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Hours: Tu-F 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Worship: Sunday, 9am & 10:30am

Pond Mission Statement

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



Ripples

May 2021

May Pond Calendar

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS - at 9am in the Sanctuary and on
Facebook Live

WORSHIP - Sunday 10:30am in person - sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49AAA62EA0FDCF8-palm>
- Zoom Meeting ID: 475 475 310 Call in number: 312-626-6799
Passcode: 768836

VIRTUAL LOGOS & LAGERS - Weds, May 5th at 7pm
Meeting ID: 380 677 512 Passcode: 119216

BOARD MEETING - Sunday, May 16th after worship - The
meeting will be in person and on Zoom.

The Journey

The church has been through some challenging times, still it has never shut down or closed. Here are a few things that have been going on over the last few months.

- What a blessing it has been to be back in worship together. I have to admit that on Easter looking out and seeing so many back in the pews was a little emotional. On a day we celebrated new life through the resurrection, we saw new life returning to the historic Pond sanctuary. As we move forward into May, with Kentucky Covid numbers plateauing and more people getting vaccinated we are planning to continue to request reservations, and we will have more spaces available for walk-ins on Sunday morning. Thank you to all who have signed up online or by calling the church, it has been very helpful to prepare for Sunday morning. As you feel more comfortable and get vaccinated we look forward to welcoming you all back to the pews.
- The congregation currently has two worship services one at 9 am and one at 10:30 am. The 9 am is a little more condensed, but still contains music, scripture, prayer, sermon and communion. Feel free to attend whichever service is most convenient for you or your family.
- Our worship continues to be available virtually in many ways. Whether you are waiting to return to the pews or are more comfortable worshipping from your home, there are lots of ways to worship with Pond. First, we are continuing to be committed to providing our main 10:30am service over Zoom interactivity. We have some great volunteers helping to make it possible, so you can always log on to Zoom and use the meeting codes to join us. If you can't be available for live Zoom worship, we carry our early 9am service on Facebook and we publish a podcast of the sermon that one can download at any time and even share with others. If you have any questions about how to access these virtual worship experiences contact the church for more assistance.
- The congregation is now hosting Cub Scout Troop 401 on Tuesday evenings. This relationship began earlier in the spring and we look forward to watching this group of young people grow with this important adventure in their lives.
- Finally, the church has begun conversations with Dominion Senior Care on housing a sign for them on our property. We are working on a contract with compensation for the congregation. The Executive Team will bring more information to the Board at its next meeting Sunday, May 15 after 10:30am worship (it will also be available on Zoom).

White Oak Pond is alive and active. As we move forward in this new time for the church, know that we are committed to being the faithful and authentic congregation we have always been while embracing the growing edges of faith and church.

Agape,
Rev. Chad

Financial Update

As the church returns to worshipping both in person and virtually, the financial team would like to remind you to make sure that you are remembering the church in your giving. You can always send in a check to the church or go to the website and give online. Many have tithed part of their stimulus check to support the ministries of Pond and we are very grateful for these important gifts. Remember, your gift is important and we need everyone's support to keep this ministry thriving.

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CHURCH GARDEN - SPRING PLANTING

We hope to continue working on beautifying the courtyard garden as we move toward certification as a Monarch Butterfly Way-Station. This Easter, many people designated floral memorials to purchase perennials to be planted in the garden this Spring. The church office is coordinating what needs to be done. If you are available and willing to help plant, the plan is to begin the week after Mother's Day through the following weekend. Please call the church office to participate.



May Birthdays

John Stratman	May 4
Tucker Adams	May 8
Marcy Gagnon	May 13
Benjamin Rogers	May 13
Patrick Eidson	May 15
Donna Evans	May 16
Bill Bingham	May 20
Don Weaver	May 26
Spencer Vest	May 27
Jennifer Vest	May 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

May Anniversaries

Harry & Kerrie Moberly	May 31
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"Worship "Helpers" (also known as Deacons)

As in-person worship is developing, the Deacons are preparing to step into various roles to assist with the success of this worship. There are new steps to follow when arriving at church, during the worship service, and while exiting after worship. Deacons will be helping in these areas to remind everyone to maintain social distancing and to practice the ways we can limit the possible spread of the virus.

When Deacons ask you to follow these guidelines, please respect that we all must accept just a few minutes of perhaps being uncomfortable or inconvenienced in order that we can actually join together to praise our Lord and Savior. Wearing a mask is still a part of our lives every day, and doing so allows us to be back to in-person worship finally.

Why I'm at Pond... Joyce Thomas

I moved to Richmond in December of 1992. While I looked forward to new experiences in Kentucky, leaving dear friends and a church that I loved was difficult.



My search for a new church home began and ended with White Oak Pond. When I entered the church, members of the congregation greeted me warmly. With each visit I was impressed with the sense of family and community. Most gratifying to me was the commitment to outreach and community involvement by supporting Habitat for Humanity, Rose Barn Theater, the Recycling Center and many other organizations.

In addition to the warmth and support of Pond's members and its outreach in the community, I have admired the leadership and vision of our ministers Rusty Rechenbach, Paul Tche, and Chad Snellgrove.



Donations for 2021 Christmas in July Event

On July 10th, we will be hosting another Christmas in July Event. Please consider bringing gently used Christmas/Holiday Items in to the church as donations to the sale. Encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same if they have items to donate. Donations may be dropped off at the church during church office hours Tuesday-Friday 9am-3pm or by calling 859-623-6515 to arrange a drop off.



Madison County Farmers Market

On Saturday, May 1, 2021 the Farmer's Market will begin setting up each Saturday during the summer from **9:00am - 1:00pm at White Oak Pond Church.**

The same quality produce, mets, cheeses, and more will be represented each week by local Madison County farmers and vendors. Come out and SUPPORT LOCAL!

May Board Meeting on 16th

The Church Board will meet Sunday, May 16th after worship in person and on Zoom. Issues addressed will be the Dominion sign contract and updates on personnel.

Pond's Four Values

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

Prayer Concerns

Bea Bland - Recovering from fall and infection
Donna Evans - Under Hospice Care
Richard Taylor - At Kenwood recovering after hospitalization

May Elder Schedule

2 - Margery Baldwin
9 - Kathy Eidson
16 - Mike Jackson
23 - Rachel Carney
30 - Marcy Gagnon