

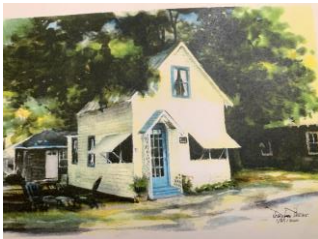


THE ONSET VINE

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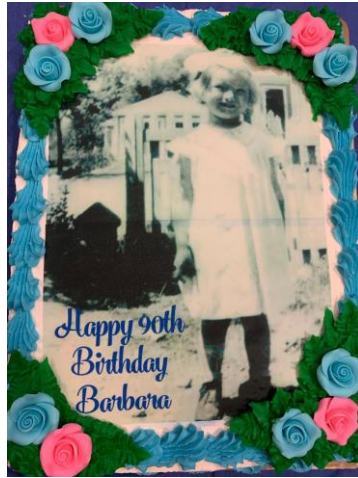
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FOUR CORNER'S CORNER



Baby says it all as she patiently lies at the Whipple's door and waits for Louise to give her a treat. The rest of us patiently wait at the serving window and hold our empty coffee cups. We are starting to realize that it is taking Bruce a little longer to serve the coffee than usual.

THE KELLY CLAN AND FRIENDS CELEBRATE



Joe and Barbara are a big part of Onset COC and it was an honor for us to attend Barbara's **90th** birthday surprise party. It was no easy feat getting 50 people into the room without being seen but Barbara was totally surprised. A great time was had by all. The room was full with laughter, fun and lots of food. Happy Birthday Barbara, you are loved by so many!

BARBARA PORTER'S FRIENDS AND FAMILY WIN!



Barbara Porter celebrated her **91st** Birthday with friends and family. It was a wild party with rumours of Danny and Chris competing in a Birthday Cake Eating Contest. It was a photo finish but Chris won, eating his piece of cake in 3.2 seconds. However, it took him 32 minutes to remove crumbs from his beard.

CONGRATS AND APOLOGY

For the fifth consecutive year we are proud to announce that Danny “brightest bulb on the tree” Minkle has won the Onset Grounds Christmas Light Contest! Unfortunately, it was recently realized that nobody had been



assigned the job of notifying Danny and awarding his prize money. Funds were forfeited and used to decorate the 4 Corners Christmas Tree. Better luck next year Danny.

JANUARY MEETING CALENDAR

Exercise Class: Mon-Tue-Thur, 10:00 at Winter Chapel

Priesthood: 1st Tuesday 6:00 Winter Chapel

Bible Class: Mondays, 2:00 pm at Winter Chapel

Spiritual Growth: 1st-3rd-4th Wed, 6:00 at Winter Chapel

Fellowship: 2nd Wed, 6:00 pm at Winter Chapel

Game Night: 1st Friday, 6:00 pm at Winter Chapel

Women's Meeting and Crafts: 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 pm at Winter Chapel

Bag Lunch Preparation: 2nd Friday, 10:00 at Winter Chapel

Bag Lunch Delivery: 2nd Saturday

Scouts 1st and 3rd Monday 6:00 at Winter Chapel

Soup Night: Thursday January 9 at 6:00pm!

MIKE (10 GOOD IDEAS PER YEAR) LANGFORD



Every year Mike sets a goal to have 10 good ideas. According to Michelle, Michael has close to 100 ideas a year but only 10 of them are any good. Well the year is coming to an end and Mike was 3 ideas short. Believe it or not, we have witnesses to attest to the fact that Mike came up with 3 ideas within two hours, and all were determined to be good. Please be sure to congratulate our friend on his 1999 success. His last 3 ideas are listed below:

Mikes final 3 ideas for the year:

