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Pond Mission Statement

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



Ripples

June 2021

June Pond Calendar

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

WORSHIP - Sunday 10:30am in person and also on Zoom -
Meeting ID: 475 475 310 Call in number: 312-626-6799
Passcode: 768836

EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING - JUNE 1 at 7:30pm

REV CHAD ON VACATION - JUNE 14 - 28 contact church office
with any emergencies or needs

The Journey

June has arrived and the summer season is here. While we will never go back to normal, we do see things happening that bring feelings of normality and nurture us. Many have expressed how much it means to be worshipping together in our historic sanctuary. The refinished hardwoods and fresh paint bring a brightness to the space and the addition of Laura and live music from the adult ukulele group had us tapping our toes. We are excited to move forward at Pond. We will continue to talk about what church will look like in the next months and even years. When one goes through a time of deep transition, it is important to reflect on not just what we will do next, but also as the question, "Why?"

This summer I thought that might be a good question to guide us. **What is our Why?** The Biblical Narrative has given us lots of stories to engage us in this questioning. I hope for it to be a fun, engaging, deep, and thoughtful conversation during the sermon event. I hope that you will join us in person, connected by Zoom, on Facebook, or through the Podcast to journey with us. If you would like to find a time to share your "Why" with me I would love to find a time over coffee or chia. As a vaccinated individual, I am now visiting in coffee shops, homes, and nursing facilities again.

Agape,
Rev. Chad

Important Update on Property

The 420 acres property that is directly adjacent to the church and down Barnes Mill Road is seeking a zoning change to PUD (Planned Urban Development). This land, owned by the Ramsey Corporation, is proposing to develop the area into residential, commercial, green space, and a possible school. The presentation was made at the last zoning meeting, but they are hearing public comments and questions at the Perkins building on ECU Campus on June 8 at 5:30pm.

VBS is coming August 1-3

This summer we will again partner with First Presbyterian and First Christian for a Vacation Bible School. It is intentionally intergenerational this year and we are encouraging families to plan to be there. It is Sunday, August 1 - Tuesday, August 3 5:30-8 each evening. It will include dinner as a family each night with picnics and food trucks. Rev. Chad and Pond will be responsible for the Gospel lesson each night. AND one night, we are planning, will be held on the grounds of Baldwin Farms! We hope that you will get this on your family calendar now as a great end of the summer. Registration will begin in June.

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

Year to Date 2021 Giving and Expenses through April			
	OPERATIONAL		MORTGAGE
OPERATIONAL INCOME	\$ 44,345.39	MORTGAGE GIVING	\$ 3,834.24
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	\$ 48,711.75	MORTGAGE EXPENSE	\$ 5,692.00
OPERATIONAL SHORTAGE	\$ (4,366.36)	MORTGAGE SHORTAGE	\$ (1,857.76)

CHURCH CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Bryan Kirby has been working hard, cleaning up the grave stones in the White Oak Pond Church Cemetery. He was careful to use only cleaning materials safe for grave stones and granite. Some of the markers are very old and were getting hard to read, but they have been cleaned and restored. Thank you Bryan, it looks great!



Farewell & Welcome

Suzy Edmister, our custodian, has moved on to pursue a Special Education position in Eastern KY. She and her son, Luke, will be moving to Hazard, KY the first week of June. Thank you Suzy, for serving WOPC as our custodian, best wishes and we will miss you!

Welcome! To our new custodian is Belinda Hocker...if you see her around the church, please make her feel welcome!



Church Garden Seeking to be Monarch Way Station



Teresa Tope has been working on the certification for the church garden to be a way station for Monarch butterflies. Many in the church have worked, donated funds and supported this effort and we are excited to provide this sacred space for part of God's creation. If you would like to find a way that you can help, please contact the church office.

June Birthdays

Emma Wehrly	June 3
Parker Morrett	June 4
Chris Evans	June 7
Pavel Dimitrov	June 8
Ron Terry	June 18
Andrew Evans	June 19
Carissa Barclay	June 23
Georgianna Wehrly	June 24
Kenn Riley	June 26
Elizabeth Cecil	June 27
Brenda Stratman	June 27
Jane Long	June 28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

June Anniversaries

Chris & Jennifer Vest	June 8
Morris & Joan Taylor	June 9
Mike & Elizabeth Jackson	June 23

Richmond Area Zoning Public Hearing for property adjacent to the church property is June 8 at 5:30pm in the ECU Perkins Building

Madison County Farmers Market

The Madison County Farmer's Market will continue each Saturday during the summer from **9:00am - 1:00pm at White Oak Pond Church.**

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

Why I'm at Pond...

We are continuing to collect stories of our members for this monthly highlight in the Ripples. If you would be willing to share your story, please contact the church.

White Oak Pond Deacons

Greetings, Deacons! Now that the governor is opening everything up as of June 11, we will be getting back to "normal" at church after that day. Also, Chad will be taking some vacation time starting after church on the 13th. Therefore, I am proposing that we have a deacon meeting **IN PERSON** following church on Sunday June 6 to go over our duties and get ready to serve the church. For your information, all deacons are either fully vaccinated or will have had their first vaccine by that date. Please respond as to your availability for that meeting asap.

Thanks everyone,
Margaret Bingham

June Elder Schedule

6 - Lori Eidson
13 - Cindy Franks
20 - Kenn Riley
27 - Margery Baldwin

Church Baldwin Grand Piano Gets Restored

The church's Baldwin grand piano is undergoing some much needed restoration. After many years of use, the piano will be tuned, cleaned, the keys ivory replaced, and the action repaired. We have had a generous donation to help us get this mostly taken care of, but if you would like to contribute as well, please note on your gift that this is for the piano fund. We look forward to celebrating this refurbishing with a special Sunday of music in the fall.

Pond to Donate 10 Bee Hives to Heifer

Over the past few months we have been raising money for Bee Hives through Heifer International. The congregation has raised enough money to purchase 10 hives for families around the world. A bee hive can change the lives of a family through pollination of their farms as well as providing finances to send children to school. It also supports a healthy ecosystem which celebrates and protects God's creation. It has been a joy to explore and support this worthy mission in the world.



Pond's Four Values

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

Prayer Concerns

Donna Evans - Under Hospice Care

Many connected to Pond going through cancer