



# THE ONSET VINE

Community of Christ Onset Branch  
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## COSTUME PARTY!

OCTOBER 25

The annual Costume Party is almost here!

Where: Winter Church

Cost: An Appetizer



Luke 17:5-10

*The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had the faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to the mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea, " and it would obey you."*

## WELCOME TO THE ONSET CONGREGATION NEWSLETTER!

Once again this year, our summer population tripled as our members returned to enjoy one another and share the beauty of a Cape Cod Summer. It is always with great joy that we see our friends and family return and it is sad when summer ends and many members retreat to warmer climates.

This winter we hope our newsletter will help us to stay connected despite the miles between us. Please let us know what you are up to and we will let you know what is happening in Onset. Send your news and stories, by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month, to Jackie Cline or Rick Moulton. [Jackie@gmail.com](mailto:Jackie@gmail.com) or [Frederickmoulton@yahoo.com](mailto:Frederickmoulton@yahoo.com)

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## 4 CORNER'S CORNER

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It is a sad time of the year when the four-corner season comes to an end. Rachael and Keith recently stopped over to say their good-byes before heading to Portugal for their next adventure. Before Keith left, he was reported to have exclaimed that, second only to marrying Rachael, the proudest accomplishment of his life took place on the grounds just a few short days ago; winning the coveted Community of Christ Onset Branch Pickle Ball Title also known as the COCOBPBT.



This morning Bruce and Louise headed South. We refused to leave even as the gazebo was being taken down around us. As they drove away Bill lead the 4 Corner's choir in his version of:

*Goodbye Whipples*

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*Whose gunna make the coffee????*

Many of us will spend the winter sitting in front of Bruce's and Louise's gathering place awaiting their return.

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## OCTOBER MEETING CALENDAR

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1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month – Priesthood Meeting 6:00 pm

1<sup>st</sup> Wed of month – Spiritual Growth Class, 6:00 pm at Winter Chapel

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month - Game Night

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month – Women's meeting and Crafts 1:00

2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month - Worship 6:00 pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month - Bag lunch preparation 10:00

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month - Lunch deliveries

3<sup>rd</sup> Wec of the month – Spiritual Growth Class, 6:00 pm at Winter Chapel

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month -Care Club PotLuck diner after church

4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month -Spiritual Growth Class, 6:00 pm at Winter Chapel

25<sup>th</sup> of the month – annual costume party

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## CHANGES OF NOTE

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Chris Fisher's board president term came to an end and all wish to thank him for the long hours and hard work he volunteered to improve life in the community for all of us. Kristen Carter Smith is stepping into the role and we are grateful for her willingness to head up the board. We all have great confidence in her abilities and dedication. Rick Moulton joined the board and is heading up the Charitable Concerns Committee. Lance Carter will be working with the Rentals and Communications Committees. Lance's extensive knowledge and experience is invaluable. Their willingness to volunteer to help the community run smoothly, is greatly appreciated.

With regard to the roads, there are still some contract details being ironed out. The goal is to have Commonwealth Ave. and Riplah Road graded and the new asphalt put down during the third week of October!

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## COMPASSIONATE COMMUNICATIONS

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We are glad to report that the wonderful class on compassionate communications that was started by Diane Kyser and continued by Elaine Graybill, is going to be offered again next summer. For those who enjoyed the class this year and for others who would like to join in, we hope to see you there. The class objective is to learn and practice this communication method in order to change how we think about one another. This change in perspective improves our communication in such a way that we naturally become more positive and empathetic.



*Roger and Rick competed in the Onset pickle ball championship. Roger won the competition and Rick agreed to start attending anger management classes and Elaine's Summer Compassionate communications.*

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## THE GREAT GRAPE RACE

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Scott is “a little” competitive as is shown by the Onset Great Grape Race”. This spring two grape vines were planted in front of the Cookson Cottage. The one to the right was Scott’s and the one to the left was Rick’s. The competition would be won by the owner of the first vine to grow a full-sized grape. Despite Scott’s using multiple fertilizers, Rick took an early lead. Scott, fearing the oncoming loss came up with an ingenious solution and posted a sign, “Free Grapes in front of Rick’s vine”. Scott’s vine grew like a weed, but Rick’s vine started to grow 3 tiny grapes early on. Just days before Rick was to be announced the winner, Scott’s vine spontaneously grew a huge bunch of

incredible grapes (see photo). They certainly don't taste like grapes and require incredible amounts of chewing, but this year's grape award apparently goes to Scott (I won again) Fisher.

