



On the Journey

Keep on swimming...

One of the things that I have learned from my running adventures is that we continue to stride and stumble forward as best we can. Some days your feet will feel light and swift, other days it will seem as though our shoes are caked in mud, still the call is to keep putting one foot in front of the other. A few weeks ago in worship I shared the scripture from Habakkuk of the prophet calling on us to embrace God's vision and carry it as a runner to the surrounding communities... and do it even in the midst of crisis.

We recognize that humanity is in crisis and that our world is hurting and is broken, so it is more imperative than ever that the gospel of peace and love be shared. We need prophets. The world needs to hear thoughtful and compassionate voices of hope. It is time for Pond and it's people to speak.

During the month of August we will explore different prophetic voices and where we find ourselves in those conversations. We will start with the voices of the children/young. These voices are some of the most passionate and authentic in the church and while they may seem cute, they are powerful and essential. Next we will move to the voices of the courageous, the servants, the artists and then the outcasts. Along with the discovery and the encouragement of the voices seems to be the preparation of these voices. How do we foster conversations and learning about the Faith?

As we explore the prophetic voices in our world on Sundays, I would like to keep moving forward with how we engage people of faith and share the gospel with families outside of worship (think VBS outside of summer and for everyone). If you would like to be a part of this conversation please contact me (chad@pondchurch.org). Let's use this time and new opportunities to continue running with God's vision and share it with the world. The call is to keep moving, keep putting one foot in front of the other, to keep running the race... together!

Agape,
Rev. Chad

Morning Prayers each Sunday in August

All are invited to worship outside in the garden at 9am. We will gather, sing, pray, share in communion, and hear scripture to challenge and nurture us. Please read through the procedures and precautions we are requiring.

- As we are outside, you are asked to wear a mask when you are moving about for the safety of others and in compliance with the state mandate.
- Participants are invited to bring lawn chairs and social distance (6+ feet between families).
- The church will only be open for emergencies. Please use the restroom before you come.
- The service will last about 30 min. and will include communion.



Pond will worship online in August

Camp Wakon' Da-Ho T-shirts

Please consider supporting the ministry of Camp Wakon' Da-Ho during this summer of no revenue by purchasing a t-shirt for \$20. Visit the region's website, ccinky.net, click on 'Ministries' tab and select camp, then Wakon' Da-Ho.

August Calendar

Sunday, August 2
9am Morning Prayers
10:30 am Virtual Worship on Zoom

Wednesday, August 5
7pm Virtual Logos and Lagers

Sunday, August 9
9am Morning Prayers
10:30am Virtual Worship on Zoom

Sunday, August 16
9am Morning Prayers
10:30 am Virtual Worship on Zoom
5pm Afternoon Vespers

Sunday, August 23
9am Morning Prayers
10:30 am Virtual Worship on Zoom

Sunday, August 30
9am Morning Prayers
10:30 am Virtual Worship on Zoom

Wednesday, September 23
7pm Virtual Board Meeting

Pond's Return to In-Person Worship Team Report

After meetings, conversations, and planning the Return Team has a strategy when we are ready to gather again in the sanctuary for worship. The priority was to design and plan for an experience that was safe, meaningful and still offered a continued virtual component on the Zoom platform for those unable to be physically present.

While a plan has been designed and supplies/technology are being gathered, the team felt that the situation, with rising cases and the unknown of schools starting, called for time before we returned. They have recommended that we wait till after Labor Day to evaluate the status of the virus and then come together to set a return date. The church has set a Virtual Board Meeting for September 23 to readdress the situation.

In the meantime, the church and team will be preparing for that time when we can be back safely in our historic sanctuary and we will continue to offer outdoor worship opportunities with the Zoom worship on Sunday mornings.



