



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](#).



Martin's Musings

As we continue our Lenten journey, I have three items to share with you.

It is with sadness that I mention the passing of Ken Flewelling, a long-standing and beloved member of our church, on Tuesday evening. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, March 25th, at 11:00 am.

Secondly, I want to lift up the church's transitioning to a new staff person for the ministry to our children, youth, and young families. There are mainly two aspects to this process. The first is conducting a search process to find the best candidate. A search committee has been created and will start their work soon. An important aspect to help this committee do its work is by providing input on what you would like to see in a candidate for this position and what the programming should focus on. There will be two opportunities where in-person input can be provided: Saturday, March 18th at the scheduled "My Neighbors' Keeper" gathering and on Sunday, March 19th, after the service in the Parlor of the Emerson Center.

We would like input from all our members and I want to encourage you to attend either of these meetings. Input is not limited to younger members only.

I also want to thank the members of the Board for Children and Youth, with Christy Redding as chair, for their commitment to continue with the programming until we have found a new staff person. If there are any other members who would like to help, please contact Christy Redding. It is an opportunity for us as church to be of service in a very rewarding aspect of the life of the church.

In the third place I want to mention



Going through a tough time?
Help is here.

If you or someone you care about is struggling with mental health or substance use, contact us.  

Call or text
833-773-2445

MASSACHUSETTS
**BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH
HELP LINE** 

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**

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

Visit [here](#) to learn more.

that we enjoyed the visit of Rev. Dr. David Cleaver-Bartholomew to CCoT on Sunday. Those who attended the conversation with him after the service agreed that it was a helpful and informative engagement. David expressed gratitude for the way in which he was received and as one of the follow-up actions, provided me with a link to information on a regional meeting which he thinks our members will find beneficial.

Here is the link:

<https://www.sneucc.org/newsdetail/conference-offers-regional-gatherings-17319122>

Shalom

Martin.



Lent and Easter Calendar

Palm Sunday:

Sunday, April 2nd
9:30am in the Meetinghouse

Maundy Thursday Service:

Thursday, April 6th
7:00pm in the Meetinghouse

Easter Sunday–Sunrise Service:

Sunday, April 9th
6:00am Sunrise Service at Ipswich
River Wildlife Sanctuary (87 Perkins
Row)

Easter Service:

Sunday, April 9th
9:30am in the Meetinghouse



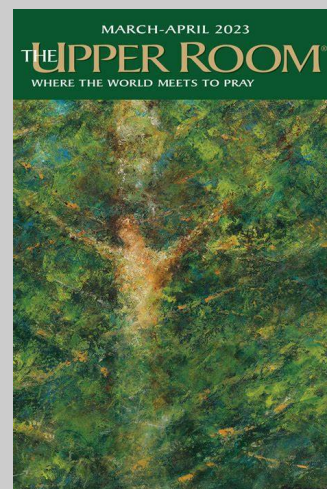
Easter Plant Orders!!

Please help glorify our Easter Sunday worship service with colorful, springtime Easter plants by placing



Sunday Service Telecast and Registration:

Please visit our homepage at [topsfieldchurch.org](https://www.topsfieldchurch.org) to learn more about our telecasted Sunday services and registration for more access to CCoT's community.



The Upper Room March/April 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.

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

We will have several copies available in the narthex/lobby of the Meetinghouse.

an order. The cost for each plant is \$10.00. Lilies, tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths are available.

The LAST DATE to order is:

Sunday, April 2nd, Palm Sunday.

Flowers remaining at the church will be taken to the sick and shut-ins or remain to beautify the chancel, so please be sure to indicate if you intend to take the flowers on Easter Sunday. Please feel free to contact Ruth Bortzfield at: ruthbortzfield@gmail.com if you have any questions.

WAYS TO ORDER:

- Mail order form and payment to: Ruth Bortzfield, 22 Great Hill Drive, Topsfield, MA. 01983.
- Place in envelope in offering plate, labeled "Easter Flowers".
- Contact Ruth at: 978-317-6350

*Please make checks payable to the:
Congregational Church of Topsfield*

Your Name (as you would like it to
appear in the dedication booklet)

Dedication (in memory, celebration
of, etc) *if left blank, dedication will
read "in memory of loved
ones." -----

__Easter Lily __Tulip
__Daffodil __Hyacinth

I ____ will ____ will not take the
plant(s) after the Easter service.

