



The Congregational Church of Topsfield InSpire Weekly News & Updates

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Sunday Morning

Join us for worship online and in person. View the Zoom [link](#) and Sunday's service order [here](#).



Boys and Girls Fall and Winter Clothing Collections for Community Giving Tree

Children's fall and winter clothing from newborn to size 7 is now needed at Community Giving Tree. Also, large size diapers size 4 and up including pull-ups are needed. Giving centers are located in Boxford and Lawrence. They accept children's sizes, which



Topsfield Fair 2023 Fair Booth Sign-Up Sheet

The Topsfield Fair runs from **September 29th – October 9th** this year, and as we have done since time immemorial, we will be serving our turkey dinners. If you have helped us in the past – thank you!

If you have never worked in the booth – come out and give us a try. It is a fun time with some wonderful people! As always we pay for your entry and parking tickets.

Start thinking about what you would be interested in doing – cooking, working the dining room, dishes, steam table, grill, cash register etc. Please follow this [link](#) to sign up online. Please note that some of the times for the various shifts have changed. This change was necessary to coordinate our shifts with the varying opening times of the Fair.

For questions call Conny at:
978 887 7493 or
email: fairbooth@topsfieldchurch.org.

–Your Fairbooth committee:
Rob Hardy, Joe Gibbons, Conny
Griesshammer and Charlie Itz



Coffee Hour This Sunday!

Coffee Hour will take place this **Sunday, September 24th**, directly after service in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having a two week break due to the upcoming Fair booth activities.

are 0–3 months through teen sizes.

These clothes are bundled by size and given to low income families in Northeastern Massachusetts. They also accept baby equipment like car seats and baby cribs. **Please deliver your donations to the Boxford Giving Center or leave them on the Emerson Center side porch.** Call Mary Jelinek at: 978–376–6829 if you have questions.

Thank you!



Community Garden Update

We are making regular deliveries to Citizens' Inn in Peabody. Right now tomatoes, zucchini, peppers, cucumbers and beans are in season. Our deliveries are on Tuesday and Friday mornings. If you'd like to volunteer for the harvest or delivery please use this [link](#). We try to harvest early in the morning and bring the produce by 9:15am to Peabody. If your own garden produces in abundance please consider sharing it with Citizens' Inn. We gladly accept your donations every Tuesday and Friday morning. Leave everything on the steps to the office in the Emerson Center by 8:30am on these two days.

Thanks,
Your garden team

Upcoming Dates:

September 24– Barb and Jim Barnes

October 15– Ellie & Walt Losee

October 22– Host needed

October 29– Host needed

November 5– Host needed

November 12– Host needed

November 19– Host needed

We are looking for hosts for future events. A host is responsible for starting coffee and putting out cups and coffee accessories. If, as a host, you want to provide snacks that is always welcome but not necessary. A sign-up sheet will be going around during service and during coffee hours. If you'd like to volunteer directly, contact Nancy Nelson at:
nbnelson21@gmail.com

Thank you!



Thanks to all who helped us serve at Lifebridge this summer!

The summer has traditionally been a tough time for us to recruit folks to serve at Lifebridge. Cathy and I want to thank everyone who pitched in! In June, Kim Itz (along with some help from Charlie we assume!) was nice enough to take on the entire task of planning the meal, buying the food and cooking/serving it at Lifebridge.

In July, I was joined by Susan Gibbons and Ruth Bortzfield and we had a marvelous time. In August, Jane and Bruce Jones along with Ruth Bortzfield were all set to serve with me but alas we had to cancel at the last minute as I contracted Covid. In September, Mary Jelinek and I are going, and it looks like Ellie Losee and Larry Atkins will be joining us. Thank you all!

Upcoming dates where we will need folks this fall are:

October 27

November 24 (day after Thanksgiving)

December 22

We leave the EC parking lot at 2:30 PM and return about 6:30 PM. Please let Cathy or I know if you can join us.



About the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Help Line

The Massachusetts Behavioral Health Help Line (BHHL) is here to connect you directly to clinical help, when and where you need it. Even if you're not sure what kind of help or treatment you may need, we can help guide you.

- It's free, confidential, and no health insurance is required.
- Real-time interpretation in 200+ languages
- Deaf or hard of hearing?

