



## InSpire Weekly News & Updates

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### Sunday Morning

Join us for worship online and in person. View the Zoom [link](#) and the service order for Sunday, August 7th [here](#).



### Masking Update

The Board of Deacons has decided to return to the masking policy established in March of this year.

As of July 1st and through the end of August, masking during worship or any other functions in the Meetinghouse will be optional, except for during the singing of the Doxology and hymns. We ask when you are singing to please wear a face mask.

*Thank you,  
The Board of Deacons*



### Jackson Carruthers' First Sunday with the CCoT!

We are so excited!! On Sunday, August 7th, Jackson Carruthers, will be making his first appearance as our new CCoT Music Director and Organist.

The Search Committee, which was most fortunate to receive his application and ultimately recommend that he be hired, hopes that as many of you as possible will be able to attend worship in person and give him a rousing welcome!!

You may recall from a previous notice that he is coming to us from Wadsworth, Ohio where he has been the music director at two churches. He is coming to the Boston area to pursue higher studies in music. His previous



### Avocado Crab Boats

Try this easy and refreshing Summer dish!

#### **Ingredients:**

- 5 medium ripe avocados, peeled and halved
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 cans (6 ounces each) lump crabmeat, drained
- 4 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro, divided
- 2 tablespoons minced chives
- 1 serrano pepper, seeded and minced
- 1 tablespoon capers, drained
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup shredded pepper jack cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- Lemon wedges

#### **Directions:**

- Preheat broiler
- Place 2 avocado halves in a large bowl; mash lightly with a fork.
- Add mayonnaise and lemon juice; mix until well blended.
- Stir in crab, 3 tablespoons cilantro, chives, serrano pepper, capers and pepper. Spoon into remaining avocado halves.
- Transfer to a 15x10x1-in. baking pan. Sprinkle with cheese and paprika. Broil 4-5 in. from heat until cheese is melted, 3-5 minutes.
- Sprinkle with remaining cilantro; serve with lemon wedges.

Enjoy!



pastors and his professor of piano performance all spoke very highly of him. We hope to have you join us this Sunday to meet Jackson and hear him play!

On behalf of the Congregational Church of Topsfield Search Committee,

John Szymanski



### Lost and Found Items

This broken bracelet was found in the Meetinghouse, perhaps after the July 17th or 24th service.



This is a child's tiger animal hat that was found on the Emerson Center South Lawn.



### Community Garden Update



Our community garden is producing

many different veggies for Haven From Hunger. Right now we are harvesting beans, kale, swiss chard, peppers, tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers and beets.

Thanks to a number of dedicated volunteers the garden is watered, weeded and harvested. Please follow this [link](#) to sign up for one of the chores which take about one hour each.

Every Tuesday and Friday we deliver the freshly picked produce to Peabody. If your own garden produces more than you can eat yourself we are happy to take anything to Haven From Hunger. Just have it at the front steps to the church office before 9am on the delivery days.

Email Conny Griesshammer, if you have any questions:

[communitygarden@topsfieldchurch.org](mailto:communitygarden@topsfieldchurch.org)

*Thank you!*



### Lemonade/Juice on the Lawn

All are welcome after service to come

Please email the church office at:  
[office@topsfieldchurch.org](mailto:office@topsfieldchurch.org)  
if one of these items belongs to you.

Thank you!

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**Topsfield Concert  
on the Commons  
Sunday, August 7th, 4-6PM**



Bring your family and friends on  
**Sunday, August 7th** for a concert on the  
commons.

The band, "Cyn and Redemption" will be  
playing a wonderful and fun collection  
of old favorites, songs that tickled your  
fancy a few decades ago, and even a  
few originals. Songs you can dance to,  
tap your feet or just listen and enjoy  
your picnic.

Bring a blanket or some lawn chairs,  
there's even room for your own easy up  
tent. Bring the kids and a pizza and join  
us for a fun few hours of music.

This event is free and sponsored by the  
Massachusetts Cultural Council and the  
Topsfield Cultural Council.