- 1) **“Let’s get a caravan together and head to La Salette to see the beautiful lights.”** The event was planned for December 13. Rumor has it that Bill and Charlotte shared their first kiss at Lansaleere. Plans were underway to find the exact location and to place a plaque there. Luckily most of Bill’s road gang was planning to be in attendence and under his tutiledge they have become very adept at both road repairs and plaque placement. Unfortunately the trip had to be canelled due to inclement weather. There was extensive discussion as to whether Mike’s idea should be disqualified as a “good one”. In the end the jury voted to let it remain as a good idea.
- 2) **“Thanksgiving was awesome this year. Let’s start a new tradition. Thanksgiving in July!”** Bangggggg idea number 2. A date will be set in July for a Thanksgiving at reunion.
- 3) **“We should meet at 4-Corners, all get chairs, hold up our coffee cups, and once again sing, “The Whipple Song”.** To make it even better Mike said he would be bring hot apple cider for all to enjoy as we continue our wait.

RAY'S WILDLIFE REPORT

We hate to report it but there has been a second fatal attack in the 4 corners vicinity. No sooner had Chewy been digested, than the giant red tailed hawk known as Striker swooped into Ray's back yard and landed on the Morning Dove he called Lovey (yes it is embarrassing). Again Ray raced out of his house, hurdled over his van and dove to try to save his Lovey AND once again Ray was too late. Striker flew off with his dinner as Lovey chirped his last chirp; "Ray why didn't you save me???". To add insult to injury Ray reported that Striker flew away taunting him, singing something to the nature of "Ho Ho Ho You're too Slow". Ray is currently sedated to help him cope with the trauma that has now happened twice right in front of his eyes. Please once again send condolence cards to Ray (you might want to start buying them in bulk).

Ray reports that of the flock of his 11 turkey friends that spent summer with him, only 9 returned. Elaine heard what sounded like coyotes attacking something near the ball field and it could explain what happened to at least one of the crew. Ray has spoken with Turkeys and asked them what happened but the turkeys were too upset to discuss it. When Ray pressed, one turkey became distraught and proved that turkeys do indeed fly.



Ray's Question and Answer Segment: There is only one marsupial that lives in the United States and Ray just spotted one in his back yard. What is it? For those who need another hint; It is frequently seen dead on our roadways. When a car comes near to it, it lies down and plays dead. That strategy may work in the wild but is not very effective on the interstates.



The photo to the left shows three visitors to Charlotte's and Bill's house arriving early for Thanksgiving dinner **(none were seen leaving)**.

ADVENT JOURNEY TO KIRTLAND, OHIO



On December 6-8, 2019 members of the Onset Tribe journeyed to the Inn (Red Roof Inn)

near historic Kirtland, Ohio. The group consisted of Laura and Steve King,

Debbie Cook, Michelle and Mike Langford, Diane and Bob Kyser who made the trip to share in an Advent Spiritual Retreat along with 35 others from Canada and the US. Katie Harmon-McLaughlin and Kris Judd of

the World Church Spiritual Formation Team facilitated the retreat which included group exploration, small group conversations, personal devopment for me and a labyrinth walk.

We were challenged to deepen our joyful anticipation of Christ's Coming into our lives individually and as well as into all of God's Creations. A highlight was sharing in communion in the Kirtland Temple Sanctuary. Brother Steve blessed the congregation with his vocal rendision of The Lord's Prayer as part of that experience.

During the retreat the Onset group met with Katie to explore next steps in the development of program and facility for spiritual forma4on at Onset Campgrounds. We are all looking forward to how this experience as well as other encounters with the Spirit will help form the ministry of the Center.

SCOTT'S LINE FOR THE VINE

It's the time of the year that the days are too short
That the night comes so soon and our thoughts switch to the past
We want to go back and to visit those times
We want to feel those great feelings of love that so shine
Some of those who we love may not be by our sides
But live in our dreams and in songs from their time
But at Christmas we know they have joined us and see
That the love we all shared, lasts forever.

Anonymous

Beautiful Pink Sunset overlooking the salt marsh
from Cookson Cottage and Moulton Mansion.



PROVERB: -MATHEW 25: 40 "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."