



## The Congregational Church of Topsfield InSpire Weekly News & Updates

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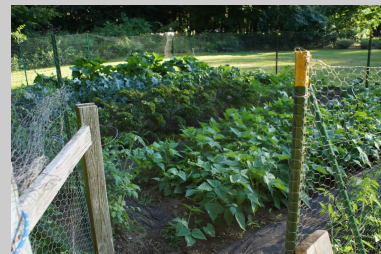
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**Sunday Morning**  
Join us for worship online and in person.

View the Zoom link for the Sunday Service [here](#) and Sunday's bulletin [here](#).

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### Community Garden Sign-Up

The vegetable garden next to the Emerson Center has been planted and with the warm weather and enough rain everything is growing well. We already delivered plenty of radishes, lettuce and kale to 'Haven From Hunger' in Peabody.

# SUMMER Office Hours

## Emerson Center Office Update

The Emerson Center office will be closed on Fridays for the summer, beginning Friday, June 21st through Friday, August 30th.

The following office hours will be:  
Monday–Thursday, 10am–1pm.

Thank you!



## Sunday School Update

(Pre–K–12th grade)

Sunday School will be on break starting Sunday, June 16th and will resume on Sunday, September 15th.

If you would like to help there is a task for everyone. We need every week for people to water, weed, harvest and deliver. Please sign up online [here](#). Every task takes about one hour. I'm always available for questions and would love to show you around in the garden!

Thank you!

Conny Griesshammer:  
[communitygarden@topsfeldchurch.org](mailto:communitygarden@topsfeldchurch.org)



## Lemonade on the Lawn

Directly after service on the Meetinghouse front lawn.

July 28: Charlotte and Duane Melling  
August 11: Ellie Losee  
August 25: Susan Gibbons

### Volunteer for the Fair!

The Fair Booth Committee is looking for volunteers to work shifts at the Fair in October.

We will post job descriptions in upcoming weeks, and you may sign up at Homecoming Sunday.

This photo featuring Bob Knutsen, illustrates the Dishwasher job.



Prepare sinks for washing, rinsing, and sanitizing utensils and containers from the steam table. Wash items as they are delivered to you. Help with emptying trash barrels and keeping floors clean in your area and the storage room.

**Training:** On the job. Washing is straightforward and preparation of sinks can be done at the beginning of the shift if required.



### Smoke Alarms Save Lives!

Working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death from home fires in half.

That's why we're rallying volunteers, fire departments and partners to *Sound the Alarm*.

Together, we're installing **FREE** smoke alarms in your community. Request a smoke alarm installation today!

Topsfield, MA  
July 27, 2024  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.



Scan code for appointment

For an appointment and to learn more, visit [SoundtheAlarm.org/MA](https://SoundtheAlarm.org/MA) or call 800-564-1234





#### Warm (oops) Hot!!!!!! Weather Tips

The Parish Care Team would like to offer a few hot weather tips for all of us to be aware of during this and future heat waves. As a faith community we are practitioners of taking care of ourselves and others in times like we are experiencing now. Neighbor helping neighbor is a cornerstone of our faith at the Congregational Church of Topsfield.

- Call on neighbors who might be living alone or couples who have limited transportation and make sure they have plenty of water, AC, fans, and food. Ask them if you can help them with errands or any other activities that might expose them to this excessive heat.
- If you notice any changes in your neighbors or friends in their normal activities, check with them by phone to see if they are okay.
- If you have neighbors taking medications, you might ask if they need any refills that you could pick up for them.
- If we have an electrical failure, check on your neighbors to see if they can visit with families or friends outside of the area which does not have power and AC or fans. There are also shelters that will be providing ways to keep cool.
- If you cannot reach a neighbor and you know they are home, you can call the police and ask for a wellness check.

It is all of us working together to keep people healthy during this current heat wave.

Thanks so much for your help.

Parish Care Team.



### The Collation Committee Would Appreciate Your Clean, In Good Shape Take Away Containers!

Food which is remaining after a collation is sent home with family members and/or guests. Your containers would help us cut down on expenses and waste. For your convenience, a Collation labeled sack is on the counter in the Emerson Center office. Please leave at any time.

Thank you,  
Charlotte Melling  
Collation Committee



## CCT Masking Policy

### Preserving the Health of the Congregation During Worship

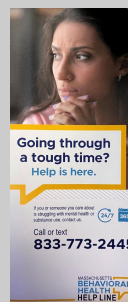
Masking at worship remains voluntary. Worshippers are always welcome to wear a mask.

Careful hand washing or use of hand sanitizers is effective in preventing the spread of and acquisition of disease.

Please do not come to in-person worship if you are feeling ill. Instead, watch the service on Zoom or Boxford Community TV.

Keep your vaccinations against respiratory pathogens current.

Sincerely,  
The Board of Deacons



### The Massachusetts Behavioral Health Help Line

Learn more [here](#).

### Parish Care Ministry

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



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