which individuals give in memory of loved ones or to honor someone who made a difference in their lives. Teresa Gorsuch is taking orders for the lilies again this year.

To order your lilies, complete the form on page 7 and put it with your check for \$8 per lily made out to Condit Presbyterian Church in the offering plate. Be sure to put Easter Lily on the memo line. Orders for the flowers must be in by April 14. Flowers may be taken home following Easter Worship.

Order Bible Study Book

As a congregation, we will be reading “The Journey to Jerusalem: A Story of Jesus’ Last Days” by John Pritchard. You can order the print or kindle version on Amazon, Nook Book (\$9.49) or sign up on the sheet in the lobby by February 27 to have the church order your copy. The cost will be \$13. The readings begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6.



There are 6073 miles from Condit to Jerusalem. 2,000 steps equal a mile. Thus the voyage will take 12,146,000 steps.

As of Sunday, February 24, 1,668.377 miles have been recorded on the map in Condit Narthex. Keep stepping, Condit!

Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday Service

March 6 at 7pm we will have a brief Ash Wednesday Service at the church. This is a nice way to begin the Lenten season.



Lent Book Discussion Groups for Adults

During Lent there will be two opportunities for you to be in a book discussion group to talk about our devotion book, “The Journey to Jerusalem: A Story of Jesus’ Last Days” by John Pritchard.

One group, led by Molly Blevins, will meet on Sunday mornings at 9 in the church library.

The other group, led by Pam Sheets, will meet Tuesday evenings at 7, in her home at 15355 Murphy Road.

Plan now to be part of one of these groups.

Congregation Elected Bartlett Treasurer for 2019

At the Congregational Meeting on February 17th, Condit members elected Ken Bartlett Treasurer for another year. They received annual reports from officers, committees and church clubs. Members reviewed the 2019 budget of faith.

Following the meeting, the congregation adjourned to the Fellowship Hall for a Spaghetti Dinner for Valentine’s Day.

I'm So Excited About Lent!

By Rev. Annie Melick

*"You have to remember we were all quite young. Matthew was a bit older of course and had seen a bit of life and how it worked. Judas was quick too, and Thomas always struck me as very thoughtful. But most of us were working lads from around the shores of Galilee, and suddenly we were finding ourselves mixed up with some pretty heavyweight, educated characters with legal and religious backgrounds. Sometimes we struggled with this new world." (John Pritchard, *The Journey to Jerusalem: A Story of Jesus' Last Days*, Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, 2014. Page 37.)*



Rev. Annie Melick

This is an excerpt from the book we will be reading during Lent. Each day there is a Scripture to read, and then a story written by John Pritchard where he imagines what it was like to be present during that time. Pritchard writes with imagination and insight that can help us relate to the Gospel story of Jesus's last weeks on earth. I hope you will all join me in reading this book together!

Lent is traditionally a time in the Christian year when we think a lot about sin and repentance. That can be a little bit of downer, right? The point is to think about our sin condition so that Easter is a great celebration of being forgiven. I hope that this year Lent will not be a downer, but an exciting time of "journeying with Jesus" and thinking about what he was actually teaching his disciples (and us) in those last weeks. You'll want to join one of the discussion groups to dig deeper. I'm so excited about observing Lent at Condit this year!

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6, a day to repent. We will have a brief service at 7pm that night where you will have a chance to have ashes imposed on your forehead (or hand if you prefer) to remind us of our mortality. It's good to allow ourselves one day to think about this reality. Then in April, we will observe Maundy Thursday by doing a Christian version of Passover, the Sedar Meal. I hope you all plan to attend this meaningful communion experience on April 18 at 6pm.

Easter is just around the corner, and as we prepare for that day, let's join the journey with Jesus.

June 17-21, 9:00-11:30

ROAR!
Life is Wild,
God is Good!



2019 VBS will be Roar! Life is wild, God is good. VBS celebration Sunday will be June 23rd. We are looking for volunteers to teach, lead groups, and help where needed. If God is calling you in this mission, please contact Pam Sheets 937-902-4779. **Mark your calendar!**

happy birthday!

