



# Condit Courier

April 2020

## *From the Editor's Desk . . .*

Newsletters are to let you know what is coming. Like the March Newsletter, much of the information in this April Newsletter will be canceled by the time the newsletter gets to you. So sorry but there is no way to know so let us be grateful our congregation is staying healthy and talking to each other as much as possible.

Hopefully many of you are connecting with Zoom. Instructions for how to connect are on page 5. Keep the page in case you have to reconnect.

## *ZOOM - Our New 2020!*

*Sign up to use Zoom.us on page 5. Later join any of these live conference groups.*

### **Tuesdays, Kids' Lunch with Rev. Annie**

*Go to page 6 to log into Zoom.*

We will Zoom on Tuesdays at noon. Everybody grab your lunch and get on the group chat! Rev. Annie will pray for us and share a Bible story or devotional.

Six children and Ann's dog Birdie attended the March 24<sup>th</sup> session. Sounds like all had a good time.

### **Wednesdays, Night Prayer Meeting at 7:00**

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We will share the good things God is doing and our challenges, and Rev. Annie will pray with us.

### **Thursdays, Lunch with Rev. Annie at noon**

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Rev. Annie will lead a short prayer and we will have casual conversation to check in with each other.

### **Maundy Thursday, April 9 6:30 p.m.**

*Go to page 6 to log into Zoom.us*

Rev. Annie will lead us in Worship. Have juice and bread if you wish to participate in communion.

## **Condit Blood Drive 1-6 April 10**

Elders voted to continue with the Blood Drive even if the Stay-Home is still in effect. Condit has 24 of our 29 slots for donors filled. Extra precautions are being taken by Red Cross to make this a safe donating situation. If you are feeling well and would like to donate email Polly at **(Continue on page 4 )**

## **Easter Activities**



**Palm Sunday:** April 5  
Activities are canceled.

**Maundy Thursday:** April 9  
6:30 p.m. Use Zoom.us

*All Easter activities will take place the first Sunday*

*Governor DeWine says we can return to the church.*

**Easter Sunrise Service** at 6:50 a.m. in the parking lot

**Easter Breakfast** 7:15 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

**Easter Egg Hunt** 8:30

**Easter Worship** at 10 in the church

## **Annual Easter Lily Display Cancelled**

Teresa Gorsuch asks you to please hold any money you were going to send in for the Easter Lilies. If you sent her money, please let her know what you want done with it.



# His Eye Is On The Sparrow

by Rev. Annie Melick

This has never happened in our lifetimes! Due to the COVID19 virus outbreak, we are required by the state of Ohio to stay home except for a few things like getting food, going to the doctor, or going to work. Most of us are working from home if that is at all possible. Many have lost their jobs. The grocery stores ran out of toilet paper and other basic supplies. There are not enough protective masks and gloves for even healthcare workers in the hospitals. And in our churches, we made the decision to stop worship services and other meetings at the church and are doing them online instead. It is easy under these circumstances to be discouraged, lonely, and afraid. I find comfort in the words to the old gospel song; *His Eye is on the Sparrow*:



**Rev. Annie Melick**

*Why should I feel discouraged  
Why should the shadows come  
Why should my heart feel lonely  
And long for heaven and home  
When Jesus is my portion  
A constant friend is He  
His eye is on the sparrow  
And I know He watches me  
His eye is on the sparrow  
And I know He watches me  
I sing because I'm happy  
I sing because I'm free  
His eye is on the sparrow  
And I know He watches me.*

The lyrics of this song are based on Scripture. The authors of the Bible tell us that God watches us and God cares for us. We are valued. We are encouraged to not be afraid because God cares so much for us!

*I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you. (Psalm 32:8)*

*<sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? (Matthew 6:26)*

*<sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. (Matthew 10:29-31)*

My hope and prayer for you during this strange season we find ourselves in is that you will find comfort in God's love for you, and in the community of faith that you are a part of. I encourage you to listen to music, take walks, talk to church friends on the phone, pray, read your Bible, and remember the things you are thankful for. May the peace of Christ be with you.



