On the Journey...

We are going to church

I got frustrated the other day when a neighbor asked me, "Are you glad that the governor announced that churches can meet again?" I responded that we are worshipping now. Just because we are not in the historic building at the corner of Barnes Mill and Goggins does not mean we are not worshipping. In fact, I have really appreciated the services we have had over the last months. They have been powerful, and we have seen people in worship that would not have been able to regularly attend. White Oak Pond Christian Church is not a building, it is the people.

We are the church

The ministries of care, compassion and connection have not stopped at Pond. I have witnessed our members making a difference in people's lives through feeding the hungry, connecting with the sick, reaching out to the lonely, educating God's



people and supporting each other in powerful ways during this very challenging time. In some ways, our congregation is more active than ever. The first disciples thought that their ministry was over when Jesus was killed and buried, and Easter is all about the understanding that God's gospel cannot be stopped. Not even death can stop God.

We will be the church

This Sunday we will continue to gather on the Zoom platform for worship and will continue to do so in May. The virtual room will open at 10am so people can talk and connect and worship will begin at 10:30am (meeting ID: 475475310). Our governor has announced that as part of this next phase of the crisis response, churches will be allowed to have limited in person services with significant protections beginning at the end of the month (if the states numbers continue to stay leveled off). There are many questions that must be answered before we can safely meet together in our sanctuary. Pond's leadership will meet this next week to discuss this more. Whatever the next steps are, White Oak Pond will continue to meet, worship, and be the church! It will look different than it first did back in 1790, still do not let anyone try and limit what God has, is and will do with this spirit-filled congregation!

We are going to church... We are the church... We will be the church.

Agapé, Rev. Chad

Virtual Board Meeting - Wednesday, May 13th @ 7pm - Meeting ID: 380-677-512

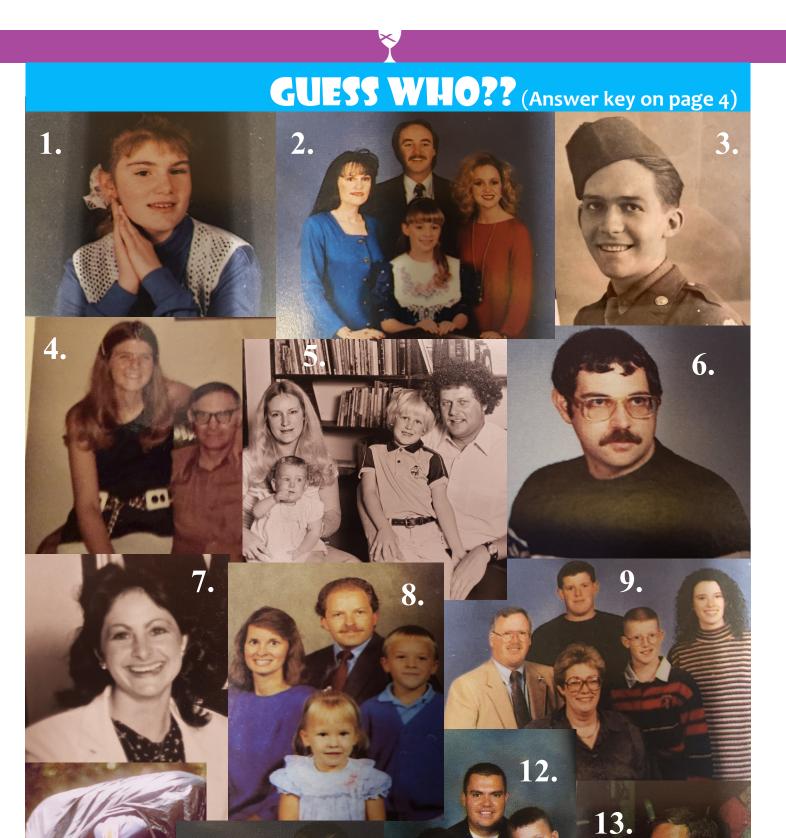
From the Treasurer

A huge "THANK YOU!" to all who contributed or sent an extra financial gift. Each of you are such a blessing!

