



# Condit Courier

May 2020

## *Editorially Speaking . . . .*

Right before the Stay-At-Home order, Session and Trustees met to discuss what to do if the virus came our way. With recommendations from Presbytery, Rev. Annie helped us make hard decisions for our church. Our top priorities were keeping our members safe and to continue to provide Sunday Worship.

Suddenly schools were closed and our lives changed. Rev. Annie had study leave and a vacation planned. Both were cancelled as she worked to make sure all of our members are safe and kept in the loop by email or phone calls. She recruited people to make deliveries to those who need it. She set up Zoom sessions for all ages so people could see, hear and communicate with others without leaving their homes. With Lyle's help she learned to make and post the worship service to YouTube and Facebook. Adam played and recorded music at home to enrich our worship service. We even had Communion with the Maundy Thursday service. Although she is working from home, life at Condit has not missed a beat.

New things are being added to the church schedule in May. We hope all of you will find at least one thing to try. Instructions are on the website and in this newsletter. If you need help please call me as Chair of the Communications Committee at 740-965-3582 and I will try to help you. Leave a message with your name and phone number since I do not answer unknown calls.

I apologize for all the extra emails but it is a way to keep you all in the loop. I have no way of knowing which things are important to you so I must send the same thing to everyone. If you are not getting church emails, please email me at [Clerk@ConditChurch.org](mailto:Clerk@ConditChurch.org). Check the website for other more details.

Stay Safe!

Polly Horn, editor

## *Sunday School in a Bag*



**Materials collected in Church Library**

story books, books with a Christian theme, a puppet, craft materials and kits, snacks, games, and puzzles. All of the items were donated.

A big thank you goes out to Sue Milem, Pam Sheets, Connie Jacob, and Rev. Annie Melick. They each collected materials, went to the



church at an assigned time so they would not meet another person, filled the bags and delivered them on April 24 to the porches.

Photos of the children who were home for the delivery are on page 2.



**Bags Ready for Delivery**



**Condit Cares About Church Family!**

# We're In This Together

*Rev. Annie Melick*

As we enter another month of the COVID-19 pandemic, we hear this phrase often: we're in this together.

As Christians, this is a concept we live by. Scripture is full of stories about God's people and their lives together. There are lots of proverbs, commandments, and epistles (letters) about how God's people should get along together. Jesus even summarized all of the laws with these two: love God and love others.



*Rev. Annie Melick*

In this unique time we find ourselves living through, I am inspired by all of you! You are making phone calls to each other, running errands for people at risk, joining Zoom meetings, praying for people, and even worshipping through an online service.

We have learned and changed so quickly! Thank you for being flexible and open to new things. Thank you for being patient. Thank you for doing whatever you can do to get through this.

As Christians, when we say "we're in this together" we have another way to look at it. We're in this together with God! We are not alone. My prayer for all of us is that we will be more aware of God's presence than ever before, and that God will sustain us through this time.

Don't hesitate to reach out to me for prayer, counsel, or just to chat. May the peace of Christ be with you.



*Children who were home when their Condit  
Sunday School Kits were delivered on April 24<sup>th</sup>.*

Many thanks to the Christian Education Committee who made this happen while social distancing.



# Worship Online

10:00 Each Sunday Morning

[www.ConditChurch.org](http://www.ConditChurch.org)



A worship service is provided each Sunday morning for you to use at home. The service can be found on our church website, our YouTube channel, and our Facebook page. A bulletin with the hymns is found each Sunday on the website. We encourage you to set aside time each Sunday for worship. Have the bulletin ready to use, and have a candle to light.

