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White Oak Pond Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 1238 Barnes Mill Road

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#### **Pond Mission Statement**

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



# Ripples

March 2021

#### March Pond Calendar

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS - at 9am in the Sanctuary (enter from front Barnes Mill Road doors). 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, March 3rd at 7pm

Meeting ID: 380 677 512 Passcode: 119216

VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING - Weds, March 17th at 7pm

Meeting ID: 380 677 512 Passcode: 119216

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE - Sunday, March 28, 10:30am on Zoom

# The Journey

Over the past few months we have been spotlighting different members around Pond and how they found themselves here. Each story is unique, still there is a common theme, in every experience the person felt a specific connection to this place. Part of that connection has been the welcome that they received.



This season of Lent we are focused on the theme of *Love Served Here*. There are many meanings that can be found in this statement. As I

pondered its meaning, I connect with the saying as I believe Pond is a special place where the community is focused on living out a gospel of love, compassion, and grace to all people through radical service and an open table.

How does this theme resonate with you? What meaning and calling do you find in for your own life and in the larger community? Jesus' invitation was meant to be one that called us to service now. It was never meant to be a static belief that we wrote down someplace or held in our hearts, but never moved us to action. As a follower of Jesus, we are constantly being reminded that God's world is breaking forth around us everyday and we can be part of it. Those who see the life of faith as something that finds completeness in a time after death will miss the miraculous beauty along the way.

As we continue through Lent we are also highlighting different tables from our members lives that are special. Some of the tables are ones people have gathered around for meals and conversations for generations. Some of the meals were special ones like a birthday dinner, Thanksgiving or maybe a dinner party, while others may be quick breakfasts or midweek leftovers. Whatever the occasion, the meal was meant to feed, strengthen and sustain us for that day and our next moments of living. I pray that this Lent you find sacred space at Pond's table.

Agape, Rev. Chad

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2021 GIVING AND EXPENSES					
	OPERATIONAL			MORTGAGE	
OPERATIONAL INCOME	\$	17,951.53	MORTGAGE GIVING	\$	1,650.90
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	\$	22,421.57	MORTGAGE EXPENSE	\$	2,346.00
OPERATIONAL SHORTAGE	\$	(4,470.04)	MORTGAGE SHORTAGE	\$	(695.10)



## SIGNIFICANT FREEZING TO THE CHURCH DURING THE PAST STORM,

#### **BUT MINIMAL DAMAGE**



During the last winter storms we heard that many of you were affected by the ice, freezing rain, and snow. Some of you lost power, heat, tree limbs and even water for a time. The church was sporting a lot of icicles, but only damage we have found is to the trees around the property. The large oak near the cemetery seems to have sustained the most loss of limbs. We are proud to say that the

new roof did its job. Now we just need to pick up some sticks.

# Pond's Four Values

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

## Prayer Concerns

Gentry Deck - Continued heart Issues

Bill Bingham - Recovering from By-Pass Surgery

Bea Bland - Recovering from infection with hip replacement

Donna Evans - Admitted to Hospice



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



Mike & Kathy Eidson

March 31

#### Lent is Buzzing with Excitement

As we prepare for Easter, our congregation will be offering the opportunity to help others in the world by collecting



money to buy hives of bees through Heifer International. Think about your family coming together to buy a hive for \$30. This gift can be life changing and a great way to talk about hunger around our tables.

# Why I'm at Pond... Cindy Franks

I moved to Richmond in early September 2012 and began a one year volunteer term for the Christian Appalachian Project. They ask all their volunteers to find a church home. I visited several churches before visiting Pond. Once I came to Pond, I never

left. I felt I had come home. I found family. I remember sitting behind Watt on my first visit. After the service, Watt turned around and said, "You need to sing in the choir". Watt and Lea were especially welcoming to me. I felt included.



I liked the idea that

the church had called Paul to serve as minister. He was someone outside the box. I also liked the idea that he took the time to print his sermons. As Rev. Paul progresses through the church hierarchy, he will remember us. He knows what we can do. White Oak Pond has a rich past and bright future. I am blessed and honored to be a part of you.

# Virtual Board Meeting

Wednesday March 17, at 7pm Important items are an Easter return to worship and work around the church Meeting ID: 380 677 512 Passcode: 119216