**CITIZENS INN**

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**Citizens Inn Back to School Drive  
July 17th-August 7th**

Please help support our mission partner  
Citizens Inn in Peabody by donating  
school supplies for families in need!

together for some lemonade/juice and  
conversation on the lawn.

**Dates and Volunteers:**

**August 7th-** Charlotte and Duane  
Melling

Thank you to all of our "Lemonade on  
the Lawn" volunteers for making this  
possible!

*The Board of Community and  
Communications*



**LIFEBRIDGE NEEDS YOU!  
NEW DATES ADDED**

We are finally back to in person cooking  
and serving at Lifebridge! During the  
pandemic we still supported Lifebridge  
financially or by cooking meals at home  
and delivering them to Lifebridge. Since  
December we have been back to  
cooking and serving meals there on the  
fourth Friday of the month.

Under Amy's leadership, the youth of  
our church and their families have  
started back to serving dinner on the  
first Saturday of the month as well. Staff  
and guests are all masked. Due to  
pandemic safety concerns, there are  
currently about 30 people living at  
Lifebridge and about 30-50 meals are  
also packed and delivered to the day  
guests next door.

**We are looking for people who would be  
willing to cook and serve dinner on the  
following Fridays:**



There is a bin on the church office porch steps to drop off items. The drive will be from July 17th–August 7th.

See examples below, but if you would prefer to donate online, here is the link that Citizen's Inn provided.

<https://yougivegoods.com/citizensinn-bts>

Let's make a difference together!

(Sponsored by the Board of Mission and Outreach)



## Help Kids Succeed!

### Suggested Items

- Glue sticks
- Tissues
- Highlighters
- Notebooks
- No. 2 pencils
- Blue and black pens
- Erasers
- Colored pencils
- 3-ring Binders
- Index cards
- Pencil sharpener
- Markers
- Crayons
- Hand sanitizer
- Rulers
- Safety scissors
- Pencil boxes/cases
- Mini staplers
- Calculators
- Loose leaf paper
- Backpacks
- Folders

Citizens Inn aims to break the patterns of instability that lead to homelessness and hunger for every individual served. Our programs equip clients with the tools necessary to unlock opportunities to live with financial independence by providing long-term, individualized solutions. Citizens Inn provides shelter and comprehensive support services to 35 families at a time in our shelters, Inn Between and Inn Transition, and providing nourishment to nearly 6,000 individuals annually through our pantry and community meals program, Haven from Hunger.

- August 26
- September 23

As always, both Sallie and Cathy will do the shopping, plan the menu and provide directions. The time commitment has changed since dinner is now served to in-house residents at 5:30pm (rather than 6:30pm) and meals must be packed at 5:00pm to go to guests next door by 5:15pm.

Depending on the complexity of the meal, you would need to leave Topsfield no earlier than 2:30pm and you would be able to leave Lifebridge by about 6:15pm.

Newcomers are always welcome! We would, of course, pair you with an experienced person(s).

A team of about 4 people is ideal...feel free to ask your friends, neighbors, etc.

If you're able to help out on any of the above dates, please email Cathy or Sallie.

*Thank you so much for helping with this important Board of Missions ministry!!!*

Cathy Szymanski  
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Sallie Bowling  
[sallie@synergyscg.com](mailto:sallie@synergyscg.com)  
(note new email address)

## Parish Care Ministry

View the Prayer listing [page](#) and August birthday [page](#).



**Join Stephanie Sweeney (Data Clerk and Technology Coordinator) at the Topsfield Council on Aging to learn some Tech Tips!**

**When:** August 9th at 9:30AM



## CCT Church Office Contact us.

Link to Signboard request form [here](#) for events on the church calendar.



**SNEUCC–**  
Southern New England  
Conference–UCC [page](#)



**UCC**  
Newsletter

**Where:** The COA Programming Room,  
Topsfield Town Hall, 8 West Common  
Street

**Topic:** Social Media, Facebook Tips and  
Tricks

You can also schedule a one-on-one  
appointment with Stephanie for  
assistance with technology issues and  
questions.

Just call her at the COA office,  
978-887-1523 to schedule an  
appointment.

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