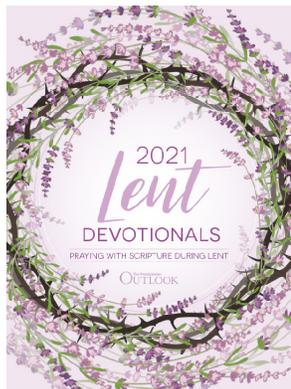




# Condit Courier

March 2021

## Activities for Lent and Holy Week at Condit



*Daily Through Lent. . .*

**A Devotional with Rev. Annie**

Video Link posted on YouTube & FaceBook



One of the ways we will explore healing this month is through creativity. Here are some opportunities for you to explore your creativity.

**Mosaic Cross Picture** – Use the mosaic cross page that was in your Lenten Kit to create your own masterpiece. You might color it with crayons or markers, glue stones or colored tissue paper to it, or come up with your own idea. Once you have completed your cross, please send a picture of it to Rev. Annie (by March 28) to be included in our worship video on Easter. Send your picture to [pastor@conditchurch.org](mailto:pastor@conditchurch.org).

**Your Personal Worship Display** – Use the sand and beach glass in your Lenten Kit, along with a bowl or tray, candle, etc. and create a personal worship display for your home. We would love to see pictures of these! Send your picture to [pastor@conditchurch.org](mailto:pastor@conditchurch.org).

**Palm Branch** – Create your own palm branch for Palm Sunday, March 28. Let's see what you come up with! Send pictures to [pastor@conditchurch.org](mailto:pastor@conditchurch.org).

## Flowers for the Outdoor Cross

Because we are unable to worship in the church, the Worship and Music Committee decided to share Easter Flowers with the Community. Instead of decorating the Sanctuary with our traditional Easter Lilies, we would decorate a wooden cross on the church lawn. Trustee Bob Westbrook is making the cross and covering it with chicken wire to hold the flowers. Be sure to order flowers with the form on page 5. Add flowers to the cross on April 3. Memorial and honorarium will be listed in the church bulletin for Easter.

*Each Sunday. . .*

**Worship Video**  
posted on YouTube & FaceBook



*Thursday, April 1, 7pm. . .*

**Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion**

Via Zoom



*Saturday, April 3, 1-4*

**Flowering the Cross**  
Come to the church to help decorate the outdoor cross with flowers.



*Sunday, April 4, 9am . . . .*

**Easter Sunrise Service**  
Service at church parking lot



*Thanks*

Many thanks to Darlene Ross and her granddaughters who drove over 100 miles in eight to 10 hours to deliver the Lent Kits to each Condit home.

# Jesus Broke Down Barriers and We Can Too

by Rev. Annie Melick

<sup>3</sup> He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." (Mark 8:3-4 NRSV)



*Rev. Annie Melick*

In the 1<sup>st</sup> Century, life was especially difficult for people with diseases or disabilities. For a person with leprosy, there were two problems: other people were afraid of catching the disease so leprosy kept the diseased person isolated. And because of their leprosy they were considered unclean in a religious sense so they couldn't come to worship God in the Temple. Jesus is seen as the healer who ends the physical barrier due to the illness. The priest is seen as the gatekeeper to community with people and with God until he declares the person "clean." So Jesus solves the physical problem and the priest solves the problem of being excluded from community and from God.

The customs and practices of the 1<sup>st</sup> Century may seem strange to us, but I think we all have some areas of healing needed, and places where we don't feel welcome. But Jesus chooses us! We are treasure. Like sea glass, we've been broken and battered by life, but that has only made us more precious and beautiful. So, friends, come to God just as you are. Come to God with your rough edges and your broken pieces. Jesus heals and Jesus breaks down barriers.

Imagine - Jesus broke down barriers and we can too. Think about who is being excluded from participating in church, or in your family. With more people being vaccinated it will soon be safer to gather in churches and homes again. This is a great opportunity to return to normal, but let's imagine what our **new** normal might be. We've learned a lot this past year. We've found that we can change and adapt. We've realized that we need each other. We've been surprised to identify what is necessary and who is essential. I hope that we don't return to normal. I hope that we take what we've learned and come up with a better new normal. I hope that our new normal will include this – that our homes and churches are places of healing, restoration, safety and inclusion.