March

- 3 Trent Pettit
- 5 Joe Cox
- 12 Marilyn DeFranco
- 15 Joe Marshall
- 16 Levi Jacob
- 29 Jayne Strouse
- 31 Molly Blevins



Worship at 10 a.m.



Life for the Children of God - Epiphany

March 3 Worship and Communion: Rev. Annie Melick, "We'll Let Our Light Shine,"
 Luke 9:28-43a(Transfiguration)
 Liturgist: Polly Horn. Acolyte:
 Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Chancel Choir Special Music : "Hold Out Your Light," by Hogan.
 Communion Servers: Sheila Micholes, Darlene Ross, Grant Bartlett, Kathy Kees.
 Ushers and Greeters: Kathy Kees, George Justice, Allison Skinner, Samuel or Nathan Kirby.

God on the Move – Lent

March 6 Ash Wednesday Worship and Communion: Rev. Annie Melick, "The Way Back," Joel 2:12-13.

March 10 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, "God Moves Into the Desert," Luke 4:1-13.
 Liturgist: Grant Bartlett. Acolyte:
 Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Choir Special Music: "Wayfaring Stranger," by Larry Shackley
 Ushers and Greeters: Carmie Joseph, Kaitlin White, Grant Bartlett and Ken Bartlett.

March 17 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, "God Moves Past All Obstacles," Luke 13:31-35.
 Liturgist: Doug Kerns, Acolyte:
 Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Choir Special Music: "I'm Traveling On," by Stan Pethel.
 Ushers and Greeters: Bill and Teresa Gorsuch, Bob and Marianne Westbrook.

March 24 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, "God Moves Over the Fence," Luke 13:1-9, Isaiah 55:1-9.
 Liturgist: Ken Bartlett. Acolyte:
 Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:
 Ushers and Greeters: Chip Welch, Molly Blevins, Mike and Donna Mucci.

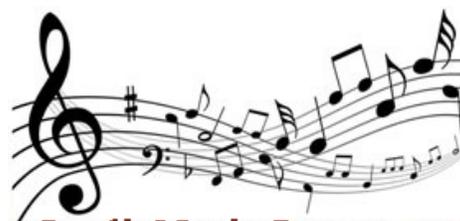
March 31 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, "God Moves Down the Road," Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32, 2 Cor 5:16-17.
 Liturgist: Mick Sheets. Acolyte:
 Accompanist: Sasha Neverov. Special Music:
 Ushers and Greeters: Christy Krinn, Jackie Covert, Shiela Micholes and Polly Horn.

Flowers for March provided by Mike and Donna Mucci.



Remember in Your Prayers

**Peggy Sheets, Sue Miley,
 Marv Monroe,
 Sue Overturf,
 Rachel Buxton, and
 Carol Weiss.**



Condit Music Department
Adam Garner, Music Director

Bell Choir 6:30 Wednesday March 20

Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays



Getting to Know You

Lynda O'Quinn

by Jenny Kavage

Lynda O'Quinn may be a relative newcomer to Condit Presbyterian Church but her area roots go back to 1807 when her great-great-great-great grandparents Benajah and Cassandra Cook became the first settlers in Harlem Township. Benajah purchased 4000 acres at 42-cents an acre and established his homestead at the intersection of what is now Gorsuch and Miller Paul Roads. An Ohio Historical Marker on Gorsuch Road shows where his sawmill stood.

Lynda began attending services at Condit while her mother was at Country View nursing home on Old 3C Highway. It allowed her to participate in Sunday worship and then be on hand to help her mother with her noon meal. Her mother passed away last May but Lynda continues to be involved in Condit Church. She says the people are very friendly and she likes the structured service.

The daughter of John J. Cook and Marjorie McElwee, Lynda grew up on the Needles Road farm her great-great-great grandfather John Cook bought for his daughter. She started to school at Center Village in a four-room building that held six grades. There was a small gym to play in on bad-weather days. When a cafeteria was installed at Center Village High School they walked there to eat. Area schools were consolidated in time for her to go to Big Walnut High School where she graduated in 1958.