*Zoom links will be emailed to the Newsletter email list.*

- May 3 **Worship Online:** Rev. Annie Melick, “Living in Community,” Acts 2:42-47.  
Special Music: Adam Garner.  
**Communion** at 11 a.m. via Zoom. Have a piece of bread or cracker and some juice or water to drink.
- May 10 **Worship Online:** Rev. Annie Melick, “Asking Questions,” John 14:1-14.  
Special Music: Adam Garner
- May 17 **Worship Online:** Rev. Annie Melick, “Sharing Our Faith,” Acts 17:22-31.  
Special Music: Adam Garner.  
**Coffee Hour** at 11 a.m. On Zoom. We will “gather” online for conversation. Bring a cup of coffee or your favorite beverage in your favorite cup. We’ll show each other our cups and vote on the most unique!
- May 24 **Worship Online:** Rev. Annie Melick, “Seeking Guidance Together,” Acts 1:6-14.  
Special Music: Adam Garner.
- May 31 **Worship Online:** Rev. Annie Melick, “Being Moved,” Acts 2:1-21.  
Special Music: Adam Garner.



*Remember in Your Prayers . . . .*

Joe Cox,  
Sue Overturf,  
Peggy and Max Sheets,  
all working to keep us safe in these difficult times.



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

**Choir is not meeting during Stay-At-Home**

# Condit Zoom Meetings in May

If you aren't able to join these on a computer or other device, you can call in using the number provided for each meeting.

## May 3, 11am Communion Service

<https://zoom.us/j/92513705943?pwd=MFhmODBKanBjM3V6bFhDdTBSS2IVQT09>

Meeting ID: 925 1370 5943

Password: 733377

If you want to join by phone, dial 1-646-876-9923, then enter this meeting number 92513705943#

## May 14 at 7:00pm, Session and Trustees Meeting,

Zoom link will be sent to officers in an email.

## May 17, 11am Coffee Hour

<https://zoom.us/j/94984847597?pwd=U0dkdjRjV2lSVzhNSmVDcFFCcmJ6QT09>

Meeting ID: 949 8484 7597

Password: 122582

If you want to join by phone, dial 1-646-876-9923, then enter this meeting number 94984847597#

## Condit Kids Zoom, Tuesdays at 1:00pm

<https://zoom.us/j/713720386?pwd=akJHUHdLV2xySkdWaUx3R2xOMkd0UT09>

Meeting ID: 713 720 386

Password: 422354

If you want to join by phone, dial 1-312-626-6799, then enter this meeting number 713720386#

## Prayer Service, Wednesdays at 7:00pm

<https://zoom.us/j/700362466?pwd=UXcvNkxVNUk3YStrYONWaHQ4dmpwUT09>

Meeting ID: 700 362 466

Password: 355263

If you want to join by phone, dial +1-312-626-6799, then enter this meeting number 700362466#

## For Our Children's Children Group, Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/98009947547?pwd=TjZFdW5lNUE0eXZhc0NGMVJsUDI6QT09>

Meeting ID: 980 0994 7547

Password: 487096

If you want to join by phone, dial 1-646-876-9923, then enter this meeting number 98009947547#

If you've not used Zoom.us, detailed instruction are posted on the website at [www.ConditChurch.org](http://www.ConditChurch.org) Click on the button WORSHIP AT HOME then ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES.

Watch for an email with the log-in link for the meeting.



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| 10 Kathy Longshore | 17 Sue Milem       |
| 11 Adam Garner     | 20 Polly Horn      |
| 12 Sheila Micholes | 26 Rebecca Bergman |
| 15 Hannah Shick    | Todd Jacob         |
| 16 Peggy Sheets    | 27 Joe Krinn       |
| 17 Noah Agnew      | 29 Ryann White     |



***Carmie Joseph with her husband, Mike, and her sons, Zachary and Brayden.***

## ***Getting to Know You . . . .***

# **Carmie Joseph**

**By Jennie Kavage**

As she makes her way through the Covid-19 challenges, Carmie Joseph turns to Condit Church, as she always has, for support and inspiration. She logs into Condit's worship services on You Tube, Zooms the Tuesday Condit Kids with Rev. Annie for her boys and, when she can, the Wednesday night prayer service.

