

The Spire

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Holy Week 2024 at the OCC

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The Ladies Breakfast Club, is meeting on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month, and 5th when there is. We meet at 9:30am at the Village Griddle in Plainville. Contact Emmie Foster or Sue Schwarm if you plan to attend.

The Kitchen Elves, meet the first Wednesday of each month to prepare and deliver meals to members in need. Preparers and drivers are always welcome.

Rehearsal for choir are Thursday evenings at 7:15pm with Justin Kisch.

Join Pastor Ken and friends for Bible Study in person and by Zoom, Tuesday mornings at 10am in our beautiful parlor.

Lunch Bunch meets at noon in Fellowship Hall the 3rd Wednesday of each month for a light lunch of soup, sandwich, desserts and beverages. There's always an element of fun with friends.

Rehearsals for Bells are now Thursday evenings at 6:00pm with Martha Goodman

Highlight Dates



All are welcome! **The SPIRE is available on our website!!**

Go to the OCC page at www.occhurch.net.

- April 3. Kitchen Elves
- April 10. Food, Fun, Faith 5-7pm
- April 17. Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
- April 28. Spring Concert/Pot Luck 5:00pm Sanctuary
- May 5. Shoreline Ringers Handbell Concert 4:00pm

“Today’s flowers are dedicated”

Any given Sunday you can dedicate the altar flowers to anyone in your life. Notify the office of your chosen day and you can make a donation to the Flower Fund, or bring in an arrangement yourself. For further information contact AnnMarie in the office.



If you need to contact the office to submit anything for the bulletin or Spire, please e-mail the office at office@occhurch.net or call

the office at 508-384-3110. Every effort is made to accommodate your needs.

Facebook is used for information purposes. Messages are checked randomly and it is not a recommended way to connect for anything important.

Thank you for your cooperation.

NEWCOMERS WELCOME

If you would like to become a member of our church, which affirms your regular participation in our worship life and support of our work and service to the wider community, please be sure to contact Pastor Ken or AnnMarie in the office at anytime. We have a few families and individuals who are interested in being a part of our next service of Reception of New Members. See details at the worship hour and in the worship bulletin. We look forward to growing along with you in your spirit journey!



THE ORIGINAL CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF WRENTHAM
SPRING YARD SALE
MAY 11 8 AM- 12 PM



1 EAST ST. WRENTHAM MA 02093
LOCATED IN THE CHURCH VESTRY
WWW.OCCHURCH.NET 508-384-3110

The 2024 spring yard sale will be held on May 11 from 8 am to noon. Keep items out of landfills and donate them to the yard sale. Donations may be dropped off in the Vestry at any time. Call Mike Foster if you need assistance. As usual, **do not bring any clothes, books** that aren't in pristine condition, **TVs, computers, large stereos, or large furniture.** In addition, please do not bring **baby furniture, strollers, car seats**



Used Clothing Drop-off Shed

Location:

The Original Congregational Church of Wrentham
1 East Street, Wrentham, MA 02093

Why Donate?

Reduce waste in landfills.
Clothing used worldwide.
Tax deductible

Only Items Accepted:

All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets,
towels, sheets, pillowcases, curtains, and stuffed
toys.

(Your donations will be redistributed as whole garments)



This past March the scaffolding was put in place for the construction of the new pillars.

Constructions begins on the Pillars.
Pastor Ken, Gordon Wetmore outside the Church with the contracting team.



Music "Notes"

Justin Kisch

We had a beautiful **Lent and Easter** at the OCC. The **Wrentham wRingers** presented a special program of **Lenten readings and music** during worship on March 17. We had several special services during **Holy Week**. The Chancel Choir sang for **Palm Sunday** and **Holy Thursday**. **Good Friday** was a simpler service, but there was a delicious soup lunch afterwards! Last but certainly not least, **Easter music** included the **Wrentham wRingers**, a singalong with the **kids**, and the **Chancel Choir**, featuring **trumpet** by **Dean Cardner** (currently a senior at King Philip Regional High School).

Upcoming events include the **Spring Concert and Potluck on Sunday April 28**. The concert is at **4:00** and the potluck will be at 5:00. Performers will include the **Chancel Choir**, **Monica Yohn**, **Ben and Blake Blakesley**, the **Wrentham wRingers**, and more!

The following **Sunday, May 5th** at **4:00**, we have a performance by the **Shoreline Ringers**, an acclaimed handbell choir from Connecticut. **Tickets** are available in the church office and at the door.

Ongoing, don't forget that **kids** are invited to join Monica and me, to sing songs during worship each week. This month we are featuring **Easter songs**. And we have begun a program of monthly **Food and Fun** dinners, with activities for kids and adults. The next event is **April 10 from 5:00 to 7:00**, with the theme "**For the Beauty of the Earth.**"





Looking for Jesus

Blessed Friends in Faith,

Eastertide is the time we recall how Jesus is seen in risen form. After all the events of the passion week and his death on a cross and time in the tomb, he is alive to his nearest and dearest companions.

This is the central mystery of the Christian faith. That Jesus died, Jesus rose, and comes again is spoken in worship all over the world every week. The gospel accounts tell us that Mary and other friends of Jesus go early to the tomb on the third day. They were looking for Jesus.

In their grief, shock and profound sorrow they did not recognize the risen Jesus at first. They thought he was the gardener. In John 20:15 Jesus asks, “Why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” After another moment Jesus says, “Mary!” And she realizes it is Jesus. Later Mary will talk to the others saying, “I have seen the Lord!”

Appearing to more in the group in the evening, Jesus invites them to receive the Holy Spirit and sends them into the world to “forgive the sins of anyone.” That is a powerful commission. The idea is that when we forgive others, we enact the central purpose of Jesus’ ministry in our midst.

The world remains a very unforgiving place. Nature can bring devastations. Humanity dissolves into chaos in conflict. These are the places we search for to see Jesus. Who bears the face of welcome, acceptance, and transformative love?

This Easter. Every Easter. We recall the fervent search of Mary on that first day of the week. We are looking for Jesus in a world that needs saving grace and redeeming love. Easter faith is not the end of a season, but the beginning of a whole new time of living, loving, and growing by the grace of God.

May our faith be increased every day in our search to see our Lord!

Pastor Ken

