



On the Journey...

There is a hole in our ceiling.

Last month a line of storms rolled through Madison County bringing winds and lots of rain. During the storm there was some damage to the roof of the sanctuary and the water that came in caused a section of the ceiling drywall to fall in. We immediately contacted our insurance agent and began going about getting things repaired and restoring the sanctuary we all love. The space can be made safe again, it will just take some time and work.



The last 6 months have rolled over our world and left many of us broken as well. The virus has isolated us and over 200,000 deaths in the US alone reminds us how fragile life can be. Issues of racism have opened wounds that our country had hoped we had grown through, still people of color tell their stories of how they are seen as less than in many areas of life and the very systems of our community. Also our country continues to be embroiled in political tribalism that seeks to lure us into our own groups with fear of the other. Humanity is hurting.

I really wish there was a way that we could fix this like we will fix the roof and ceiling. I even struggle with how we move forward in hope when we have seemingly such little power to effect change. Then I visit with people like Callie Coakley or Bill Dent and I am reminded that we are called by God to be a part of the healing of this world by loving and respecting our neighbors one person at a time. We have a voice and while it may seem small, it is powerful. So I will share my voice. I will not contribute to a way of living that reduces a persons humanity and worth by seeing myself as superior to another. I will not continue to ignore others pain just because I am seemingly not affected and I commit to live this out. As followers of Jesus, our actions must be different because we are dedicated to creating a world that looks more like God. The space can be made safe again, it will just take some time and work. Our historic church has been through pandemics before, it stood through the civil war, it has seen neighbor clash with neighbor, and it has extended an open table for all to come and find grace, mercy and healing through the unconditional love of God for 230 years. We are going to make it through this; our call is to be faithful as we go.

Agape,
Rev. Chad

SEPTEMBER 2020 GIVING AND EXPENSES			
	OPERATIONAL		MORTGAGE
OPERATIONAL INCOME	\$ 8,103.68	MORTGAGE GIVING	\$ 1,070.00
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	\$ 14,424.22	MORTGAGE EXPENSE	\$ 1,173.00
OPERATIONAL SHORTAGE	\$ (6,320.54)	MORTGAGE SHORTAGE	\$ (103.00)

Remember you can financially support your church by giving sending in a check or visiting the website, www.pondchurch.org

Why I'm at Pond...

Beginning in November or December, there will be a new feature in the monthly Ripples newsletter. The congregation will be asked to describe in 2-3 sentences why they are here at Pond. Please send an email including 2-3 sentences, short bio and a headshot photograph of yourself to office@pondchurch.org

Here is an example:

"When I walked up to Pond church for my job interview, I immediately felt at home...it was as if this special place was where God led me to be at the perfect time. Being here at Pond has been such a blessing. Thank you, everyone at Pond, for making me feel so welcome."



~ Denise
WOPC Administrative Assistant

Student Wi-Fi Access

Pond is able to host Madison County students in need of Wi-Fi access, possible in part to our upgraded internet/Wi-Fi connections. If you know of a Madison County student in need of our facility to assist with their online classes, please put them in contact with our church office, 859-623-6515, for scheduling.



Love. Grow. Serve.

Ways to Serve at Pond

- Hospitality/Parking at Farmer's Market
- Tending to the church property
- Hospitality with Madison County Schools internet access site.

Morning Prayers at White Oak Pond



The congregation will gather safely on Sunday for Prayers in the **Fellowship Hall** at 9am. We will gather, enjoy music, pray and hear scripture to challenge and nurture us. Please read through the procedures and precautions we are requiring.

- As we move inside, you are asked to wear a mask when you are moving about for the safety of others and in compliance with the state mandate.
- Please follow the signage for entering and exiting the Fellowship Hall from the garden.
- Families are invited to bring lawn chairs (there will be chairs available as well) and social distance (6 feet between families).
- The restroom's will only be open for emergencies. Please use the restroom before you come.
- The service will last about 30 min. and will include communion.
- If you are unable to attend, the service is available live on the [White Oak Pond Facebook page](#).

This is an opportunity to gather as a congregation for worship and practice many of the guidelines that we will have to follow until we are back inside our sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

VIRTUAL

Logos & Lagers

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

at 7:00pm

Meeting ID: 380 677 512

Passcode: 119216

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

Albert Bortolon	October 3
Rachel Jackson	October 5
Dinah Deck	October 12
Maddie Cecil	October 14
Conrad Long	October 14
Son Threatt	October 19
Deb Milde	October 24
Brody Eidson	October 25
Brandon Carney	October 27
Rhianna David	October 29
Joanna Dickey	October 29
Emerson Eidson	October 29
Hadley Eidson	October 29
Mary Kathryn Eidson	October 29
Jeff Morrett	October 30

This Month's anniversaries



Fred & Susan Martin	Oct. 5, 1974
Albert & Shirley Bortolon	October 22



Prayer Request

Bill Dent - health concerns

Jane Long - recovering at home from respiratory issues

Madison County teachers, students and families



White Oak Pond Church Receives NBA Grant

This past month the congregation received a \$3000 grant from our denominations National Benevolent Association (NBA) to assist at-risk and low income students with safe and connected internet service for remote learning. The church invested in a more robust WiFi system, has prepared the space to receive as many as four families safely and will provide support for these families during this time of distance learning. If you know of a family that needs support during this time or you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Rev. Chad.

2020 Virtual Biennial Assembly



As we, the Christian Church (DOC), proceed with "intentional openness", we invite all KY Disciples from around the Commonwealth to join us for the 2020 pre-Assembly Workshops and Virtual Biennial Assembly the week of October 12-17, 2020.

Although this Assembly will be different than all other Assemblies, we feel certain it will give us the hope for the future we need in times like these. We will gather virtually as a region on Saturday, October 17, 2020 for worship at 10:30am (ET) take a break for lunch after worship, and come back for an afternoon business session beginning at 1:00pm.

Our morning worship and communion service preacher will be Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (DOC). Special music will be provided by Sister Deborah Garr, Minister of Music of Seventh Street Christian Church in Paris, KY, and Andra Moran, Disciples singer/songwriter and recording artist from Nashville.

In the afternoon, we will conduct business of the region and hear about and celebrate our many regional and institutional affiliates ministries.

The week before the Assembly, we will have relevant, accessible virtual workshops for you, two a night, starting Monday, Oct. 12 at 6pm and 7pm (ET) and going through Friday, Oct. 16. You will be able to virtually join these workshops, which will address the general topics of social justice, congregational life, the church mission and leadership in real time.

Please know that you need to register to have access to all that is being offered, even if you are unable to make the \$20 donation. Links for workshops and the Assembly itself will be sent to those who register. Go to the CCK website (ccinky.net/regional-assembly-2020/) and register for the Assembly, considering a \$20 donation to the region when you do, and register.



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October Upcoming Events

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS - every Sunday
in October at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.
Tune in live at [Facebook.com/whiteoakpond](https://www.facebook.com/whiteoakpond)

WORSHIP - continues virtually through October

Meeting ID: 475 475 310

Passcode: 768836

Call in number: 312-626-6799

VIRTUAL LOGOS & LAGERS- Wednesday,
10/7/20 at 7pm

Meeting ID: 380 677 512

Passcode: 119216



Pond Mission Statement

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