## Supplies Needed for Worship Services During Lent

-each person needs their own-

**March 7, Week 3** – a piece of beach glass and small bowl of water, communion elements (juice, cracker).

**March 14, Week 4** – pieces of beach glass.

**March 21, Week 5** – craft wire and a piece of beach glass.

**March 28, Week 6** – a piece of beach glass, a palm branch.

## Children Will Also Need

**Lent 3, March 7, 2021:** A latex-free adhesive bandage (one for each participant – bonus points if the bandages are colorful)

**Lent 4, March 14, 2021:** Gather household items as props into a prop bin (e.g. plastic cups, wooden spoon, strainer, oven mitt, necktie, comb, etc.). These can be anything that isn't breakable, sharp, or otherwise dangerous.

**Lent 5, March 21, 2021:** A few objects from nature, such as a houseplant, a few dried leaves, river rocks, etc.

**Lent 6, March 28, 2021:** Palms to wave (can be gleaned from plants at home or constructed)



## WORSHIP

### *Holy Vessels; A Lenten Season of Recovery*

*He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.” Matthew 8: 17b*



*Each of us is created a precious and holy vessel of embodied love. We have been through a harrowing time since last Lent that has shattered our sense of wholeness—body, mind, and spirit—like a glass vessel fractured into pieces. In this Lenten “season of recovery” for our physical, communal, mental, intellectual, and environmental health, we will explore the healing narratives of Jesus that tell of divine solidarity with human suffering and remind us that we can begin a journey toward making something beautiful from that which is seemingly broken. Beach glass offers us a multifaceted symbol of this transformative process.*

#### **Lent Sunday 3: Stories (Mental Health) and Communion March 7, 2021 Matthew 9: 27-33**

*Those who collect beach glass often become “archeologists”—seeking out any markings or clues as to the story of the original piece. It often takes much time to bring out the truth behind it. This week we acknowledge the power of truth-telling as a healing property. There are stories that have shaped our lives, leaving us without the ability to see who we truly are in the eyes of God and leaving us without the ability to speak the depth of our stories of struggle. We focus on the importance of recovery of mental health, reclaiming our sense of who we are and being able to proclaim new redemptive stories of divine worth.*

#### **Lent Sunday 4: Different Pictures (Intellectual Health) March 14, 2021 Matthew 9: 18-26**

*Prolonged times of difficulty can impede our ability to stay creative. The picture of our lives is dulled and hope for a brighter future can fade. We need a touch of inspiration to awaken us from our sleep, as we hear in one of this week’s healing stories. We also awaken to our agency to seek out the Divine Healer, reaching out to touch the power we know can restore our intellect and imagination. We emerge ready to re-engage with the world, seeking and seeing solutions, creating different pictures of life renewed just as a mosaic artist creates beauty from broken pieces of glass.*

#### **Lent Sunday 5: Restoration (Environmental Health) March 21, 2021 Matthew 8: 18-27**

*The demands of following Jesus are great. He shows us that sometimes we must make extraordinary efforts to move in a new direction. As we consider the health of humanity, we cannot ignore the need to heal the very planet that sustains us. We live in increasing chaos of a beleaguered environment and the hoarding of resources. We want to be “saved” by something or someone else, but we discover this week that we are in the boat with the One who shows us our power to turn it around, to calm the storm. We protect the jewel that is our home, making something beautiful from scars of the past.*

#### **Lent Sunday 6 (Palm/Passion): Holy, Wholly (Integrated Health) March 28, 2021 Matthew 9: 1-8**

*We have seen that the stories of Jesus’ healing ministry are filled words and deeds. Our ability to forgive ourselves and others is the foundation that can transform infirmities and allow us to move on. We integrate our beliefs and actions for the health of the whole. The parade of compassionate power we celebrate today is underscored by a story of transformation, symbolizing our ability to fuel our movement of recovery. We glorify God for beautiful words and works of wholeness and share that treasured beauty with others. We know there will still be pain, but we also know love will win.*

