Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 27 after worship

Please stay after worship to approve the 2021 Budget and vote on leadership for the next year.

Advent Food Drive



Advent is the time where we prepare for the change that is to come with the Christ Child. In the world God calls us to work in, everyone has enough to eat. To help with that dream we will be collecting canned foods and non-perishable items for **God's Outreach** to help those in our community have the food that they need. Add a few items to your grocery run and you can drop the food off at the church in the bin located under the covered entrance or you can contact the church and a member will coordinate safe pick-up from your home.

There are lots of ways to serve with this ministry. You can collect the food, help sort what is received, or you can be a pick-up team. Tune in to worship on **Sunday, December 6** to hear more about this important experience.

Pond's Four Values

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

Work After Storm Damage Is Almost Complete!





November was a flurry of activity construction-wise around the church building. Work was completed on the roof, sanctuary ceiling, and two new heating units were installed with new duct work in the worship space. Work on the hardwood floors continues as the floors have been sanded but are awaiting the stain and coating. The total estimated cost of the project is expected to be around \$75,000 and should be mostly covered by the insurance claim.

Longest Night Virtual Prayer Gathering Monday Dec. 21 at 7PM

We will gather online to light a candle and hold space for all during this longest night of the year. All are welcome for prayer, conversation and sacred community.

Prayer Concerns

Family of Dr. Fred Ballou in his death Gentry Deck - Health issues with heart Families and Individuals struggling with issues around Covid-19



December Birthdays

Trenton Adams	December 1
Louise Unthank	December 2
Devon Riley	December 5
Joshua Barclay	December 7
Cassandra Osborne	December 15
Abby Cecil	December 16
Emory Snellgrove	December 22
Teresa Tope	December 22
Beckett Snellgrove	December 27
Russ Barclay	December 27

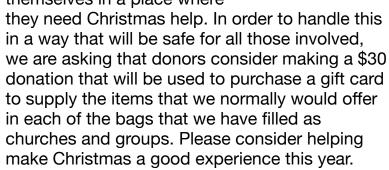
Virtual Board Meeting

Wednesday December 16, at 7pm Important items are leadership and budget for 2021

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A Different Kind of Angel Tree In 2020

As COVID-19 has affected individuals in so many ways. We see that numerous families have found themselves in a place where



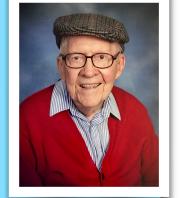
Donations can be made to:

The Salvation Army attn: Angel Tree

Why I'm at Pond... Bill McKenney

I came because I had been going to another church downtown for a number of years. I had a falling out with

the preacher. My wife, Mabel, was unhappy too. The joy had gone out of our membership. We knew Pond was a Disciples Church. We decided to try it.



It was 1958.
I had just retired from EKU. Pond had a choir with six people. We joined.

We made eight. So big increase. They lost their choir director. I told Rusty I had been in the music department, so he installed me as choir director. I stayed until Mabel became very ill and I was unable to continue.

I remember helping in the basement sometimes when Kathryn and Nancy were teaching Sunday School. I thought we had the best Sunday School of any church.

Nancy decided to get a degree at the Seminary. One of the instructors was giving her a difficult time. I was on the Ministerial Board at the time. I fought very hard for her.

I served as an Elder and Chair of the Board. I still remain a part of Pond.

NBA Covid Grant Update

Pond Continues to host families for virtual learning from Madison County Public Schools. We are so grateful for the financial support that helped get this ministry started by helping with technology purchases and internet for the church.

Church Staff and Board

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Pond Mission Statement

"Accept one person at a time to Christ's never-ending forgiving love!"

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS - in person suspended thru December 13 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. However, please find us on Facebook Live

WORSHIP - Sunday 10:30am virtually Meeting ID: 475 475 310 Call in number: 312-626-6799 Passcode: 768836

VIRTUAL LOGOS & LAGERS- Weds, Dec 2 at 7pm Meeting ID: 380 677 512 Passcode: 119216

BOARD MEETING - Weds, Dec. 16 at 7pm Meeting ID: 380 677 512 Passcode: 119216

LONGEST NIGHT VIRTUAL GATHERING - Mon, Dec 21 at $7 \mathrm{pm}$

Meeting ID: 380 677 512 Passcode: 119216

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES - To Be Determined

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Sun, Dec 27 after worship

White Oak Pond Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 1238 Barnes Mill Road Richmond, Kentucky 40475



Ripples

December 2020

The Journey

What About Christmas Eve?

This is a question I have been asked a lot lately. And the answer is, Jesus will come no matter where we are. As for White Oak Pond, we are working on a schedule for Christmas Eve, but we are waiting. Isn't that what Advent is all about, waiting? The numbers of those who are infected with Covid-19 are continuing to rise, so we are watching and listening to plan. Currently we are looking at multiple small services on Christmas Eve, still we have to be responsible to our members and the community. So, we will let you know as soon as we know anything. In the meantime, we will continue to be the church worshipping, serving and witnessing to the love of Jesus Christ in this world each and every day.

The church is open and active and here are some of the ways that you can participate.

Advent Worship

Sundays on Zoom at 10:30am

Advent Prayer Service

Sundays at 9am on Facebook Live

All Church Food Drive

Collect, Pick-up or Deliver

Longest Night Service

Monday, Dec 21 at 7pm on Zoom

Clad You're Here WHITE OAK POND CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) In this season when we will gather in different places, we will celebrate a loving God that comes to us wherever we are in the hopeful form of a baby named Jesus. WORSHIP WITH US LIVE AT 9AM AND 10-150AM ON ZOOM FROM YOUR COMPUTER AT 10-130AM ON ZOOM FROM YOUR COMPUTER AT 10-130AM INFORMATION AT FACEBOOK.COM/WHITEOAKPOND ** WEST BURNEN BY BURNEN, BURN

Pond Financial Update

As the church approaches the end of the year, we had a positive financial month. Still the challenges of the year continue to exist and we continue to receive support by mail or digitally on the website. Please consider an end of the year gift to help keep White Oak Pond sharing its vital ministry and witness to the

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NOVEMBER 2020 GIVING AND EXPENSES					
	OPERATIONAL			MORTGAGE	
OPERATIONAL INCOME	\$	10,267.76	MORTGAGE GIVING	\$	870.00
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	\$	9,866.53		\$	1,173.00
OPERATIONAL SURPLUS	\$	401.23	MORTGAGE SHORTAGE	\$	(303.00)
YTD OPERATIONAL INCOME	\$	119,713.04	YTD MORTGAGE GIVING	\$	10,205.67
YTD OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	\$	129,419.80	YTD MORTGAGE EXPENSE	\$	11,320.00
YTD OPERATIONAL SHORTAGE	\$	(9,706.76)	YTD MORT. SHORTAGE	\$	(1,114.33)

Richmond area and beyond. If you have any questions about if you have missed a month or giving, please contact Mike Eidson, our treasurer or Email the church and we will have a yearly giving statement sent to you.