



THE ONSET VINE

Community of Christ Onset Branch
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WOMEN'S RETREAT! SEPTEMBER 13 – 15

- *No Men Need apply* 😊

Great News! The renowned annual woman's retreat is coming up and you won't want to miss it. Single rooms are \$65 and two person rooms are \$32.50 Those interested in attending should contact Roberta at 508-322-8088 to sign up or ask any questions.

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT A NEW FREELANCE WRITER HAS BEEN ADDED TO OUR INTERNATIONAL AND INFAMOUS NEWSLETTER STAFF; MR. SCOTT FISHER.

SCOTT'S "LINE FOR THE VINE"

We are starting to see the change of seasons with few people at the point or the raft these days. Reason- Pending school and college openings, Reunion gone by, Cape Verdean Festival floated back out to sea and the bird migrations are beginning. The Monarch butterflies are flying back to Mexico, the Osprey population is thinning, Wareham's finest are fining felonious kids are rarely seen jumping off Point Independence Bridge. Reporters wishing to remain anonymous, report that there have been sightings of divers jumping from Dummy Bridge. As far as known, none have landed on passing boats.

I am happy to report that Mike and Debbie Cook are sailing north from New Zealand on their magnificent and unsinkable boat; "Amdiamo". In future exciting issues of The Vine, we will explore where that name came from. Meanwhile excitement and hysteria reign across the Muddy Cove Sea as well.

CHANGES OF NOTE:

At a recent Sunday service Jim (speaker extraordinaire) Brown hit the Parade for last Sunday's sermon of only 11 minutes. He did a great job and his extensive planning and preparation were exemplary. Rick Moulton did an "interesting job" on the Prayer for Peace incorporating an unexpected singing solo. Despite multiple requests, Jim Brown refused to sing any of his sermon.

Sunday's cares and concerns included some heavily anatomical concerns. We are thrilled to report that Steve King is sporting a brand-new shoulder and has a magnificent sling and a big smile. Stay tuned for future body part replacements.

Romans 12:5

So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Our friend, Elaine Cook, has packed into Apartment 2 with a visible degree of permanency and Roger's dock has been winterized. The raft has been taken over by Cormorants, Gulls and Sandpipers of a very untidy variety. Several severe pot holes were filled in by the COC road gang headed by road gang supervisor and Pastor; Bill Brousseau (A request has been submitted to change Bill's last name to one that is easier to spell.) Please let Bill know your suggestions.

Lastly, we want to report on Fionnghuala Swan and Jonathon Livingston Seagull. They have spent many weeks resting side by side on the end of the salt-marsh peninsula. Alas, Jonathon is now alone, day after day, scanning both skies and water for his buddy –no luck 😞 Couples counseling is advised and we are all hoping for a Springtime reunion.

“Oh Onset, the Joy of our people”

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WARNING: Multiple boats have been spotted following closely behind vehicles on both Commonwealth Ave. and Zarahemla Road. Bruce (4 Corners Whipple) reminds people that in the event of a boat following, the boat has the right of way. Motor vehicles should pull over to the side of the road and let the boats pass.

The corner has been very busy this year resulting in the occasional chair shortages. Several members report frequent occasions of raucous laughter spontaneously emanating from 4 corners. The 4 Corner regulars look forward to your stopping in for coffee (be sure to ask for it in a cup) and if you are lucky, you might even find pastries being served. New jokes (good ones preferably) and stories are in dire shortage.

SEPTEMBER MEETING CALENDAR

- 1st Tuesday of the month – Priesthood Meeting 6:00 pm
- 1st Friday of the month - Game Night (Everyone had a great time playing charades)
- 1st Wed of month – Spiritual Growth Class, 6:00 pm at Winter Chapel
- 2nd Tuesday of the month - Compassionate Communications 2:00 pm
- 2nd Wed of the month - Worship 6:00 pm
- 2nd Friday of the month - Bag lunch preparation 10:00
- 2nd Saturday of the month - Lunch deliveries
- 3rd Tuesday of month - Compassionate Communications 2:00 pm
- 3rd Wed of month – Spiritual Growth Class, 6:00 pm at Winter Chapel
- 4th Tuesday of the month -Women's group and Crafts 2:00pm
- 4th Wed of the month - Spiritual Growth Class, 6:00 pm at Winter Chapel

SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER UPDATE

Physics teaches us that energy cannot be destroyed but rather it simply changes form. Such is the case at our Attleboro and Avon Branches. At both congregations the attendance had been declining over the decades. To the despair of the congregations, it became clear that finances were insufficient to maintain the buildings and carry out their Christian mission. It was decided that each branch had no option but to sell their buildings. Pastors and Parishioners were despondent at the prospect of selling their worship centers. They felt that they had let down both current church members and previous generations of members, who had for so long, promoted Christian Ministries within the building's walls. The sale of these buildings felt as though the torch, which had been passed forward for decades, was now being extinguished.

This didn't turn out to be the end of the story but rather a new beginning. After some time, the Pastor's disappointment was replaced with a feeling of peace that God was calling the Community of Christ to a new mission. A mission beyond the boundary of the buildings. They were inspired to use some of the money from the building sales to create a Spiritual Life Center. The home of our Onset Creative Arts Association (OCCA) is a beautiful building which will be renovated and repurposed to host the Spiritual Life Center. Energy has shifted and this is the beginning of a new story.

BRANCHES OF THE VINE

The Tiverton Branch has long been known for their beautiful music. Sara Leonard, who followed her mother Linda as our music director, has done a wonderful job. She recently accepted a position in another state. We will miss her beautiful music but celebrate her obtaining a position in her field. Music is such an important part of the worship service and we are excited to see our new group evolve. Missy Quay's granddaughter Kerstin is playing keyboard and is accompanied by Noah Quay on flute and Izzy Fesmire on clarinet and vocals. All three are musically gifted high school students. They will be backing up our new soloist; Katie Ledworth. For those of us inspired by music, come to the Triverton Branch one Sunday. The music will

**Last week Bill and Charlotte Brousseau arranged a great potluck cookout!
Over 60 people attended and enjoyed the great food and community.
Special thanks to the cooks; Bruce's daughter and son-in law.**