Condit has been part of her life since she was a young girl coming from Columbus to visit the Ramsey family in Sunbury. The late Sharon Ramsey was her aunt. She remembers well going to Vacation Bible School with its vivacious leaders Bonnie Caudill and Betty Cocklin. Carmie's family moved to the Sunbury area when she started high school. Now her parents, Homer and Mary Jo Wilson, and her sister Trisha Gilbert are also Condit Church members.

As a teenager she participated in the Condit Youth group led by her Aunt Sharon and Holly Highman. Carmie can toll off the names of every member of that group. One of their great adventures, she recalls, was a camping trip with horseback riding and canoeing at Bob Evans Farm in Rio Grande.

Sons, Zachary, 9, and Brayden, 7, participate at Condit as well. With her help and help from Doreen Bartlett they take part in Condit Kids activities, Vacation Bible School and even last year's Christmas play.

A 1998 nursing school graduate of Otterbein University, Carmie works weekends as an RN in the orthopedic unit and medical surgical at St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville. The Covid-19 pandemic has changed her routine. Instead of primarily patients recovering from orthopedic surgery her unit has a mixed group. Visitors aren't allowed so she offers to help her patients use Facetime to keep in touch with family. The cafeteria is closed but she found a spot in the break room where she could take off her protective mask and eat. Her masks are sent to Battelle to be sterilized and returned. She changes clothes when she leaves the hospital and washes her scrubs separately at home. There is A LOT of handwashing.

Husband, Mike, an engineer for the Ohio EPA, is working at home these days. The Learning Spectrum in Johnstown where the boys attend school is closed and there are online lessons to be done. In the mornings Carmie works upstairs with one son while Mike keeps an eye on the other, switching in the afternoon. The usual spring break trip to Florida will probably not happen this year and maybe not a summer trip either.

Most every day the family gets outside to walk. The boys enjoy going to playgrounds, splash pads, pools and they hope to play special-needs baseball this summer. The Hocking Hills is a favorite place and they have an aunt to visit there.

Carmie is part of a support group through the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Her parents help with the boys and she calls sister Trisha "my biggest support." It's Trisha who takes care of the boys so Carmie and Mike can get away for a week every year. As Carmie says, she has her family and then there is her church family, both backing her up all the way.

# For Our Children's Children, Let's Make a Difference

Tired of Stay- at- Home? Tired of cleaning the corners? Miss visiting with your friends?

## Join "For Our Children's Children" thru Condit with Polly Horn

Back in 1993, Bob Greene was a columnist in the *Columbus Dispatch* as well as many other big newspapers. He wrote a book, "To Our Children's Children." I was enchanted with this book so I bought a copy for my mother, Marian Whitney, who lived in Florida at the time. When I went for a visit, I took her some #2 pencils, a couple of stenographer's notebooks and Greene's book. She rolled her eyes but decided to hear my plea.

1. Start reading in the book. Stop when you come to a question that triggers a memory from your life.
2. Write your memory in the left column of your book.
3. Repeat the process.

When mother came home for a six week summer visit, she brought the notebook. She had simply listed the answers without any part of the question. We spent her visit writing her book.

The week before our Stay-at-Home took place my 12 year old granddaughter was excited to tell me she has the same birthday as her great-great-great-great-great grandfather. She knew because she read it in her great grandmother's book. Mom would be so pleased.

In 1994 we moved into the new Community Library on Burrer Drive which had a nice meeting room. As director of the library, I wanted people to know this was for them. I bought additional copies of Greene's book and invited 12 couples to a Valentine program in February. It snowed so deep we postponed the meeting until March but I still showed the Valentine slides.

Do you remember your first Valentine? Do you remember making them? Did you just give them to your best friends? Almost everyone had something to say.

"Have you told your family about this? Immediately everyone was eager to tell me "My children keep telling me to quit living in the past. They've already heard

those stories." I passed out Greene's book to each couple. "Let's write for our children's children." My instructions were the same as I had given my mother. They could buy 2 notebooks at Shaw Pharmacy. Write in the left column so later, when you think of something more to say on the subject, you can add it in the right column.