# Worship at 10 a.m.



*Entering the Passion of Jesus*

**All Sunday Worship services will be held via Facebook and YouTube until Governor DeWine says it is safe.**

- April 5 Palm Sunday Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “The Garden: Risking Temptation,” Mark 14:32-36.
- April 9 Maundy Thursday Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, bring juice and bread. **via Zoom- see page 5, 6**  
log in at <https://zoom.us/j/878979747>  
Meeting ID: 878 979 747 One tap mobile +16468769923,,878979747# US (New York)
- April 12 Easter Worship Service: Rev. Annie Melick, “The Teaching: Risking Challenge,” Matt. 22:18-21.  
Liturgist: Ken Bartlett.  
Accompanist: Adam Garner. Special Music: Chancel Choir.  
Ushers and Greeters: Mike and Donna Mucci, Jeff and Beverly Marshall.

***Building Blocks: stories of the early church teach us the fundamentals of faith.***

- April 19 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “Becoming a Believer,” John 20:19-31.  
Liturgist: George Justice,  
Accompanist Adam Garner. Special Music: Chancel Choir.  
Ushers and Greeters: Bill and Teresa Gorsuch, Judy Watts, and Lynda O’Quinn,
- April 26 Worship: Rev. Annie Melick, “Recognizing Jesus,” Luke 24:13-35.  
Liturgist: Jennifer Shick.  
Accompanist Adam Garner. Special Music: Chancel Choir.  
Ushers and Greeters: Jackie Covert, Sheila Micholes, Bob and Marianne Westbrook.

Flowers for April provided by Sheila Micholes.



*Remember in Your Prayers . . . .*

Sue Overturf, Joe Cox  
Peggy and Max Sheets  
Homer Wilson’s  
Family



**Condit Music Department**  
Adam Garner, Music Director

**BoomWhackers following Worship  
Chancel Choir 7:30 Wednesdays**

# Who is My Neighbor?

## Multi-generational

## Creative Arts Bible Camp

**June 21-25<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:30 p.m.**

This year our VBS program will be held in the evenings. We will kick off the week with a meal on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Our program will run Sunday through Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:30 p.m. with a special worship service on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Our theme is “Who is My Neighbor?” and music activities will be led by our musical director, Adam. We are having a logo contest from now until April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please submit entries to Pam Sheets. (Remember our theme is “Who is My Neighbor?”).

Our program will include ALL ages from Kindergarten through adult. We will be asking for volunteers to help with this program so please assess the gifts God has given you and volunteer your talents.

## *Kids (and their parents) Say the Funniest Things*

We surveyed some of our young parents and kids and this is what they are telling us about doing school at home, what funny things they bought or hoarded, and what they are doing to keep busy. Here are some responses:

Abby (age 14): I love doing work in my pajamas but I need some social interaction from people other than my parents and sister. I really haven't bought anything. I am doing lots of crafts and some chores here and there. Honestly I am surprised I haven't strangled my sister yet.

Molly (mom): Home school is good because it cannot start until I have finished my second cup of coffee. Least favorite part is trying to get the kids to focus on actual work!!! Weirdest thing I have hoarded...YARN. We have entertained ourselves with playing in the woods and learning to track animals via scat and scratch.

Addison (age 6): Favorite thing about home school- she gets to be with her family. Least favorite part of home school ---not seeing her boyfriend and friends. Addison is hoarding energy!!! Entertaining herself...crafts, FaceTime, baking, cookie decorating, clay sculpting.

Jaden (age 17): I like that I can do my work at my own pace but I don't like that I can procrastinate at the same time! However I'm just doing the work for these next three weeks in one week, and then have the time to rest and relax. I do not think I need any more social interaction other than Isaia; I honestly think I need less.

Nathan (age 14): His favorite thing about school at home is unlimited snacks. His favorite buy is polar blast Hawaiian punch. He's entertaining himself with video games online with friends.

Sam (age 17): His favorite thing about home schooling so far is wearing jammies and not having to leave home. His favorite buy is pizza goldfish. He's entertaining with different video games than Nathan.

(Blood Drive Continued from Page 1)

[GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org](mailto:GiveBlood@ConditChurch.org).

It is imperative that we collect every unit we can. Over 6,000 blood drives and 200,000 donations have been cancelled in the past week. A shortage of blood puts doctors in the position of having to choose which patient gets the lifesaving blood.

All donors are asked to enter through the lower patio door. Red Cross will check temperatures before donors and workers enter the building. Anyone with a temperature of 99.5 or over will not be allowed to enter.

**Enhanced Disinfecting** Lots of hand sanitizer from check-in until leaving.

**Social Distancing:** Will allow as much distance as possible between donors while waiting to give and while giving. We will not be serving sandwiches, veggie dips and homemade cookies at this drive.

There will be water and snacks to take with you.