In 1959 Lynda married her neighbor and schoolmate Si O'Quinn. They moved into the farm across the street that had belonged to her great grandfather, another John Cook. Si was a printer working in Westerville during the day while Lynda took care of the housework and readied the ground for Si to come home and plant in the evening. They had three daughters-Robin, Becky and Deedra. Now there are nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Si and Lynda were married 56 years. He died in 2016.

Always active, Lynda helps with the Condit Bloodmobile, brings desserts for Wednesday night dinners and joins in the Euchre games.. She likes to sew, knit and crochet. Her McElwee grandmother taught her to darn socks when she was 8 or 9-years-old. She cuts out animals for the Presbyterian Women's group to stuff for hospitalized children and knits tiny hats for newborns. Bigger hats are made for cancer patients. Lap robes and walker bags go to Country View. Police departments and EMS crews have stuffed animals she has made for the young children they encounter.

Lynda belongs to the Harlem Township Heritage group striving to preserve the area's past and enhance its future. She says they are currently working with the multimedia class at the high school on a video about Harlem Township years ago. She remembers well the first drive-in movies in Center Village where a sheet or a screen hung on the side of Ted Budd's house and folks watched from cars parked on a hillside. Her mom would pop a big bag of popcorn. She remembers her mother trading eggs at the Center Village store and when her grandfather's cattle were driven across the township to a summer grazing field near Harlem and driven back in the fall.

She is working on an exhibit of "The Forgotten Things" for the annual Harlem Township Days - those things people don't do any more such as making butter and baskets and rag rugs and, yes, darning socks. She enjoys sharing her knowledge of these things with the groups that tour the Myers Inn, as well.

Benajah Cook, retold by Polly Horn

Jenny Kavage mentioned Benajah Cook in her article about Lynda O'Quinn on page 4. His story is truly one of faith and determination. He was from Connecticut but had moved his family to Granville, Ohio.

Meanwhile Soldiers who fought in the American Revolution were given patents for military land in Ohio. To most the paper was worthless. A New Jersey lawyer John Cleve Symmes had purchased many patents from former soldiers down on their luck.

In 1800, Symmes took the patents to President John Adams and got deeds for military land in central Ohio. One deed was for Range 16, Township 3, 3rd quarter. He in turn sold the land to Solomon Broderick another land investor in New Jersey. Broderick failed to make the payments so Symmes had to file suit in the new town of Franklinton, Ohio, for the purchase price and back tax payments totaling \$5674.36. Broderick failed to show so the land was up for sale by the Sheriff at the door of the courthouse in Franklinton on June 11, 1807. The property would go to the highest bidder who paid cash at the sale.

Cook heard about the upcoming sale and spent time checking out the property. He collected money in gold coins but was leery of going to Franklinton knowing robbers would be waiting for anyone coming to the sale. He took an old coat to his wife to patch. She sewed patches all over the coat. He grew a beard, made himself scruffy looking and appeared a little more than drunk.

Everyone expected Moses Byxbe to come to the sale but he had not shown. Several well dressed possible buyers were there. By noon a beggar, dressed in a patched coat so filthy he was drawing flies, staggered around the steps. In spite of people trying to get the beggar to move on he stayed his ground. When the beggar said he wanted to bid, the sheriff knew he had to allow it so the bidding began. The asking price was \$1.42 per acre. No one bid. The beggar bid 10 cents an acre. The others upped the bid but each time the beggar went higher. The men became disgruntled and decided the sheriff should call the man's bluff and when he could not pay, they would run him out of town and return to the sale.

The last bid went to Benajah Cook for 42 cents an acre. He stepped up to the table and tore open a patch removing gold coins. He continued opening patches until he had purchased the land for \$1680 and \$40 in costs - all in gold.

Now he had to get away from Franklinton before thieves got him. He returned to a stable where he hid his good coat, clothes and boots in the loft, and transformed himself from the beggar back to a man traveling through the town. Cook had the deed for 4000 acres he really only wanted 500 for himself so he went in search of Moses Byxbe, in the nearby town of Berkshire. The two men did business with Byxbe agreeing to buy the 3500 acres Cook did not want at the price Cook had paid for it.