"Please remember genealogy is good but your grandchildren will be able to do genealogy easier than you. Put in what you know but save research for another time. When you are gone, your memories will only be there if your write them," I instructed them. We agreed to meet on the first Wednesday of the month.

After the meeting I cleaned up the room, put away the chairs and still Eskham and Ethel Hayes sat facing each other. She was obviously angry. Finally she said, "I can't believe I was not his first girlfriend and I'm just learning this after 50 years of marriage!" With a twinkle in his eye he began telling about the girl who gave him a valentine in first grade. Shocked, Ethel shook her head, "You are talking about someone from first grade." She had moved before 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

When we met the second time, most of the people had answered a question but still were insecure. I had them continue to do the questions but asked them to "Stand outside your grandmother's kitchen window and write about everything you see inside. Any special memories with this room?" After that we picked a topic but they could continue with the questions.

Each month they brought a notebook to the meeting. We would share what we had written. When someone read something that triggered a memory in another person, they would write it in their right hand column. I had recruited a couple of volunteer typists and my mother to input the notebooks into the library computer. I printed out the typed pages and returned them with the notebook. On their own **(Continue on page 7)**



Although we had 28 people registered to donate at the Condit Blood Drive on April 10<sup>th</sup>, the American Red Cross had to cancel our drive because we were unable to meet the social distancing standards. No matter how we aligned sign in, stations, waiting areas and snacks, we could not maintain the distancing.

It was good we did not plan to check-in and take temperatures outside because it snowed that day.

We look forward to our June 12<sup>th</sup> drive.



*Horn says,*

## Collect Your Childhood Memories for Your Grandchildren

“May Day is one of the many holidays that has gotten lost thru the years.

As a child, I remember making cone shaped paper baskets, filling them with violets, spring beauties, dandelions and anything else we could find blooming. We would sneak up to the neighbors doors and our door, knock loudly and wait for the resident to open the door and be surprised. My sister Peg and I thought this was great fun.

Dad would remind us Mom had been the Denison University May Queen and we would look at pictures of girls dancing around a May pole which looked very much like the Giant Stride we had in the middle of the Sunbury School playground.

Like many of our traditions, this had its roots in pagan celebrations of Spring. Nothing like our little May baskets.

*(Children’s Children continued from page 6)*  
they began collecting the typed pages in a notebook.

They offered suggestions to each other. I remember Doris Day seeing a roll towel in her grandmother’s kitchen. I had no idea what she was talking about. Mary Ellen Miller brought in a roll towel holder and I remembered one in Grandma Duncan’s kitchen. This was a very educational program for all of us. Another complained because it was always so cold when they butchered next year’s hog - that started a discussion on food preservation.

So we are stuck in our houses with our memories so let’s record them for our children’s children. They will make wonderful Christmas presents!

If you have a computer, by all means type in it. I have ordered stenographer’s notebooks for those who do not have computers so you can write in them. I have 10 copies of Bob Greene’s book to lend to you. Amazon sells them for under \$15. A 3-ring binder will be good to collect your typed sheets.

I am not completely sure of the logistics. When the Stay-At-Home is lifted we can meet in the church perhaps weekly. In the meantime, we will try Zooming, beginning May 5. Have someone in your house get you started, or call me and I’ll help you set up. Each week I would like to collect your notebook so our typists can input your memories into a computer. Your typed sheets will be sent back to you to collect in a three ring notebook.

When you have done all you want to write, we will add photos to the text so set them aside as you come across them. Eventually your manuscript will be returned to you and you can have it printed at someplace like Office Max for each of your grand-children. They will make great Christmas gifts. Return Greene’s book when you are finished with it. There is no rush. Enjoy your memories.

For now, let me know if you are interested or have questions. Call me 740-965-3582 or email me at [Pollyho@columbus.rr.com](mailto:Pollyho@columbus.rr.com).



How will you celebrate Mother's Day this year? If Stay-at-Home is relaxed, will her favorite restaurant even be open?. Eating with a mask does not work.

