

The Spire

A publication of the Original Congregational Church

August 2024

Welcome August

Many events are in the making for upcoming months at the OCC. Be sure to read on so you don't miss the opportunity to enjoy them with your family and friends.

Join us for Worship on August 18th as, weather permitting, we enjoy possibly the last outdoor service of the season.

As you know, Donna is back for the summer while the hiring committee places a new ad for the Church Office Administrator. The hiring process will begin August 1st.

You may have noticed the blue tarps, that blanketed the front of the OCC for months, have been removed to reveal the beautiful new pillars, and brilliantly painted OCC. Gordon will have a full report in the next Spire.

The September Spire will be published early, August 22nd. We hope you look forward to interesting and important news beginning early September, as the OCC returns to a busy season and the medical leave of Pastor Ken.

The deadline for articles will be August 20th.

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The Spire

is available on our website
www.occhurch.net

**The Ladies Breakfast Club
2nd & 4th Thursday of the
month**

We meet at 9:30 am at the Village Griddle in Plainville. Contact Emmie Foster or Sue Schwarm if you plan to attend.

**Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursdays, 7:15 pm**

(September-June)
Rehearsals for choir are Thursday evenings at 7:15pm with Justin Kisch.

**Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thursdays, 6:00 pm**

(September-June)
Rehearsals for the bell choir are on Thursday evenings at 6:00pm with Martha Goodman.

**The Kitchen Elves
First Wednesday of each month
(September-June)**

The Elves prepare and deliver meals to members in need. Meal prep begins at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall kitchen and meal deliveries at 12:00 pm. Volunteers to help prep and deliver meals are always welcome!

**Lunch Bunch
3rd Wednesday of the month, 12
pm**

(September-June)
Join us in Fellowship Hall on 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!

Bible Study

Tuesdays, 10 am

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

Bulletin and Spire Submissions

Please email your Bulletin or Spire submissions to office@occhurch.net or contact the church office at 508-384-3110.

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

“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 Donna in the office.

Please welcome our own Monica Yohn as the new O.C.C. Communications Coordinator!!!

Do you have ideas for community events? Belong to a group/ organization that my want a new home to meet? Feel free to contact Monica at monica@occhurch.net

O.C.C. Cookout Success!!!!

We had a beautiful day Sunday as we held our first annual COOKOUT!!!

We had 42 people attend!

Corn hole was played, and Tie Dye was a hit for kids of all ages!!!!

Thank you to EVERYONE who volunteered to bring food, drink, games, and support!



OCC Wrentham

ICE CREAM

Social

Food, Fun & Friends

Wed, Aug 15th | 5PM - 7PM

1 East St, Wrentham MA 02093



Food, Fun, & Friends
Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, August
14th, 2024
5:00-7:00 PM

Come make your own
sundae with all the top-
pings and play games
with fellow
O.C.C. friends!



INTRODUCING.....

Community Kid's Club

All ages
welcome!



Scan our QR
code to learn
more!



Registration Carnival
Aug 25th & Sept 8th
10AM - 12PM

Learning values through monthly service projects

Supporting the following charities

Wrentham Food Pantry | ABCD Boston | N.A. Veteran's |
Cradles to Crayons | Medway House | Franklin Food Pantry
| Kitchen Elves

[OCChurch.net/sunday-school](https://www.occhurch.net/sunday-school)

Original Congregational Church of Wrentham 1 East St, Wrentham, MA 02093

Wrentham Day!!! Saturday, September 7th!

Sign up to volunteer at our 2 BOOTHS!!!! We will be promoting our NEW Community Connections Program, our NEW C.K.C., and our fabulous CHURCH FAIR! Sign up sheets will be available after Services on Sunday!

Scary Bingo!!! Friday, September 13th 2024

Get your costume ready! Best costume wins prize!
Registration form will be available soon on social media, website, email, and after Sunday

Save the Date!

Save the date of Saturday, November 16th from 9 - 2 PM for the annual church fair, one of our largest fundraising events! This year we present **"The Christmas Tree Church Fair,"** with many wonderful tables, Brunch, Attic Treasures, a Children's Fair with Santa, Silent Auction, and more. Featured this year will be the sale of **beautifully decorated Christmas Trees**, large and small! Remember to save and donate your gently used items. Visit our Fair Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall with photos from past fairs, and stay tuned for plenty of new information and ways to help as the fair plans take shape!

SAVE THE DATE!

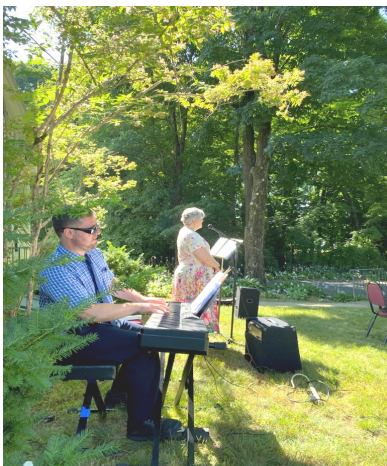


**THE CHRISTMAS TREE
CHURCH FAIR**

**Saturday
November 16, 2024
9 am - 2 pm**

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Summer Worship, July 21st Outdoors under the Sugar Maple tree.



It was a beautiful day!



