

Monthly Newsletter from Your Nurturing Family

RIPPLES



March, 2020

On the Journey ...

I am looking for my walking stick, do you know where yours is?

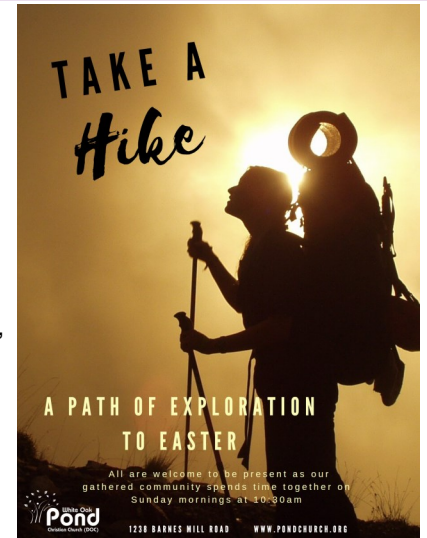
The Season of Lent is upon us. This six week period that is a time of preparation for Easter is for reflection and examination of our relationship with God. This year we will be exploring this time through the theme of "Take a Hike." This phrase can be an invitation for a walk outside possibly on a trail or it can be an exclamation to rid us of something that is weighing us down. How many practices or things in our life do we need to either pick up or get rid of?

Some people or groups will speak about giving something up for Lent or taking something on for this six week period. Popular ones have been giving up chocolate, sweets, soda, cursing, and maybe even a specific meal during the week as a fast. Others may take up the practice of reading a devotional, prayer times, writing in a journal, or increased service in the community. These are all options, still we have to think about how these actions invite us to a deeper relationship with the Almighty.

When we walk, there is an opportunity to reflect. Jesus walked primarily as a mode of travel, still he used it as a time to engage in conversation about faith with whoever was walking with him. He also walked with an awareness of what was around him. He noticed the scenery and his companions using both as conversation starters. When you walk/hike/run do you seize the opportunity to think, pray, engage with others or reflect as Jesus did? This Lent we will explore how we as a community can do this more.

Take a look at some of the offerings we will be having for all generations to get out and "Take a Hike" this Lenten Season. 40 days of walking more intentionally with God can change not only our perspective, it can change our very lives. I look forward to walking with you during this time... If I can find my walking stick.

Agape,
Rev. Chad



Update Contact Info



Please update your info with the Church Office for the database and Congregational Directory. If you'd like to add or update a photo for the directory, please email a jpeg file of the photo to the church, office@pondchurch.org at your earliest convenience. Any questions, contact the church office.

Disciples Women March 2020 Outreach Sundays

White Oak Pond Church

In 2019, WOPC Disciples Women Community Outreach Sunday's were a great success! Thanks to everyone who participated and donated items, they were much appreciated.

In March 2020, we are focusing on the needs of our church. Please consider a monetary donation to Disciples Women, the gift of your time repairing/cleaning something here at the church or an item, such as copy/printer paper (8 1/2x11 or 8 1/2 x14), toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, tissues, hand soap/sanitizer, grape juice, drinks for fellowship meals, etc...

You may bring your donations to the church any Sunday in March. Please see Cindy Franks for more information or call the church office at 859-623-6515.

Lenten Event Dates

Ash Wednesday, February 26

5:30pm Soup Fellowship

6:30pm Service

Wednesday, March 4

7:00pm Logos & Lagers

Thursday, March 5

12 noon Lenten Walk at Lake Reba

Sunday, March 15

Fellowship Luncheon

Wednesday, March 18

12 noon Lenten Walk/Run at White Hall

Sunday, March 29

After worship Family Hike

Palm Sunday, April 5

Procession of the Palms in worship

Rain date for Family Hike

Monday - Friday, April 6-10

RAMA Holy Week Services at UMC

12 noon Service and Lunch

Maundy Thursday, April 9

6:30pm Service

Easter Sunday, April 12

8:30am Early Service

9:15am Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

10:30am Worship with MC Brass

12 noon Children's Egg Hunt

Madison County Empty Bowls

"Empty Bowls"
PROJECT



A Community Project

The Event will be held on April 3, from 11:00am to 1:00pm and again from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. The Venue: First Baptist Church, 425 Eastern Bypass, Richmond, KY 40475, 859-623-4028.

Camp Wakon' Da-Ho

The Camp Wakon' Da-Ho registration forms, along with counselor and CIT applications are available for download at the region's website ceinky.net.

Mini Camp: 3rd grade June 5-7

CYF Camp 1: 9-12th grade June 8-13

Eighters Camp: 8th grade June 14-20

Junior Camp 1: 4&5th grade June 22-26

Camp 101 A: 1st&2nd grade June 26-28

CYF Camp 2: 9-12th grade June 29-July 4

Chi-Rho Camp1: 6-8th grade July 6-11

Chi-Rho Camp2: 6-8th grade July 13-18

Junior Camp 2: 4&5th grade July 20-24

Camp 101 B: 1st&2nd grade July 24-26

My Prayer for Today

My prayer for today is peace and love

A sense of presence from above.

