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Worship: Sunday, 9am & 10:30am

Pond Mission Statement

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



Ripples

September 2021

September Pond Calendar

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS - On Facebook Live during the
month of September at 9am

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

TRENTON & MORGAN BRIDAL SHOWER - September 18,
10:30am in the Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP AND WONDER IN CHURCH - September 26, during
the 10:30am Worship Service. All children are invited to be
present for this experience.

The Journey

Over the last few months I have struggled to find focus in looking to the future. There are many things on my To Do List that are for events and projects that I need to be working on. I am gathering information about an adult mission trip in the spring, preparing for an anniversary trip with Melissa in November, working on ministry opportunities for children and youth, and planning for worship in the fall and for Advent. The check-boxes stare at me, waiting for me to complete the tasks so that they can be marked as complete, still I have to admit that it is harder than it has been in the past. First, my brain is tired. The road ahead seems clouded by this covid-19 surge and decisions that seemed clear a few months ago, now seem more complicated. Second, I feel that most of us are seeking out direction as well. It is good to know that we are doing this together, but when you are trying to get your own stuff worked out, it is hard to move as one group. Finally, there are so many choices. Liminal space, that in-between time, is full of possibilities and creative energy, still with options comes more decisions and we are back at where we started. The one thing I can see is that we need wisdom in this situation.

There is something humorous about quick sayings or quotes about wisdom; that something we seek so much throughout our lives could be summed up in just a few short words. I guess Socrates was correct "*The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.*" (Someone should stitch that on a pillow) Knowing that any study of wisdom would take some time and a look from a few different angles, I looked at the Wisdom Books of the Hebrew Scriptures. These three collections of how God's people have understood wisdom, I hope, can provide an opportunity to focus our search, get us talking as a church, and continue us on the road to the next steps for us as a congregation. Song of Solomon (Song of Songs) is a love poem that can give us insight into the passion that drives us. Proverbs provides God's people with an opportunity to engage in a discussion about fact, knowledge and wisdom. Ecclesiastes is a book that brings the other texts together while read with many years and experiences giving context and grazed commentary. I look forward to the next few weeks in worship and more conversations.

Agape,
Rev. Chad



Wisdom Worship Series

Aug. 29 - Song of Solomon

Sept. 5 - Proverbs

Sept. 12 - Proverbs

Sept. 19 - Ecclesiastes

Sept. 26 - Worship & Wonder Story

JULY 2021 GIVING AND EXPENSES			
	OPERATIONAL		MORTGAGE
OPERATIONAL INCOME	\$ 11,858.29	MORTGAGE GIVING	\$ 690.00
OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	\$ 11,784.79	MORTGAGE EXPENSE	\$ 1,173.00
OPERATIONAL SURPLUS	\$ 73.50	MORTGAGE SHORTAGE	\$ (483.00)

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We are updating the

CHURCH DIRECTORY

August Elder Schedule

5 - Jerry Ann Dimitrov
12 - Kathy Eidson
19 - Mike Jackson
26 - Rachel Carney

Blessing of the Animals Service

Sunday, October 10th
3pm On the Grounds
Plan to bring the animal that you love to celebrate their life and receive a blessing.

Pond's Four Values

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

MINISTRY WITH YOUTH & CHILDREN

As we enter the fall, we are offering more opportunities for our young members here at Pond. Work is being done on bringing back Worship and Wonder during worship and Youth Group will be meeting 2 Sundays a month at 4pm and experiences will include:

- Service Opportunities
- Hiking/Outdoor
- Fellowship and Learning
- Lock-in
- Worship Leadership
- And Faith Scavenger Hunt

If you are interested in more information or want to support this, please contact Rev. Chad.

Prayer List

Our Ministry with Children and Youth
Situations/Tragedies in our nation & world
Heidi Franks - Bone-Marrow Transplant
Greg Tope - Recovering from accident

September Birthdays

Harry Moberly	September 2
June Wehrly	September 4
Owen Clarke	September 9
Bailey Terry	September 13
Maddie Cecil	September 14
Susan Martin	September 17
Fred Martin	September 21
Jason Brooks Martin	September 21
Ben Poage	September 24
Eugene Bowling	September 25
Jackson McCollum	September 27
Lori Eidson	September 28
Jean Smith	September 28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

September Anniversaries

Jesse & Lindsay McColllum	Sep 20, 2015
Bill & Margaret Bingham	Sep 30, 1989

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!


Worship and Wonder Sunday

During worship on this **Sunday, Sept 26** we will experience the telling of one of the stories and celebrate the faith of our youngest members. This ministry, which occurs during the sermon time will begin back at Pond this coming October. We hope you will find a way to support this ministry.

Deacon Corner

We are no longer using Sign-up Genius, please sign-up in person on the sheets in the Gathering Room on Sundays, or by calling the church office. **We will soon be nominating Deacons for 2024. Prayerfully consider your ability to serve.** Thank You!

Why I'm at Pond... Harry Moberly



I was in kindergarten at St. Mark. I came to Pond for Sunday School. Ms. Kathryn and Lea Wells were teachers. I remember doing lots of arts and crafts. We had a Youth Group that I enjoyed. My brother Matthew was in an older group.

I was baptized by Rev Rusty. I went on two Mission trips with Rev. Paul. The first at Auxier, Kentucky. It was a good learning experience in many ways. We had trained builders with us that taught us helpful skills. The second year we went to Avon Lake in Ohio. College students were in charge. No one knew what they were doing. I remember we bathed in the lake.

I served as Youth Preacher on three occasions. It helped me with public speaking and built my self-confidence that would help me later on.

I always appreciate my time with Rev. Chad. He is a good mentor and friend. I enjoy our luncheons and conversations I like the family atmosphere at Pond. I got to know everybody. Always familiar faces.

Harry is attending University of Central Florida this fall as a graduate student in Business and Sports Administration.

September Deacon Schedule

5 - Brandon Carney/Nikki Adams
12 - Brenda Stratman/Paul Rogers
19 - McKenzie Snellgrove/Nikki Adams
26 - Karen Younger