The Original Congregational Church of Wrentham 1 East St. Wrentham Ma



WE WELCOME:
household items
home decor/art
sporting goods
children's items
and more!

NOT ACCEPTED:
electronics
clothing
baby strollers
car seats
large furniture

DRIVE - UP DONATION DAY SAT SEPT 28TH 1 - 4 PM

HELP FILL UP THE
"ATTIC TREASURES"
AREA FOR OUR
ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR!



How It Works:

Drive into church parking lot.

We unload items from your vehicle!

Donations also accepted during regular office hours, see website: www.occhurch.net.
We have an on-site shed for clothing donations in tied bags. Church Phone: 508-384-3110

Help us fill the Attic Treasures area for our upcoming church fair!

There are two ways to donate:

1. Hop into your vehicle with your items and come to our **Drive-Up Donation Day on Saturday, September 28th from 1 PM to 4 PM**. Drive into the parking lot, and someone will help unload from your vehicle! So easy!

2. Items can also be dropped off during regular office hours. Summer Hours:

Tuesday and Thursday 9 - 3. Regular hours: Tuesday - Friday 9 - 3.

Please, no electronics, large furniture, car seats, strollers, or clothing. Clothing is accepted in tied bags at our on-site clothing shed.

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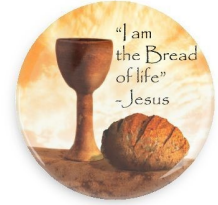
Live on
YouTube
Sunday
Mornings at
10:00am

We're on the web
[www.
occhurch.net](http://www.occhurch.net)



The Helper Will Come To You

Recently we have been reading the section of the Gospels in which Jesus stills the storms, feeds the thousands with five loaves and two fish, and walks on water. These signs remind us that our Lord has an amazing capacity to provide exactly when needs are most felt.



At first, we do pray that God provides for all our basic needs. And in turn, God has us begin to pray for other's basic needs, and that we grow into our role in doing the works of God. The people ask "what must we do to be doing the works of God?" Jesus replies in John 6:29 "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one that is sent."

In the Gospel of John, Jesus assures us that in his absence will come the gift of God known as "The Helper, The Teacher, The Advocate." The Spirit of God goes with us to all the places we are sent to do God's work. God's work is to trust, to believe, and to be confident in God.

God will provide. This is the big message in the Holy Scripture. Wherever our life journey takes us, God provides a way, a truth, a life that is ours to live by faith. No matter what obstacles appear in our path, God guides us in the way to go.

We know this for sure about life: as one person we cannot do it all. Those of us who have great talent can accomplish great things, but it takes the Spirit of God to keep the works of God ever fresh, ever expanding, ever effective, ever transformative.

Jesus says, "I am the bread of life—to trust in me means never being hungry or thirsty again for your soul will find rest in the Lord." This Bible metaphor is like saying, "I am the eternal teaching that will bring you to life." To eat bread is good. To teach bread sharing is better!

What I always loved about the loaves and fishes story is that after the meal, Jesus has the disciples gather up the fragments "that nothing be lost." And so it is with God's love for the world. Nothing is to be lost. God shall lose nothing. All shall be raised up!

Even leftovers are the start of a whole new meal, a whole new gathering, a whole new lesson. Jesus is always with us, in the boat, at the table, out at sea, in the storms, in the lessons, because the Spirit is always in our presence doing God's work!

As a church in God's world, we have so much to celebrate and give thanks to God in the Spirit because God is providing us with so much life and love. When we lift up the faith in all our fellowship and outreach and worship and service we are doing God's work!

May God bless us in all we strive to accomplish together in the Spirit in this new church year ahead!

Pastor Ken

PASTOR KEN'S MEDICAL LEAVE UPDATES

Dear OCC Friends,

I am so heartened in all the concern you have shown me since my biopsy earlier this year revealed my prostate cancer. The medical staff has been assuring me my condition is highly treatable and curable. Your support has been inspiring.

As of the writing of this update my surgery is scheduled for the first week of September in Boston. It is recommended to take 8 weeks off from work to recuperate. Here at the OCC we are preparing for my time away.

The details are expected to be announced as they are coming to completion. We are working on having a pastoral substitute to provide medical leave coverage. The covering pastor would prepare and provide for Sunday worship services from September 8 through October 27. And we will work with the covering pastor regarding other pastoral tasks that may be helpful to do in between Sunday worship.

This is an exciting time for the OCC. With the hiring of Monica Yohn as our Community Events Coordinator, we are already enjoying new occasions of coming together for food, fun, faith, and fellowship. We have so much more to come! And thanks to Charlotte Capone and our volunteers we have a whole new launch of Sunday School activities planned called "Community Kid's Club."

In a future notice we will include more detailed information about pastoral coverage in my time away. May God bless us with all the great gifts of the Spirit!

Pastor Ken

The Original Congregational Church of Wrentham

A Positive Possibilities Place



SEPT/OCT EVENTS

August 25 /Sept. 8.

Community Kids Club (Sunday School)
Registration Carnival after worship

September 7

Visit us at our booth on Wrentham Day!

September 13

Food, Fun, and Friends 6 - 8 pm
Scary Bingo!

September 28

Attic Treasures Drive Up Donation Day
1 - 4 pm

October 9

College 101 Seminar 6 - 8 pm

October 27

Harvest Day 11 - 1 pm

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