Contact [MassRelay at 711](tel:1800369365)

The Behavioral Health Help Line is a service of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, operated by the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership (MBHP).

Visit [here](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-behavioral-health-help-line) to learn more.



Update..... Our Church Website Now Has a Blog!

Please visit this link below to read more.

<https://www.topsfieldchurch.org/blog>



Attn: All Church Members!!

Our BCC board member, Annie Badavas Wyatt, who grew up in our church but now lives in NC, is building our Instagram community page.

Please send her your pictures of church events with a little blip about them. Photos can be sent directly to Annie at: abadavas@gmail.com or 917-972-5322. Please check out our Instagram and give it a follow: @CongregationalTopsfield

Thank you!

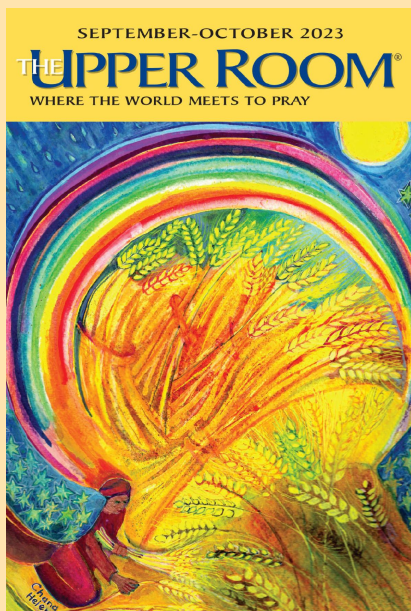
CCoT Update..... Our Church is Now Instagram Official!

We are happy to announce that CCoT is now Instagram official! Please visit this [link](#) to follow our page and be kept up-to date on our church activities.



Sunday Service Telecast and Registration:

Please visit our homepage at topsfieldchurch.org to learn more about our telecasted Sunday services and registration for more access to CCoT's community.



The Upper Room September/October Magazine Is Now Available!

The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide is devoted to connecting people around the world through encouraging stories of God's love and faithfulness.

CCT Masking Policy

The wearing of masks in the Meetinghouse remains voluntary. Participants in worship are welcome to wear a mask at any time. We remind everyone that they should refrain from attending worship in person if they are experiencing any form of respiratory illness.

We encourage all individuals to stay current with annual COVID and influenza vaccinations and boosters. Please seek COVID testing if you have possible COVID symptoms.

Sincerely,
Board of Deacons

Parish Care Ministry

View the Prayer Listing [page](#) and September birthday [page](#).

Each issue of this devotional contains daily meditations written by readers—people who experience the challenges and triumphs of daily life.

On Sunday, September 24th, we will have several copies available in the narthex/lobby of the Meetinghouse.



[Contact us.](#)

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



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Southern New England
Conference—UCC [page](#)



FLU VACCINE CLINIC

**Topsfield Health Dept is holding a FLU
Vaccine Clinic for adult residents.**

Thursday, October 12th - 12 pm - 4 pm

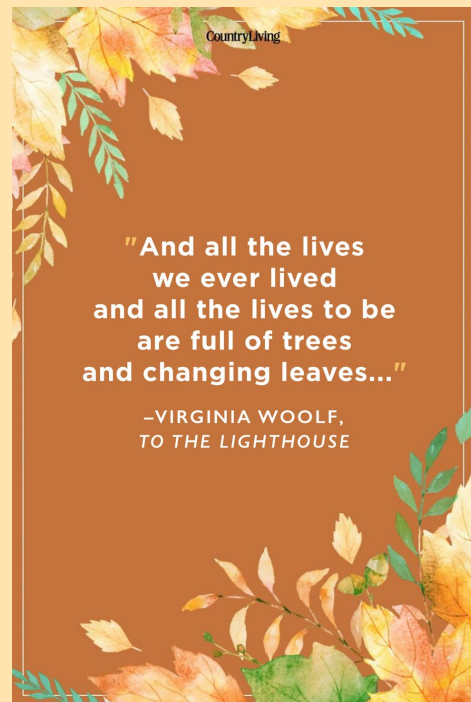
Town Hall 8 West Common St
Public Hall located on Second Floor

Pre-registration required:
[https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/topsfield
?site=topsfield-town-hall](https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/topsfield?site=topsfield-town-hall)
No walk-ins please!



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