



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](#).



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

Good Friday:
Friday, April 7th
From 12:00pm–3:00 PM, the Meetinghouse will be open to the community for silent prayer and meditation

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 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*



**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.

24/7 365

Call or text
833-773-2445

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**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.

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!



CCoT Spring Clean-Up Day Scheduled!

A "Spring Clean-up Day" has been scheduled for **Saturday, April 29th**.

Grab your rakes and work gloves and join the members of Boy Scout Troop 81 to clean up the grounds of the Emerson Center.

Any questions and to sign up, please contact Susie Read at:
buildingandgrounds@topsfieldchurch.org



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

Topsfield Master Plan Survey 2023

We want to hear YOUR ideas for making Topsfield's future brighter! Topsfield is currently working to develop its next Master Plan, which will be a ten-year vision and roadmap for our future. This Plan will guide local decision-makers for the next decade on topics like housing, economic development, open space, recreation, historic preservation, public facilities, sustainability, transportation, and more.

The Master Plan Committee has launched three different engagement tools to solicit feedback and ideas from the public. You are invited to participate in one, two, or all three tools by visiting the **Master Plan project website** at: <https://topsfield-master-plan-jmgoldson.hub.arcgis.com/>

TAKE OUR SURVEY to share your priorities for Topsfield's next ten years, use our Crowdmap to make suggestions for specific locations across Town, and/or use our facilitation guide to host your very own Meeting-in-a-Box with friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors to discuss important topics and hear how other community members feel! We believe the best Master Plan is one that reflects the wishes of the Topsfield community and so it's our goal to reach as many people as possible. Make your voice heard and help us spread the word to the people in your lives!

Coffee Hour

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Coffee Hours that take place after Sunday service in the Emerson Center Fellowship Hall:

3/26– Ellie and Walt Losee

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed!

We're looking for April hosts for the following two dates:
4/16 and 4/23

If you can volunteer, please email:
Nancy Nelson
at: nbnelson21@gmail.com

Thank you to our Coffee Hour host volunteers!!



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:

–Apr 22

–May 26

If you would like to volunteer, please contact:

Cathy Szymanski:
jszymanski8@verizon.net or

Sallie Bowling:
sallie@synergyscg.com

Thank you!

A poster for the Topsfield Town Clean-Up Day. It features a green background with a photo of a person walking on a path. The text includes the date "Saturday April 22, 2023" and time "9:30 to 11:30 am". It lists activities like earning a golden ticket, electric yard equipment demonstration, recycling info, Masco Envi Club, rain barrel information, electric vehicle showcase, scavenger hunt, hands on invasive plant removal training, and games. It also mentions a link to sign up and thanks the Sustainability Advisory Committee and local businesses.

TOPSFIELD TOWN CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday April 22, 2023
9:30 to 11:30 am

Join the Earth Day celebration outside town hall!
[Click here to visit our sign up genius](#) for more information.

- Earn a golden ticket for a cookie from Zumi's
- Electric yard equipment demonstration
- Recycling & compost info
- Masco Envi Club
- Rain barrel information
- Electric Vehicle showcase
- Scavenger Hunt with Scavvr
- Hands on invasive plant removal training at the [Bare Hill Pump Track](#) location
- Games and more!

Thank you to the support of the Sustainability Advisory Committee, Congregational Church of Topsfield, and businesses below.

Topsfield Town Clean-Up & Earth Day 2023
Sat., April 22nd,
9:30–11:30am

SIGN UP* for your street/location of choice (*once you sign up you can clean your area ANY DAY before April 22*) — **SIGN UP and get MORE info:**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F49A5AD2BA6FB6-topsfield1>

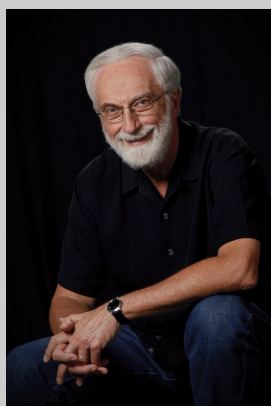
NEW THIS YEAR! – Get hands-on training to identify, cut and pull invasive woody plants including oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, barberry, and more, with invasive-species management expert Mary-Ellen Dixon at the Bare Hill Pump Track site – Sign up in the



first sign-up slot below!

PRIZES and ACTIVITIES:

- **GOLDEN TICKETS:** Kids who participate in collecting litter will receive a "golden ticket" coupon for a special treat from Zumi's cafe downtown that day!
- **FUN ACTIVITIES:** Scavenger Hunt using Scavr app! ~ Nature Programs ~ Masco Environmental Club ~ Games and more!
- **SHOWCASE / DEMOs and INFO:** Electric yard equipment ~ "Best Practices" for residential recycling and composting ~ Electric Vehicles including Topsfield Police E.V. Cruiser ~ Rain Barrels ~ Ipswich River Watershed ~ renewable energy demos ~ and more!



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 28, 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)
[pwd=aUhhVmRRc3hIUW1BTFord1ZLMFd](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81282067549?pwd=aUhhVmRRc3hIUW1BTFord1ZLMFd)

Sunday Service Telecast and Registration:

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

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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