JANUARY THRU APRIL 2020 GIVING AND EXPENSES					
	OPE	RATIONAL		M	ORTGAGE
OPERATIONAL INCOME	\$	45,971.43	MORTGAGE GIVING	\$	4,104.88
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	\$	47,178.49	MORTGAGE EXPENSE	\$	3,273.00
OPERATIONAL SHORTAGE	\$	(1,207.06)	MORTGAGE SURPLUS	\$	831.88
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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

John Stratman	May 4
Tucker Adams	May 8
Savannah Burton	May 10
Marcy Gagnon	May 13
Benjamin Rogers	May 13
Patrick Eidson	May 15
Donna Evans	May 16
Bill Bingham	May 20
Morgan Abney	May 23
Don Weaver	May 26
Chris Vest	May 30
Joe Marshall	May 31

Happy Birthday!!

This Month's anniversaries



Harry & Kerrie Moberly

May 31

The church sign was hit and damaged by a car accident in March. It has been fixed and the cost was covered by the responsible insurance company. It is good to have our sign back looking good as new.





Madison County Farmers Market Coming to White Oak Pond Church

This 25th year of celebration for the Madison County Farmers Market promises to be marked with new experiences, new vendors and a new location. Starting Saturday, May 9 at 9 AM, the market WILL be set-up in the parking area of White Oak Pond Christian Church! The same quality of produce, meats, cheeses, eggs and more will be represented each week at the MCFM from 9 AM to 1 PM. And new this year, we'll be opening a "Park and Pick-Up" area - stay tuned for more details





Prayer Request

Those families and individuals experiencing pain and loss due to the Covid-19 virus. Also, to those on the front lines caring for patients with the virus.

Phylis - Teresa Tope's sister, struggling with illness and surgery to her lungs.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020

Will go on virtually!

Tune in every Tuesday in June for great crafts, experiences and adventures!

More information to come...

Madison County Food Program

Pond is in conversation with Madison County Schools Food Services about helping with their feeding program as a pick-up location. If you know of any local families with children (18 and under) in need of food, please ask them to contact the church to arrange pick-up. Also, if you are interested in helping out at home or in person, please contact the church.

Disciples Women May/June Outreach Sunday

Disciples Women announce the next Outreach Sunday for May/June. As a reminder of what we are doing, each month with 5 Sundays is an "outreach" to a local charity that our entire congregation can help with. The charity is chosen by Disciples Women, and that charity is contacted to find out what item(s) they are in need of most.

For May/June, we will re-select White Oak Pond Church, due to March being effected by the Covid-19 shut-down.

Cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, copier/printer paper are examples of items needed. You can also donate your time to the church by selecting completing a task around the church that needs attention, i.e. cleaning windows, weeding, updating the flower garden, clean carpets, etc...thank you for your support.





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Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.



May Upcoming Events

EVERY Wednesday at 7pm - Virtual Logos & Lagers - Zoom Meeting ID: 380 677 512

Sunday Morning Worship during COVID-19 Zoom Meeting ID: 475 475 310 10:00am - Virtual Room Opens 10:30am - Worship Begins*

*Replays of worship can be found on YouTube through the WOPC Website





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GUESS WHO? ANSWER KEY

- Lori Eidson
- 2. The Topes
- Bill McKenney
- The Stratman's
- Richard Taylor
- Marcy Gagnon
- 8. The Kirby's
- The Eidson's
- 10. Rev. Chad
- Delinda & Bill Dent 11. Matthew George & Harry Moberly
 - 12. The Adam's
 - 13. Kenn Riley

Pond Mission Statement

"Accept One Person at a Time to Christ's Never-Ending Forgiving Love!"