

## Church Staff and Board

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## Pond Mission Statement

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



# Ripples

January 2021

## January Pond Calendar

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS - at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.

Also, 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, January 6th at 7pm

Meeting ID: 380 677 512 Passcode: 119216

SANCTUARY CLEANING - January - contact the church

LEADER INSTALLATION - Sunday, January 17 in Worship

## The Journey

In my email to the church on New Year's Day I wrote...

*As we step into this new year may we continue to be the church that is needed here in our community and beyond. This year has been challenging, still every time we have faced a new obstacle this congregation has shown that our call to share the gospel is more powerful, creative and resilient than what is before us. While we may not have gathered in our historic sanctuary since March, White Oak Pond has never closed and we move forward into 2021 knowing that we will emerge with new energy and a deeper connection to the faith we live out each day. We are blessed here at Pond and you are part of that blessing.*

That message came out of reflection over the last year. I have to share that while I am hopeful, I am also grieving. My heart hurts for the time and experiences that seem to have been lost. I miss gathering, singing, worshipping and the little things like a potluck dinner. Since they are part of what feeds me in my ministry and life, I am saddened that we cannot do these things.

Whenever we experience grief in our lives, it comes out in many different ways. Sometimes it is tears of pain and loss, and other times it is anger and denial. Grief can also cause us to lose focus, to not sleep well, to reduce our appetite or to over eat. In other words, it can just cause us to not feel right. I think that most people just think of grief in terms of the death of someone that we love; it is more than that, and it is even experienced in joyful times. With a new job or promotion, there is grief of moving on from what was before. When a child is born or moves away from home, we are excited, and still there is grief over the change. 2020 was a time of profound grief for our world, and while we are grateful for the ways we have navigated the challenges, and we see that we have grown as a congregation, we mourn the loss of so much.

With the start of 2021, we will not immediately stop grieving. There will be more challenges, loss, gains, and growth to come. So, remember to give yourself some grace and shower this world with compassion and care. We will make it through this time and we will emerge stronger and wiser, and we will do it as the community that God has called us to be!

Agape,  
Rev. Chad

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2020 GIVING AND EXPENSES			
	OPERATIONAL		MORTGAGE
OPERATIONAL INCOME	\$ 30,924.93	MORTGAGE GIVING	\$ 3,485.00
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	\$ 27,128.59	MORTGAGE EXPENSE	\$ 2,346.00
OPERATIONAL SURPLUS	\$ 3,796.34	MORTGAGE SURPLUS	\$ 1,139.00
2020 GIVING AND EXPENSES THRU END OF DECEMBER			
	OPERATIONAL		MORTGAGE
OPERATIONAL INCOME	\$ 150,637.97	MORTGAGE GIVING	\$ 13,690.67
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	\$ 156,548.39	MORTGAGE EXPENSE	\$ 13,666.00
OPERATIONAL SHORTAGE	\$ (5,910.42)	MORTGAGE SURPLUS	\$ 24.67

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(Disciples of Christ)  
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## Storm Damage Repair is Complete, Cleaning Begins

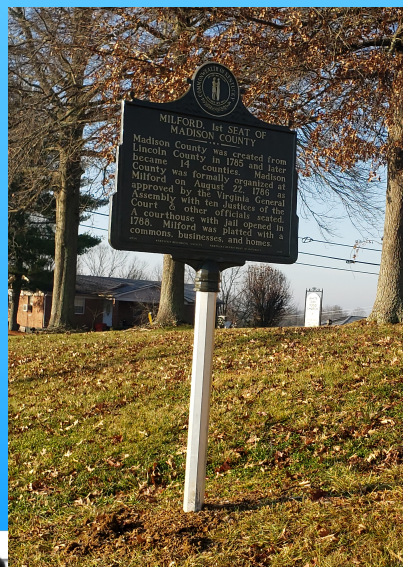
All work is now completed on the roof, sanctuary ceiling, two new heating units in the worship space, and total refinishing of the hardwood floors. The total cost of the project is around \$75,000 and was mostly covered by the insurance claim. Now that the work is finished, the church can proceed with the clean-up. The sanctuary needs to be dusted and cleaned thoughtfully before we can move back into the space. We are looking at hosting some **Cleaning Times on Jan 9 & 10.**



## NEW HISTORICAL MARKER

### MILFORD 1ST SEAT OF MADISON COUNTY

The town of Milford was approved by the Virginia Assembly on August 22, 1786 as the county seat of Madison. The Courthouse and jail opened in 1788. The town had a commons, several businesses and homes on a site of 50 acres. However, it did not survive long and for many reasons the county seat was moved to Richmond in 1798. Milford declined after that. White Oak Pond Church served Milford's and the larger community's religious needs. The site can be seen on Old Town Branch, south of Richmond off of Lancaster Rd. The historic sign was installed on December 14, 2020 by the Madison County Historical Society. Goggins Lane, running to the side of the church, connected to the Old Town Branch Creek Road which no longer exists.



## Pond's Four Values

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

## Prayer Concerns

Bill McKenney - recovering from fall  
Gentry Deck - recovering from surgery  
Paul Rogers - Sympathy with the death of his mother from Covid-19  
Joyce Thomas - Sympathy with the death of her cousin from Covid-19



## January Birthdays

Emily Morrett	January 2
Paul Rogers	January 4
Amanda Wehrly	January 11
Cody Clark	January 13
Kathy Eidson	January 15
Silas Clark	January 22
Chris Vest	January 25
Deacon Eidson	January 28
Elizabeth Jackson	January 29

## Leadership for 2021

### Elders

#### Class of 2021

Margery Baldwin  
Kathy Eidson  
Lori Eidson

#### Class of 2022

Cindy Franks

#### Class of 2023

Rachel Carney  
Marcy Gagnon  
Mike Jackson  
Kenn Riley

### Leadership

Chair of the Board  
Cindy Franks

Vice-Chair  
Ben Poage

Treasurer  
Mike Eidson

Secretary  
Rachel Carney

### Deacons

#### Class of 2021

Jennifer Vest  
Patrick Eidson  
Steve Lawson  
Paul Rogers

**Amy Waters**  
**Karen Younger**

#### Class of 2022

Nikki Adams  
Margaret Bingham  
Dinah Deck  
Conrad Long  
Jane Long  
Emory Snellgrove  
David Tope  
Teresa Tope

#### Class of 2023

**Brandon Carney**  
**Mike Eidson**  
**Emily Morrett**  
**Jeff Morrett**  
**McKenzie Snellgrove**  
**Brenda Stratman**  
**John Stratman, Jr.**

#### Honorary Deacon

Richard Taylor

## Why I'm at Pond... Doris Cotton

*I moved here from California in the 1970's. I attended one of the churches downtown. They were not very welcoming. I came to Pond and stayed because of the friendliness of the people.*

*I liked the minister. Tom Harland was a student minister when I arrived. Then, Jim Blair came. He was the first full-time minister for Pond. During that time, I remember helping to put up drywall on the ceiling of the sanctuary. Men and women worked on it. I kept track of the hours I worked. The Fellowship Hall (Blair Hall) was built during this time. Then Rusty Rechenbach came and now Chad. I've always liked the ministers.*



## Installation of Elders, Deacons and Leadership for 2021

**Sunday, January 17**  
**during worship**

You are invited to be present during for worship when we will recognize our new leadership and install our new elders and deacons.