Number of plants: _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Thank you for your support!



Coffee Hour

Mark your calendars for our
upcoming Coffee Hours that take

WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE OF TOPSFIELD!



Attend or host
your own
Meeting-in-a-
box!

Submit your
comments on
our Existing
Conditions
Report!

Take our
Community
Survey!

Add your
ideas to our
Crowdmap!

The Topsfield Master Plan Committee will be launching a series of engagement opportunities for you to participate in over the next few months.

We invite you to weigh in on topics like housing, economic development, land use, historic and cultural resources, open space, sustainability, public facilities, and transportation.

The comments and suggestions gathered now will help shape the vision, goals, and strategies for the master plan.



Scan the QR code or use the link below to visit our Project Website and learn how you can get involved!
www.tinyurl.com/topsfieldmp



LifeBridge Sign Ups

As always, we are looking for folks to join in this important and rewarding ministry. Cathy or Sallie do all the menu prep and shopping and typically accompany the groups (unless groups feel comfortable providing the meal on their own).

We just need folks to help us prepare and serve the meal. We would leave the Emerson Center at 2:30pm and be back around 6:30pm.

Please consider helping us out with this fun and rewarding ministry!

The dates we need to fill are all Fridays:

–Mar 24

–Apr 22

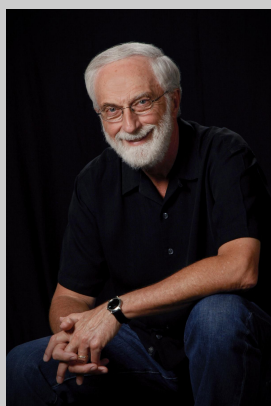
place after Sunday service
in the Emerson Center
Fellowship Hall:

3/19– Jane and Bruce Jones
3/26– Ellie and Walt Losee

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed!

We're looking for April hosts
4/2, 4/16, 4/23 and 4/30
If you can volunteer, please email:
Nancy Nelson
at: nbnelson21@gmail.com

Thank you to our Coffee Hour
host volunteers!!



Lenten Bible Study for the Curious

Led by: Rev. Jack Soper
Tuesdays: March 14, March 21st,
28th and April 4th
Time: 7pm–8:30pm via Zoom

Please view [here](#) to learn more about
the Lenten Bible Study.

CCoT is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom
meeting.

Topic: Bible Study for the Curious
Time: Mar 21, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern
Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81282067549?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81282067549?pwd=aUhhVmRRc3hIUW1BTFord1ZLMFd pZz09)
[pZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81282067549?pwd=aUhhVmRRc3hIUW1BTFord1ZLMFd pZz09)
Meeting ID: 812 8206 7549
Passcode: 972766

–May 26

If you would like to volunteer, please
contact:

Cathy Szymanski:
jszymanski8@verizon.net or
Sallie Bowling:
sallie@synergyscg.com

Thank you!

CCT Masking Policy

Mask wearing in the Meetinghouse is now
voluntary. We also want to emphasize
that participants in worship may choose
to mask at any time.

As we are now at the start of cold and flu
season, if you have a cough or are feeling
under the weather we hope you to take
advantage of our worship on Zoom or
Community TV.

We encourage all individuals to stay
current with COVID vaccinations and
booster shots, get a flu vaccine, stay
home when ill, and seek testing if you
have COVID symptoms.

Sincerely,
Board of Deacons

NEW COVID-19 TREATMENT HOTLINE:

Tested positive for COVID-19? Telehealth is a quick and free way to
see if you're eligible for COVID-19 treatment.

You can access telehealth services by calling 833-273-6330 or by
completing an online assessment at mass.gov/CovidTelehealth.
Clinicians are available every day from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM EST. This
service is not for medical emergencies or those who have severe
chest pain or shortness of breath.

Learn more [here](#).

Parish Care Ministry

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



CCT Church Office Contact us.

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



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