



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, May 22nd [here](#).





Masks are now required in the Meetinghouse during worship. Please respect social distancing and please do not leave your seating area, during Passing of the Peace.

*Thank you,
The Board of Deacons*

**Celebration Sunday, May 22nd
during our Sunday worship service
at 9:30am!**

CELEBRATION SUNDAY
5.22.22

Come hear a new parable...

GOD IN BETWEEN
by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso
and Sally Sweetland

Our Sacraments Workshop participants will receive their Spark Bibles and handmade communion sets.

Invite a neighbor!



CITIZENS INN

Lemonade/Juice on the Lawn

All are welcome after service to come together for some lemonade/juice and conversation on the lawn.

May 22nd – Provided by Meg Moran and Cathy Imboden

May 29th – There will be no Lemonade/juice on the lawn due to Memorial Day weekend.

If you have any questions, please address them to Alison Hardy at ahardy9@gmail.com.

The Board of Community and Communications

Thank you!



Candle for Ukraine

The Board of Community and Communications invites people to place a candle in a window to symbolize hope and as a ray of light for the people of Ukraine.





Volunteering at Citizens! **Thank you, Jim and Barb Barnes!**

On Saturday May 14th, Jim and Barb Barnes and Scott and Cathy Imboden volunteered at Citizens Inn (Haven From Hunger) sorting and boxing donations that were delivered by mail carriers and also from individuals and companies.



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:

- July 22
- 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 Topsyfield 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



The descendants of the family of Joseph Smith Jr., founder of the Latter Day Saints Church of Salt Lake City, Utah, visited our Church on May 15th 2022.

Robert Smith, the patriarch of the Smith family, was a resident of Topsfield in the 1600's. Subsequent generations, including Samuel Smith and Samuel Smith Jr. were members of our church. Joseph Smith, the father of the LDS founder also worshiped here but moved to Vermont of the early 1800's. He returned periodically with his family-- including Joseph Jr --and worshiped at our church.

The present day family visited our church to pay respects to their ancestors and presented our church Moderator with a gift of appreciation, an artist rendition of the early Topsfield village center with the church depicted as its centerpiece.

The two photos show the presentation of the painting our moderator Tony Rogers and the gathering of the entire Smith family around the memorial stone behind the church which commemorates Joseph Smith Jr's connection to the Congregational Church of Topsfield.

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!!!

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Parish Care Ministry

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