# How To Video Conference with Zoom

This should be easy! (If it's not, I'll be happy to help!, Rev. Annie)

## How to Register with Zoom:

Step 1: Go to: Zoom.us

Step 2: Type your E-mail Address in the box next to the orange box that says "Sign-up for free."

Step 3: Go to your E-mail to find a message from Zoom

Step 4: Click the box (in the E-mail) that says "Activate Account."

Step 5: It should take you to the Zoom page that says "Welcome to Zoom"

Step 6: Type in your first and last name and create a password. Hit continue.

Step 7: Following this step it will prompt you to go to "Start my meeting." However, you will not need to do so because we will E-mail you the link when it's time to meet.

## It's time to meet, now what?

That was pretty easy, right? Now that you're registered with Zoom here's how we will gather.

- Before our meeting, I will give you a link.
- At the time of our designated meeting, you will simply click on the link.
- It may ask you, do you want to open "zoom.us?" Select Allow.
- Click "Join Audio Conference by Computer."
- You should now see yourself with the use of your camera. If not, look at the bottom of the screen and select "Start Video."
- If for any reason you can not see us, you may need to double check that your computer does have a camera.
- Likewise, you should notice that when talking the microphone should say "Mute" which means it's currently live and we can hear you.
- If for any reason you can not hear us, consider turning up the volume on your computer.

## As we gather, a few things to note about video conferencing:

1- We can hear and see you! Pick a space that will not have a lot of background noise. Let people in the house know you're going to be on a video call.

- 2- While we want to encourage conversation, I would suggest that everyone would simply keep their microphone off until you want to say something. This will help keep down the disruption of background noise and the loud breathing.
- 3- When you do want to say something, you might visually hold up your hand (as you would in school) just so that we see that you're trying to get in the conversation. There are many other ways to do this through the use of technology, but let's just start here.

## Zoom on the Smart Phone

If you're interested in using Zoom on your phone, simply download the blue "Zoom" App. Follow all the Zoom registration instructions, as stated above, and then using your phone open the link provided by whoever is hosting the meeting and it should take you directly to video conferencing on your phone. It's that simple!

## Zoom on Any Phone, Audio Only

Finally, you can also use a call in number to join in the meeting audio only. In the email from the host, you will see a phone number that you can dial into. You may need the phone number, meeting number and password that can be found in the host email.

The whole point of using Zoom is to make this more convenient for you. There could be a variety of reasons why your device may have challenges using Zoom and those may need to be addressed separately. Do yourself a favor, try it out before the meeting! Make sure your video and audio are working.



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5 Elizabeth Files	Doug Kerns
Randy Longshore	13 Larry Strouse
7 George Justice	14 Heather Day
9 Annie Melick	17 Jane Cockrell
Homer Wilson	23 Sarah Shick

# Condit Presbyterian Church Online Opportunities

**Sunday Worship Service** – will be recorded and posted on YouTube and Facebook. You will find the video link at [www.conditchurch.org](http://www.conditchurch.org) under the “Worship at Home” tab. There will also be a bulletin you can access to assist in worship - the link is posted on [www.conditchurch.org](http://www.conditchurch.org) under the Facebook and YouTube boxes.

**Weekly Music Meditation** – will be recorded and posted on YouTube and Facebook. You will find the video link on at [www.conditchurch.org](http://www.conditchurch.org) under the “Worship at Home” tab. Our Music Director, Adam Garner will record a hymn and provide some history about it and a meditation inspired by the hymn.

**Tuesdays - Kids’ Lunch with Rev. Annie** – We will Zoom on Tuesdays at noon. Everybody grab your lunch and get on the group chat! Rev. Annie will pray for us and share a Bible story or devotional. See document “How to Zoom” on page 5. To log in:

<https://zoom.us/j/713720386?pwd=NGZjdIFkUDNhOVhTUW5EL1dMOTVVQT09>

Meeting ID: 713 720 386

To call in: +13126266799,,713720386#

**Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting** – join the Zoom meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7. We will share the good things God is doing and our challenges, and Rev. Annie will pray with us. See document “How to Zoom.”

To log in: <https://zoom.us/j/700362466?pwd=UXcvNkxVNUk3YStrY0NWaHQ4dmpwUT09>

Meeting ID: 700 362 466

To call in: +13126266799,,700362466#

**Thursdays - Lunch with Rev. Annie** – join the Zoom meeting on Thursdays at noon. Rev. Annie will lead a short prayer and we will have casual conversation to check in with each other. See document “How to Zoom” on page 5. To log in:

<https://zoom.us/j/325823182?pwd=ak1vT3o5cDkUUE4aWcrU1ZacEFrQT09>

Meeting ID: 325 823 182

To call in: +13126266799,,325823182#

## **Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service**

If you wish to partake of Communion, bring juice and bread to the service.