This is the first Mother's Day in a long time we have not had a Mother-Daughter Tea in the Myers Inn.

So if your mother is still alive, be creative and let her know how much she means to you.

Did you know Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. After her death in 1905, her daughter, Anna Jarvis, started a campaign to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday in the United States.

Anna held a Mother's Day memorial for her mother in 1908 in St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton WV. She wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers because she believed a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world." In 1908, the U.S. Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday. However, owing to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, by 1911 all U.S. states observed the holiday with some of them officially recognizing Mother's Day as a local holiday (the first being West Virginia, Jarvis' home state, in 1910). In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

Although Jarvis was successful in founding Mother's Day, she became resentful of the commercialization of the holiday.

*(Continue in next column)*

## Condit Still Needs Your Offering

Utility bills still need to be paid. Upkeep on the property must be maintained. Salaries need to be paid. Offerings collected at worship service are a big part of that process. Unfortunately, there is no collection plate at the YouTube Worship Service.

In October, Condit set up a process for On-Line Giving through Presbyterian Foundation. Learn the facts on our website at [www.ConditChurch.org](http://www.ConditChurch.org). Look for this icon to make your donation or call Darlene Ross for other options.



By the early 1920s, Hallmark Cards and other companies had started selling Mother's Day cards. Jarvis believed that the companies had misinterpreted and exploited the idea of Mother's Day, and that the emphasis of the holiday was on sentiment, not profit.

As a result, Anna organized boycotts of Mother's Day, and threatened to issue lawsuits against the companies involved. Jarvis argued that people should appreciate and honor their mothers through handwritten letters expressing their love and gratitude, instead of buying gifts and pre-made cards. Jarvis protested at a candy makers' convention in Philadelphia in 1923, and at a meeting of American War Mothers in 1925. By this time, carnations had become associated with Mother's Day, and the selling of carnations by the American War Mothers to raise money angered Jarvis, who was arrested for disturbing the peace.

In 1912 Anna Jarvis trademarked the phrase "Second Sunday in May, Mother's Day, Anna Jarvis, Founder", and created the Mother's Day International Association. She specifically noted that "Mother's" should "be a singular possessive, for each family to honor its own mother, not a plural possessive commemorating all mothers in the world." This is also the spelling used by U.S. President Woodrow Wilson in his 1914 presidential proclamation.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<h1>May 2020</h1>				
<p>For Our Children's Children 10 on Tuesdays via Zoom            Condit Kids meet at 1:00 on Tuesdays via Zoom.            Prayer Meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.  <b>Easter will be first Sunday back in church.</b></p>					1 	2
3 10 a.m. <b>Worship</b> go to website  <b>Communion</b> on Zoom	4	5 10:00 CC Writer's Zoom  1:00 Condit Kids Zoom	6  7:00 Prayer Meeting via Zoom	7	8  No Faith Filled Women	9
10  10 a.m. <b>Worship</b> go to website	11	12 10:00 CC Writer's Zoom  1:00 Condit Kids Zoom	13  7:00 Prayer Meeting via Zoom	14  7:00 Session & Trustees Meeting via Zoom	15	16
17 10 a.m. <b>Worship</b> go to website  11 a.m. <b>Coffee Hour</b> on Zoom	18	19 10:00 CC Writer's Zoom  1:00 Condit Kids Zoom	20 No Presbyterian Women Meeting  7:00 Prayer Meeting via Zoom	21	22	23
24  10 a.m. <b>Worship</b> go to website	25	26 10:00 CC Writer's Zoom  1:00 Condit Kids Zoom	27  7:00 Prayer Meeting via Zoom	28	29	30
31  10 a.m. <b>Worship</b> go to website	<p><b>During Stay-at-Home</b>            Links for Sunday Worship, Adam Garner's Music and            the Worship Bulletin are on the website.  <b>Website = <a href="http://www.ConditChurch.org">www.ConditChurch.org</a></b>  <b>Zoom links will be emailed. Copy &amp; Paste into browser.</b></p>					



## Condit Presbyterian Church

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