Treasurer's Report

JULY 2020 GIVING AND EXPENSES

	OPERATIONAL		MORTGAGE
OPERATIONAL INCOME	\$ 13,805.00	MORTGAGE GIVING	\$ 847.29
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	\$ 11,133.92	MORTGAGE EXPENSE	\$ 1,173.00
OPERATIONAL SURPLUS	\$ 2,671.08	MORTGAGE SHORTAGE	\$ (325.71)

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

Laura Cone (Smith)	August 5
Mikayla Rogers	August 9
Caroline Clarke	August 12
Joan Taylor	August 13
Steve Lawson	August 16
Carol Newhart (Smith)	August 21
W. Donald Weaver III	August 21
Richard Bond (Bingham)	August 27
Alisha Wray (Dent)	August 28
Lyn Oldaker	August 30

Happy Birthday!!

This Month's anniversaries



John & Laura Allnutt	August 6
Paul & Sondra Rogers	August 15

THE SERENITY PRAYER

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to
peace; Taking, as He did, this sinful
world as it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things
right if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this
life and supremely happy with Him
Forever in the next.

Amen.
Reinhold Niebuhr

The Pets of Pond



Scooby



Rosie



Iddlebit



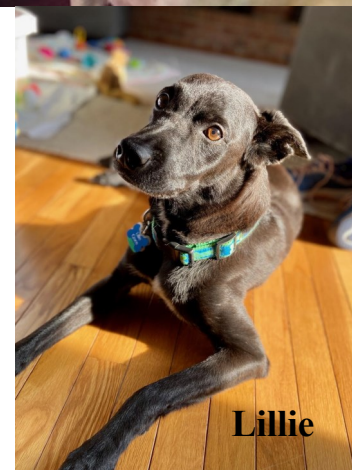
Goldie

Pets of Pond - Owners

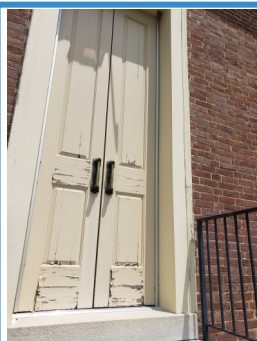
Scooby, Goldie and
Iddlebit - Kenn Riley

Rosie - Joyce Thomas

Lillie - The Snellgrove's



Lillie



Board to Vote on Church Painting

The Property Chair has brought a motion (via email to Board Members) to address the sanctuary front doors, Stainless windows trim, and the metal work under the portico. These parts of our church are in significant need of painting and care. Three estimates were gathered and the recommendation is to go with Riley Home Improvements at a cost of \$1400.

Please respond to the email or contact the church if you have any questions or to vote.





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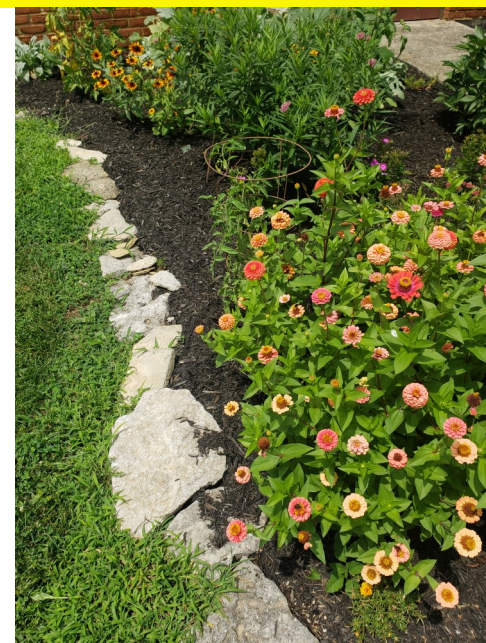
August Upcoming Events

**SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS - every
Sunday in August at 9am in the garden**

**WORSHIP - continues virtually through
August Meeting ID: 475 475 310
Call in number: 312-626-6799**

**VIRTUAL LOGOS & LAGERS- Wednesday,
8/5/20 at 7pm Meeting ID: 380 677 512**

**AFTERNOON VESPERS - Sunday, August
16th at 5pm**



Pond Mission Statement

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