To log in: <https://zoom.us/j/878979747>

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*From Rev. Annie. . . .*

## ***Suggestions for Togetherness***

### ***7 Activities for Families***

Families with kids are having so much time TOGETHER! Here are some ideas of things to do that could help kids grow spiritually, and help you grow as a family of faith.

1. Read a Bible story, and then tell the story using Legos or other toys.
2. Take a prayer walk. As you walk, look for things you are thankful for, and look for evidence of people who need your prayer.

3. Write letters, emails, or texts to encourage others, especially people who live alone.
4. Draw a comic strip of a parable in the Bible (see Luke 7-18).
5. Read Psalm 23 and create a big mural about it.
6. Read Joshua 1:9 and then make up motions to it.
7. Make up a dance to a favorite hymn or spiritual song.

**(See more Suggestions on page 7)**

# One Hundred Years Ago Another Influenza Epidemic by Polly Horn

Spanish Flu started in 1918 and ran through 1920. Spain was a neutral country during WWI so their news was freely reported including an early case of the flu. However other countries including the United States are possibly the origin. On March 11, 1918 a soldier reported ill at breakfast time in Ft. Riley, KS. By noon 100 soldiers were ill; by evening 500. Soldiers were moved from base to base and overseas carrying the virus with them as the doughboys went to WWI. Estimates are that 1/3 of the world's population was infected and from 20 million to 50 million people were killed worldwide from this flu. I'm sure there are local statistics but I'd rather tell the story of a local family's experience.

William Horn (age 45) married Daisy Evans of Center Village. In 1919, they lived on a farm on the inside of the curve on Dent Road where it went toward Ross Road in Trenton Township. Their first baby died in 1901 just months before the second was born. Daisy (age 44) had just given birth to their 8<sup>th</sup> child, Edward, on March 8, 1919 and was still in her 'laying in' when the influenza struck her family. The oldest daughter Mary (age 17) who had helped deliver the baby, also helped William take care of the sick children: Jim (14), Burt (11), Pearl (9), Alvin (6), and Melvin (3). Just as the others were getting on their feet, Mary and her father became ill. Mary died on March 22 and her father William died 2 days later.

The family was already a poor farm family but without the father, things became much worse. Good neighbors answered notices in The Sunbury News that said 'Widder Horn' needs help planting, and 'Widder Horn' needs help harvesting. Obviously the neighbors kept the family going.

The children walked to Sinkey School at the corner of Ross and Dent Road. The boys only had one pair of shoes which they shared so only one boy went to school each day. As soon as they finished 8<sup>th</sup> grade they would drop out of school to get jobs on neighboring farms to help their mother. They made sure Melvin and Ed stayed in school and graduated from Sunbury High School.

When the odd jobs dried up, the older boys, Jim, Burt and Melvin got an old pick-up truck and followed crop harvesters across the states to earn money to send home. Melvin tired of harvesting crops and decided to join the Navy in October 1940 and was on U.S.S. Arizona when it was sunk in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 (he was the first from Delaware County killed in WWII). The 2 older boys enlisted to get revenge on the enemy who killed their brother. Alvin was married and the father of 3 boys so he could not enlist. He went to California to make ships for the Navy. His family followed him. His middle son, Bob, got polio and was in an iron lung which brought memories of watching his father die to Alvin. Other than Melvin, after the war they all came home.

## **7 Books for Adults- Recommended by Rev. Annie.**

This is a good time to stretch ourselves by reading something new, or checking out a new author.

1. "Learning to Walk in the Dark," by Barbara Brown Taylor
2. "Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again," by Rachel Held Evans
3. "Spiritual Formation: Following the Movements of the Spirit," by Henri J.M. Nouwen
4. The Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical," by Shane Claiborne
5. "Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World," by Max Lucado
6. "What's So Amazing About Grace," by Phillip Yancey
7. "The Hiding Place," by Corrie Ten Boom

## ***Rev. Annie's List of 7 Older Movies to Watch***

1. Luther (2003)
2. One Night With The King (2006)
3. The Hiding Place (1975)
4. Facing the Giants (2006)
5. Chariots of Fire (1981)
6. Babette's Feast (1987)
7. End of the Spear (2005)

Enjoy!



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