Good food to eat

Fellowship sweet

A sense of purpose

Something important to do

Something of interest to me and you

A gift for those in need

A book or story to read

Gratitude for all the above

And for the gift of God's love.

-William McKenney

Safety and Awareness at Pond

Providing a safe space for all God's Children has been a guiding principle for ministry here at Pond.

That means offering welcome and a non-judgmental place for people to explore their spirituality. It also means working to ensure that those who attend worship are as physically safe as possible. We salt the parking lot when it snows or is slick, we keep our eyes on significant weather, and while we wish we did not have too, we are thinking about how to protect those who attend our worship from violence.

While we know that there is no way to completely be protected from this, in conversation with our leadership, deacons and our insurance provider, we are being proactive by having our deacons lock the front doors 15 min after worship begins to prevent entry to the church without anyone knowing. If you have any questions or comments about this please feel free to reach out to Rev. Chad or leadership.

Finally, we recognize that harm can also come in the form of germs and viruses. While illness has not gotten to a level that needs our attention at this time, we are prepared to provide care and connection to our members in safe and appropriate ways if health officials declare an emergency. This is not something we hope to ever deal with, still our community seeks to be aware and prepared as best as possible.





This Month's Birthdays

Kerrie Moberly	March 1
Rob Milde	March 3
Noelle Barclay	March 4
Nada Hoskins	March 4
Delinda Dent	March 7
Bella Morrett	March 13
Bonnie Cosby	March 14
Shirley Bortolon	March 17
Charles Evans	March 20
Edna Parsons	March 20
Lindsay McCollum	March 22
Alejandro Flores	March 23
Cooper Barclay	March 24
Melissa Henke	March 24
Kevin Moy	March 26
Ally Pettus	March 26

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

This Month's anniversaries



Mike & Kathy Eidson March 31



Prayer Request

Kathryn Bagby - recovering at home.

Virginia Bowling - cancer return

Family and friends of our beloved **Losi Bell**, who passed away on Monday, February 24, 2020.

Jean Smith - recovering from broken hip surgery

TeamUP to cleanUP

Our custodian, Suzy Edmister, does a terrific job keeping the church clean with her limited hours. Sometimes there are needs that go beyond her time. Here is where we need to pick things up and care for our historic church building.

Going along with the March Disciples Outreach to our church, White Oak Pond, a list of service projects around the church has been compiled below. Review the list and if you are willing and able to complete a task, please do so. Arrangements can be made with the church office, for access to the church during normal business hours, Tu-F, 9am-3pm.

- * Window washing (outdoor/indoor)
- * Sanctuary Balcony Loft - clean and paint
- * Carpet cleaning
- * Landscaping
- * Painting of Exterior Sanctuary Doors
- * Fellowship Hall - wash/wax floor - paint walls/ceiling

LOGOS & LAGERS

**March 4, 2020, 7:00pm
at Casa Fiesta**

Servants for MARCH 2020

	MARCH 1	MARCH 8	MARCH 15	MARCH 22	MARCH 29
ELDERS	Jerry Dimitrov Cindy Franks	Margery Baldwin Kenn Riley	Kathy Eidson Lori Eidson	Jerry Dimitrov Margery Baldwin	Kathy Eidson Mike Jackson
DEACONS	Dinah Deck Gentry Deck Steve Lawson Margaret Bingham	Jennifer Barclay Noelle Barclay Paul Rogers Sondra Rogers	Rachel Carney Trenton Adams Jeff Morrett Emily Morrett	David Tope Teresa Tope Richard Taylor Patrick Eidson	Paul Rogers Sondra Rogers Dinah Deck Gentry Deck
WORSHIP LEADERS	Rachel Carney	Dinah Deck	Margery Baldwin Ty Vargas	Lana & Jack Snellgrove	Brian & Connie Kirby

If you are not able to serve on any of these dates, please contact your chairs: Elders - Kenn Riley Deacons - Margaret Bingham/David Tope



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2020 Daylight Savings
Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 2:00 a.m.



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Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.
Worship: Sunday, 10:30am

March Upcoming Events

MARCH 1, 2020 - Lent begins - **Executive Team Meeting after worship**

MARCH 2-30, 2020 - Ukulele Classes, contact John Allnutt for more info

MARCH 4, 2020 - Logos and Lagers, 7pm at Casa Fiesta

MARCH 8, 2020 - Daylight Savings - Spring forward at 2:00am

MARCH 15, 2020 - Fellowship luncheon following worship

MARCH 23-26, 2020 - Rev. Chad out of the office at conference in Indy

MARCH 29, 2020 - Family Hike after worship

APRIL 5, 2020 - Palm Sunday - Procession of Palms in worship

APRIL 6-10, 2020 - RAMA Holy Week services and lunch at noon

APRIL 9, 2020 - Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30pm

APRIL 12, 2020 - **EASTER SUNDAY** - 8:30am Early Service - 9:15am Breakfast in fellowship Hall, 10:30 Worship with MC Brass, 12 noon Children's Egg Hunt

Pond Mission Statement

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