

2020 All Saints Sunday November 1, 2020

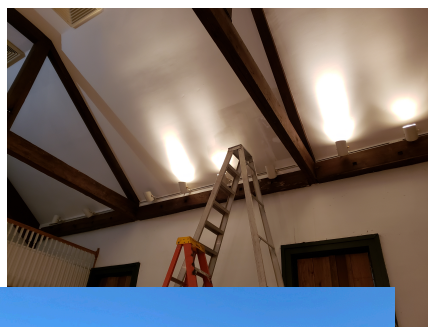
Deborah S. Reynolds
January 7
Lois Ann Lutes Deering Bell
February 24
Virginia Jenkins Bowling
March 18
Dr. Jerry Paul Perry
March 24
Lyle Glenn Adams
May 10
William E. Dent
October 26



up to Christmas. If you are interested, or know of a family that would be, please contact the church so we can gather the supplies needed. We are so glad you are here and we want to share that excitement with all our families. office@pondchurch.org

Repairs to the Roof and Ceiling Begin!

As we move into November we are happy to report that the roof on the sanctuary and the ceiling inside have been repaired. Work on the hardwood floors and replacement of the rest of the church roof is scheduled for the week of November 7th. The total repair and replacement project is estimated to cost around \$55,000-\$60,000 and should be covered by the insurance claim. Updates will be shared with the board at our virtual meeting on Wednesday, November 18 at 7pm.



Family Advent Boxes Available

This advent Pond is finding ways to share the faith experience with its families. To meet families where they are we are providing an Advent Box with conversation starters, scriptures, prayers and a craft for each week leading

Prayer Concerns

Family of Bill Dent in his death
Gentry Deck - Health issues with his heart

Pond's Four Values

We value ACCEPTANCE.
We value DIVERSITY.
We value RELEVANCE
(In the Current World).
We value FUN & ENJOYMENT



Laura Allnutt	November 1
Evalena Fitzpatrick	November 5
Aiden Jackson	November 6
Dane Hosler	November 9
McKenzie Snellgrove	November 11
Maureen Burns	November 13
Kathryn Bagby	November 16
Chad Snellgrove	November 18
Jackie Marshall	November 19
Scott Adams	November 21
Kelly Hadley	November 22
Cole Milde	November 23
Bea Bland	November 25
Daniel Rogers	November 23
Doris Cotton	November 25
Bob David	November 25
Matthew George	November 27
Joyce Thomas	November 28



Don & Joyce Weaver	November 2
Chad Snellgrove & Melissa Henke	November 26

Christmas in October Sale

A big thank you to Denise and Suzy for their work running a church yard sale on October 16th and cleaning out the back room that was storing the Christmas donations.

The event raised \$562 for Disciples Women and \$65 for the Church Benevolent Fund. We are grateful for their commitment to the ministry of this congregation.

Why I'm at Pond...

Pond has meant different things to me at different times. I was first invited to Pond to help Nancy Long teach a Sunday School class. Sometimes it meant building an Ark, being chased by Roman soldiers to exit Egypt, sitting in King Solomon's throne, hiding in a dark den with glowing lions with the help of black light or having stories in the belly of a large whale. It meant welcoming Rev. Rusty Rechenbach, Dante's and chairing the Bi-Centennial. I brought my grandchildren to learn about Jesus. One, with special needs, found nurturing and acceptance. We added a beautiful new Gathering Room and new Sunday School rooms which made it possible, with the help of Joyce and Jerry, to create a Children's Library. And, of course, we welcomed Rev. Chad and his wonderful family. Life has changed and now I am blessed with a church family that calls, sends notes or sometimes delivers a meal. Exciting times, wonderful memories and the chance to grow closer to God. ~Kathryn Bagby



Virtual Board Meeting
Wednesday November, 18 at 7pm
Meeting ID: 380 677 512 Passcode: 119216



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Pond Mission Statement

“Accept one person at a time to Christ’s never-ending forgiving love!”

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS - every Sunday in November at 9am entering through the garden, in the Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP - continues virtually Meeting ID: 475 475 310
Call in number: 312-626-6799 Passcode: 768836

VIRTUAL LOGOS & LAGERS- Weds, Nov. 4 at 7pm
Meeting ID: 380 677 512 Passcode: 119216

CHURCH WORK DAY - Sunday, Nov. 8 at 1pm to move pews & prep for floor work

BOARD MEETING - Weds, Nov. 18 at 7pm
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Ripples

November 2020

The Journey

Glad You’re Here

As we approach Advent/Christmas it is important to stop and look around. This will be a season that more than any is based in welcome. Most of us look around and see that the world does not reflect the image of God. There is much too much hate, violence and self-centeredness. We recognize it in others, but when we are honest, we see it in ourselves as well. We long for God to enter in and bring change. That is the initial welcome. We welcome the coming of Jesus to be transformational in this world.

Still, deep in our souls, we have to ask whether or not we would really welcome something that is different. Change brings things that are different. Do we welcome different? I hear much talk that people are ready to get back to normal. If we are truly followers of Christ we recognize that Christmas is all about NOT returning to normal. It is welcoming the radical change that God is trying to enact. Do we really want the poor fed, even if it means sharing some of what we have? Do we really want peace in this world, because it might mean tearing down walls and barriers or changing systems that “keep us safe?” Do we really want to welcome a God who loves everyone unconditionally when it is easier to stick with “our” God that loves who I love and hates who I hate? Do we really want to welcome a Messiah that will bring grace and mercy to humanity when it seems much safer to keep score and judge for ourselves who is worthy and who is not? Is a new understanding of life and the world really welcomed news today?

During this coming Advent/Christmas season I am encouraging you to rethink what it means to welcome. At the heart of welcome is preparing ourselves to receive the other. I am so glad that you’re here, because God has not called us to this journey alone. I am so glad that I am here at White Oak Pond (celebrating 5 years this month), a place that takes welcoming others seriously and intentionally. I am so glad that Jesus the Christ is here to model and proclaim a radical welcome through God’s justice and love. I pray that we are ready to welcome the others that will join this community along the way with the words, “We are so Glad that you are here in this virtual or physical space.” Are you ready to welcome that?

Agape,
Rev. Chad



SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2020 GIVING AND EXPENSES			
	OPERATIONAL		MORTGAGE
OPERATIONAL INCOME	\$ 17,193.68	MORTGAGE GIVING	\$ 1,960.00
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	\$ 24,897.95	MORTGAGE EXPENSE	\$ 2,346.00
OPERATIONAL SHORTAGE	\$ (7,704.27)	MORTGAGE SHORTAGE	\$ (386.00)