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## SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER UPDATE

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The Center will support a wide variety of programs to enliven congregational life throughout the Mission Center. It will have a generator so that it can be used as a shelter during power outages. As work continues, we will have monthly progress updates in the newsletter.

If you would like further information about the center, please contact Missy Quay. She may be reached by email at [missy.quay@cofchrist.org](mailto:missy.quay@cofchrist.org) or reached by phone at 781-820-4645.

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## WOMEN'S RETREAT AND A PRECIOUS MOMENT

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The September Women's retreat was a big success despite having no men in attendance. However, a source, wishing to remain anonymous reports having heard the following: "The lack of men has certainly been a blessing." The theme of this year's meeting was "Everyone has a story". Guest speakers included Barbara Walden, Jacque Belthel, and Glenna Van Buskirk. Special thanks to Roberta Walton for organizing the event and to Chef Extraordinaire; Danny Minkle. Danny provided great food and snacks while he spoiled us royally.

The following is a precious moment at the women's retreat, experienced by Judy Courschesne; *Saturday 's morning coffee somehow landed on my shirt causing a quick trip home to change. Knowing I was late getting back to the youth chapel , I found myself rushing back doing my best to stay focused on the day. As I got closer to the chapel I could hear the women singing a beautiful, such a beautiful, hymn; "Tell me the Story of Jesus". I found myself moved to tears. It was one of those special Spirit filled moments and I found myself stopping to absorb it all. With a lump in my throat, tears in my eyes and a lifted spirit, I sat down next to my daughter and continued to enjoy the retreat.*

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## RAY'S WILDLIFE REPORT

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As we all know, we have a wildlife whisperer in our midsts and have asked him to head our our monthly wildlife report. Ray will be talking to the many visiting animals, wild and domestic, to get their view of the area, climate change and political opinions.

As the seasons change so does the wildlife. Foxes were spotted returning to their hideout at "Gates Ajar". A mother and baby deer have been seen exploring the grounds and gorging on Charlotte's hostas. We are hoping to identify the species of birds that periodically visit the salt marsh. They look like a cross between a duck and a pigeon and have a unique behavior; They fly in circles as a flock and suddenly all dive to the ground and a minute or so later, fly back up and continue their circling. Ray has been chasing them around the marsh asking them to identify themselves but so far has not been able to get close enough to ask them. Would any of our many bird enthusiasts please let us know what they are?

A couple of days ago, while sitting at 4 corners, people were quite shocked to see a large hawk fly down, pick up a chipmunk and fly away. Ray tried his best to save the chipmunk by jumping over two cars and climbing a tree to reach it. Ray was able to snatch his little friend away from the hawk and we thought he saved it. Unfortunately, Ray was crying so hard that the little chipmunk was drowned by his tears. Upcoming funeral services will be announced. Please send flowers and sympathy cards to Ray and hope that he finally stops crying.

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## BRANCHES OF THE VINE

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The Tiverton Branch reports that they have installed a stair lift to make the lower level accessible to those having difficulty climbing stairs. Soon we will be able to enter at ground level and use the new chairlift to be transported up to the sanctuary. Other good news is that Ron and Elaine Benevides have returned to the church. Elaine recently had a knee replacement and due to illness, Ron has not been able to attend church for six months. To everyone's relief Ron was well enough to attend this past Sunday. The church was filled with applause and hugs as all celebrated his return.

The Onset congregation was inspired by the Tiverton's Sunday musical performances and enlisted two of our own musicians; Joe Williams and Rick Moulton, to perform at Onset's Sunday service. Joe put together a beautiful melody and lyrics. He played piano and sang while Rick accompanied him on drums and occasionally sang notes lower than most full-sized bullfrogs.

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## SCOTT'S LINE FOR THE VINE

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### Behind the next Tree – The Foxtails

Between sun flowers in the north,  
And when the snowflakes doth come forth;  
Beware the threats that come between,  
The scary parts of Halloween

Behind each dark and fearsome tree  
Danger lurks for you and me,  
Safe only for those who guard themselves,  
Or they will get you, the squeegee-sees that  
swall'ers their selves.

"Often the most important part  
of communications is to hear  
what is not being said."

Source: *Fortune Cookie*

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## WHO'S WHO AT BRUCE'S AND LOUISE'S

### \ GOING AWAY PARTY HELD AT THE KING HOUSE

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Who is Who?

Bill  
Bruce  
Carolyn  
Charlotte  
Curt  
Jackie  
Joe  
Judy  
Kent  
Laura F.  
Laura K.  
Louise  
Marilyn  
Ray  
Rick  
Steve  
Sylvia