

Monthly Newsletter from Your Nurturing Family

# RIPPLES



January, 2020

## On the Journey

As I sit here at the beginning of the year, I am taking the opportunity to reflect on 2019 and look forward to the year to come. As with life, there was much to celebrate with a new life in our family, beautiful and poignant moments of joy and love with family and friends, times of rest with deep breaths, and a general sense of being surrounded by love. Throughout the year there were also moments of grief, pain and loss as well as moments of frustration and anger that went with different events and experiences. As I walk through this life I am more convinced that the a huge emotional challenge in life is processing the simultaneous feelings of joy and sadness, grief and celebration, anger and hope, and pain and salvation. It is here that the hard work of faith exists. Faith is more than a belief, it is a verb that shapes each step we take in the glorious, deep and complex life.

I have begun the preparation of the worship we will engage in over the next few months. I am flooded with excitement as well as the deep feeling that God is calling us to think in ways that will ask us to go places that might be uncomfortable. Richard Rohr is one that I look to for wisdom and guidance on this. In the book *Falling Upward*, he shares,

"If change and growth are not programmed into your spirituality, if there are not serious warnings about the blinding nature of fear and fanaticism, your religion will always end up worshiping the status quo and protecting your present ego position and personal advantage as if it were God."

Keeping ideas like this in mind, our worship will give us opportunities to interact with our spiritual journey through questions about how we live out our lives of light, the ways we connect with our inner creative spirit and our daily walk with God through Lent.

January - Looking at Light

February - The Spirituality of Art

Season of Lent - Take a Hike (working title)

I pray that you will be present to share in the worship and growth that is going on at Pond. It is a new year, and we look to continue our journey as a community of openness, challenge, love, and grace.

Agape,  
Rev. Chad



## 2020 Leadership Positions

**Chair of Board** - Marcy Gagnon

**Vice Chair** - Jennifer Barclay

**Treasurer** - Mike Jackson

**Secretary** - Rachel Carney

## 2020 -2022 Elders & Deacons

### **Elders**

#### **Class of 2020**

Mike Jackson

Jerry Dimitrov

Kenn Riley

### **Deacons**

#### **Class of 2020**

Jennifer Barclay

Noelle Barclay

Emily Morrett

Jeff Morrett

Brenda Stratman

John Stratman

Richard Taylor

McKenzie Snellgrove

#### **Class of 2021**

Margery Baldwin

Kathy Eidson

Lori Eidson

#### **Class of 2021**

Trenton Adams

Rachel Carney

Jennifer Vest

Patrick Eidson

Steve Lawson

Paul Rogers

Sondra Rogers

#### **Class of 2022**

Cindy Franks

#### **Class of 2022**

Nikki Adams

Margaret Bingham

Dinah Deck

Gentry Deck

Conrad Long

Jane Long

Emory Snellgrove

David Tope

Teresa Tope

### **Elder Emeritus**

Kathryn Bagby

Bill McKinney

Jean Smith

Joyce Thomas

# White Oak Pond Church



# Christmas in July

**Saturday, July 11, 2020**

**8:00am - 2:00pm**

**1238 Barnes Mill Road**

**Richmond, Kentucky**

**Indoor/Outdoor, Rain or Shine!**

As you put away your Christmas decorations this year, please consider donating gently used or new Christmas décor items for the sale. Items can be dropped off on Sundays or during regular office hours (please call the office first, at 859-623-6515).

## Recognizing Kenzie Mitchell

After 4 years of caring for our youngest members, Kenzie will be moving to Northern Kentucky to pursue her nursing career after graduating from ECU. Please join us in saying "Congratulations", "Best Wishes" and "Thank You", on Sunday, January 26th!

### *Pond's Four Values*

We value **ACCEPTANCE.**

We value **DIVERSITY.**

We value **RELEVANCE**  
**(In the Current World).**

We value **FUN & ENJOYMENT.**



## This Month's Birthdays

Ty Hadley	January 2
Emily Morrett	January 2
Debbie Bellairs	January 4
Paul Rogers	January 4
Amanda Wehrly	January 11
Cody Clark	January 13
Kathy Eidson	January 15
Alex Sandra Vargas	January 21
Silas Clark	January 22
Regina Aster	January 25
Deacon Eidson	January 28
Elizabeth Jackson	January 29

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



## Prayer Request

Lyle & Judy Adams - Health Concerns

The Family of Debbie Reynolds, in her passing on January 8, 2020

The Snellgrove Family, in the passing of their grandmother, Modena Collins.

*thank you!*

Dear Congregation of White Oak Pond Church:

Thank you so, so much for the thoughtful and very generous Christmas gift. I am so grateful and appreciative of this congregation and I love being a part of this special church and its ministry!

Love,  
Denise

*Thank You!*

My family and I would like to thank the church for the generous Christmas gift and for the kindness you extend to us regularly. It is a joy to walk with you all in this ministry at Pond and I am honored that you all share your lives of faith with me as your pastor.

Peace,  
Chad

## Servants for JANUARY 2020

	JANUARY 5	JANUARY 12	JANUARY 19	JANUARY 26	FEBRUARY 2
<b>ELDERS</b>	Jerry Dimitrov Kenn Riley	Lori Eidson Cindy Franks	Kathy Eidson Mike Jackson	Kenn Riley Margery Baldwin	Cindy Franks Mike Jackson
<b>DEACONS</b>	David Tope Teresa Tope Brenda Stratman John Stratman	Emory S. McKenzie S. Nikki Adams Patrick Eidson	Jennifer Barclay Noelle Barclay Steve Lawson Margaret Bingham	Paul Rogers Sondra Rogers Dinah Deck Gentry Deck	Trenton Adams Rachel Carney Jeff Morrett Emily Morrett
<b>WORSHIP LEADERS</b>	Tonya Adams Ally Pettus	Kenn Riley		Sondra Rogers	Jenn Barclay

If you are not able to serve on any of these dates, please contact your chairs: Elders - Deacons -



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## Church Staff and Board

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Worship: Sunday, 10:30am

## January Upcoming Events

**JANUARY 5, 2020 - Epiphany Sunday**

**JANUARY 8, 2020 - Logos & Lagers, 7:00pm at Casa Fiesta**

**JANUARY 12, 2020 - Baptism of Jesus Sunday**

**Installation of Elders & Deacons**

**JANUARY 15, 2020 - District Ministers Meeting**, White Oak Pond hosting.

**JANUARY 29, 2020 - Elder & Deacon Organizational Meeting**

On Sunday December 29, 2019, the congregation approved the budget for 2020 as well as leadership of the board, Deacons and Elders. A Copy of the budget is available by contacting the church office.

## Pond Mission Statement

“Accept One Person at a Time  
to Christ’s Never-Ending Forgiving Love!”