#### **Maundy Thursday Holy Week: Healed and Still Healing (Commission of Christ) April 1, 2021**

##### **Matthew 10:1 – 8**

*This culminating moment of our worship series invites us to consider a commission from Christ to his disciples: to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, and cast out demons. These are very things his disciples have seen him do and that we have sought to witness for our own lives in this Lenten season of recovery. What will we do with this commission? What passion has been piqued in our church that we can offer to our community beyond this moment as we continue to participate in the revival of the spirit of humanity? How will we address ongoing pain, ourselves “healed and yet still healing?”*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<h1>March 2021</h1>				
<b>40 Days of Lent*</b> <b>Ash</b> <b>Wednesday to Easter</b>	1	2 <b>10:00</b> <b>Children's Children via Zoom</b>  <b>6:00 Fitness Club</b>	3	4  <b>6:00 Fitness Club</b>	5	6
	7* <b>10:00</b> <b>Worship with Communion</b>	8	9 <b>10:00</b> <b>Children's Children via Zoom</b>  <b>6:00 Fitness Club</b>	10	11 <b>5:30 Fitness Club</b> <b>7:00 Session &amp; Trustees Meeting via Zoom</b>	12
14 * <b>10:00</b> <b>Worship</b>	15	16 <b>10:00</b> <b>Children's Children via Zoom</b>  <b>6:00 Fitness Club</b>	17	18  <b>6:00 Fitness Club</b>	19	20  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
21 * <b>10:00</b> <b>Worship</b>	22	23 <b>10:00</b> <b>Children's Children via Zoom</b>  <b>6:00 Fitness Club</b>	24	25  <b>6:00 Fitness Club</b>	26	27
28 * <b>10:00</b> <b>Worship</b>	29	30 <b>10:00</b> <b>Children's Children via Zoom</b>  <b>6:00 Fitness Club</b>	31	<b>*DAILY LENTEN DEVOTIONAL WITH REV. ANNIE on Facebook and YouTube.</b> <b>Link at <a href="http://www.ConditChurch.org">www.ConditChurch.org</a></b>  <b>* Worship streamed via YouTube. Bulletin and link to Worship are on the website at <a href="http://www.ConditChurch.org">www.ConditChurch.org</a></b>		

# Still Time to Order Easter Flowers for the Cross

Please complete the form below and send it with your check made out to Condit Presbyterian Church with Easter Flowers in the memo line to Darlene Ross, at 3490 Columbus Road, Centerburg, Ohio 43011

## FLOWERS FOR EASTER \$5 EACH

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ flowers at \$5.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Coupon and Check made out to Condit Presbyterian Church with Easter Flowers on memo line  
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## After Debate, Blood Drive Made Goal February 12

There has been a debate about the goal for Condit Blood Drive since the beginning of Covid. Because we had been making our goals, Red Cross increased the number of slots on our sign-up sheet which would increase the number to make goal.

Our sheet had 28 sign up spots which would have necessitated Red Cross bringing 4 beds for donors. Due to the size of our space and social distancing, it was determined they could not add the extra bed so they would keep our goal the same.

Somehow, the number of slots was reduced but the goal was not. We were not given a goal at the drive but I was told when I inquired that our goal was 23. Thus we missed goal in February by 3 pints. After pointing our the error, we actually made goal plus one.



**March 23**  
Max and Peggy Sheets

Thanks, Condit, for continuing to support this mission. We are

now taking reservations for April 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in donating call Polly at 740-965-3582 and I'll get back to you or send an email to [GiveBlood@conditchurch.org](mailto:GiveBlood@conditchurch.org).



## Remember in Your Prayers

Sue Overturf, Joe Cox,  
Homer Wilson family,  
and Jim Irwin.

### *Thanks*

Many thanks to the Melicks and the entire Worship and Music Committee for the wonderful services they have continued to provide throughout covid. The Lent kits as well as kits for the children are very appreciated.



### **March**

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



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