



Here are important dates and times for children and youth activities at the Congregational Church of Topsfield. You may print this page and hang it on your 'fridge or mark the respective dates in your calendar.

Questions? Would you like your child(ren) to participate?

Please contact Rev. Amy Bruch 339.368.0818, amy@toppsfieldchurch.org

Pentecost Sunday
is on June 4th

Come celebrate with us **baptisms** and **welcome new members** at 9:30 AM; then fly kites after worship.

Celebration Sunday

will be held on May 21 at 9:30AM
in the Meetinghouse

Please join us for this special worship in which we honor the children and youth as well as all adult volunteers involved in the children and youth program.

We need many readers and other volunteers for this worship. Please let Amy know, if your child and/or you are available.

Children's Choir Rehearsals

The children's choir will practice on Sundays
May 7 and May 14

during the worship service/Sunday school and coffee hour. A Sunday school teacher will take the kids to the Emerson Center Chapel. Pick up is around 11 AM.

FAITHWORKS

Youth Group, and outreach opportunities for young people in High School.

5/06: **Service: Prepare dinner @ Lifebridge in Salem – Leave EC Parking Lot 3:45PM, return by 7:30 PM**

5/14: **Mission Trip: Outdoor Ropes Course**

5/21: **Celebration Sunday**
9 AM setup, then worship 9:30AM in the Meetinghouse

5/28 **No Meeting - Memorial Day Weekend**

6/4: **Fundraiser: Car Wash** for Mission Trip 11AM-2PM, location TBD

6/11: **Blessing of the Animals**
9:30AM on Meetinghouse Lawn

NURSERY

We offer **Nursery Care** for infants and toddlers up to age 3 **every Sunday** morning in the Emerson Center in room 204 until June 4. Feel free to bring your child before worship at 9:15 AM.

Starting June 11 Nursery and Childcare will take place in the Choir Room in the Meetinghouse.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here is what your children are learning in Sunday school:

PRE-K & K

5/07 **Elisha turns back the soldiers – 2 Kings 6:8-23**
Short Bible Story then preparation of kites and Children's Choir rehearsal.

5/14 **Caring for those in need – Matthew 25: 34-40**
Short Bible Story then preparation of kites and Children's Choir rehearsal.

5/21 **Celebration Sunday – Children and Youth Service All children, youth and adult volunteers participate in worship – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

5/28 **Memorial Day Weekend – One-Room-Schoolhouse**
A time of peace – Zechariah 8:1-8
Zechariah pictured a community shaped by God's peace. The old and young will be in the streets together. All ages will feel secure and enjoy life together.

6/18 **Story & Snack begins, and will run through September 3**
It will be offered on those Sundays when four or more children are attending Church. Amy, Irina and helpers will take the children either outside the Meetinghouse or across the Common to the Emerson Center, tell a (biblical) story, have snacks and do some activity or let children play.

GRADES 1-6 (MULTI-AGE-CLASS)

5/07 **A young girl and Naaman – 2 Kings 5: 1-19**
An Israelite servant girl told Naaman, a commander in Aram, that a prophet in Israel might cure his leprosy. Naaman went and Elisha healed him.
Kite preparation and Children's Choir rehearsal.

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GRADES 4-6

The Upper Elementary Youth Group:
Friday, May 13, 2017
Scavenger Hunt
around Town
from 5:30PM-7PM
Bring a friend!
All are welcome!

MSYG

The Middle School Youth Group:
Friday, May 13, 2017
Scavenger Hunt
around Town
from 5:30PM-7PM
Bring a friend!
All are welcome!

ACOLYTES

Children in grades 3-6 are invited to serve as Acolytes during the Sunday School year:
5/07 Chris Itz
5/14 Nathan Miller
5/21 Stephanie Read
5/28 TBD

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

After the children are dismissed from the Meetinghouse, they cross the Common **with the teachers** to the Emerson Center for Sunday school. **9:45-10:45AM** - Sunday school class takes place in the individual classrooms:
Pre K-K in Room 203
Grades 1-6 in Room 201
Children are dismissed at 10:45 AM / or
Pick-up at classroom
Children's Choir Rehearsals on May 7 and May 14.