Cook returned to Granville and moved his wife Cassandra and five children to the future Harlem Township.

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Condit Kids Making Valentines

Condit Kids meet 4-5 the first Sunday of the month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h1 style="margin: 0;">March 2019</h1> 						
<p>* ALL SUNDAYS EXCEPT THE FIRST thru May 9- 10 Youth Confirmation Class 10:15 Primary Sunday School Grades K-6 - following Children's Message</p> <p>9:30 Choir on Sundays when Choir sings</p>					1	2
<p>3 10 a.m. Worship & Communion 11:15 Youth and YA Outing 4-5 Condit Kids Discipleship Group at 6:30</p>	4	<p>5 6:00 FITNESS CLUB</p>	<p>6 7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion</p>	<p>7 6:00 FITNESS CLUB</p>	<p>8 Faith Filled Women meet at 11:00 in the Bridge. Centerburg UMC has the program.</p>	9
<p>10 * 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 Session and Trustee Vision Meeting</p>	11	<p>12 6:00 FITNESS CLUB</p>	<p>13 5-7:30 Food & Fun 7:30 Choir</p>	<p>14 5:30 FITNESS CLUB 7:00 Session & Trustees Meeting</p>	15	16
<p>17 * 10 a.m. Worship</p>	18	<p>19 6:00 FITNESS CLUB NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>20 11:00 Presbyterian Women 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Choir</p>	<p>21 6:00 FITNESS CLUB</p>	22	23
<p>24 * 10 a.m. Worship</p>	25	<p>26 6:00 FITNESS CLUB</p>	<p>27 11:30 Lunch Bunch at PJ's 5-7:30 Food & Fun 7:30 Choir</p>	<p>28 6:00 FITNESS CLUB</p>	29	
<p>31 * 10 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>Lent Book Discussion Group - 9 a.m. March 10, 17, 24, 31 – Molly Blevins facilitator meets in Church Library Lent Book Discussion Group - 7 p.m. March 12, 19, 26 - Pam Sheets facilitator – meets at her home, 15355 Murphy Rd.</p>					



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

First Spring meeting is 11:00 on Wednesday, March 20, in the Fellowship Hall. They will sew and stuff toys in the morning, enjoy their sack lunch at noon. In the afternoon, Mariann Counts will lead the Bible Study on Chapter 11 of "Knowing God's Word."

All women are invited to attend.



will meet at 11:00 in the Bridge. Centerburg UMC will have the program.

Session and Trustees Discuss Book To Focus on Improving Condit

At the annual Condit Leadership Retreat on February 17th, the Trustees and Elders had a Vision Discussion on Chapter 1 of *Canoeing the Mountains*.

They will continue with Chapters 2 and 3 on March 10th following Worship.

Blood Drive Made February Goal +1

Twenty-one pints of blood were collected at the February drive.

THANKS, CONDIT!

12 Played Euchre

Three full tables enjoyed Euchre Saturday, February 23. Mark your calendar for March 30th.



Lilies for Easter Sunday

\$8.00 per plant

_____ how many \$ _____ total enclosed

Make checks payable to Condit Presbyterian Church, put Lily in the memo line

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

By: _____

**By April 14, put check & completed form in the offering plate or give to
Teresa Gorsuch 5425 N. County Line Road, Centerburg, OH 43011**

Condit Youths Attending Winter Retreat

Condit Youth went to Presbytery of Scioto Valley Youth Retreat at Camp Akita February 22 thru 24. Those attending were Abby Welch, Nathan Kirby, and Sam Kirby. There were 120 youth from 10 different churches attending the retreat. Pam and Mick Sheets also attended from Condit.

Happy Anniversary

**Marv and Pat Monroe - March 5
Max and Peggy Sheets - March 23**



Food & Fun

5-7:30 Wednesdays

March 13 & 27

Stop in for Homemade Food
any time between 5 and 7:30 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

COMMUNITY



**7 p.m. Saturday
March 30**

in
Condit

**Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
15102 Hartford Road**

**Cards and Fellowship
Public Welcome!**



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