



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 15th [here](#).





**Please wear a mask while singing and respect social distancing.
Please do not leave your seating area during Passing of the Peace.**

*Thank you,
The Board of Deacons*

Lemonade/Juice on the Lawn

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

May 15th – Provided by Charlotte and Duane Melling

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!



Updated Phone App Payment Option for Pledges and Donations

About two years ago as an alternative to the On-Line Giving link found on our web-site, we implemented an option for giving via a phone app called GivePlus Mobile. However, as of April 30th, this app is no longer available or functional.

Instead, our vendor is now providing a new app called Vanco Mobile. This app works in the same manner as GivePlus Mobile with the same giving options (e.g., Current Pledges & Offerings, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, Flowers and several others).

If you do not see a desired option, please let us know and it can be added. Or you can select "Other". The app can be linked to either a checking account or to a credit card, but note that there is a small additional fee debited from your donation with the use of a credit card.



Candle for Ukraine

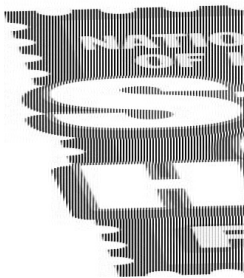
The Board of Community and Communications invites people to place a candle in a window to symbolize hope and as a ray of light for the people of Ukraine.



If you have been or wish to give in this manner, please download Vanco Mobile. After you have installed the app, simply search for Congregational Church of Topsfield and then set up your User-ID, password and payment method. If you already have an account a Vanco account, no additional set up is required.



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Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive!

After a three year hiatus due to the pandemic, Citizens Inn Haven from Hunger is once again partnering

with the National Association of Letter Carriers to Stamp Out Hunger on **May 14th!**

We need an army of volunteers to load/unload trucks, weigh, sort and check expiration dates. It's going to be an amazing day where we bring in over 25,000 pounds of food in 8 hours for our pantry and meal operations. Sign up with Rachel Leibowitz to volunteer for a two-hour shift with us on Saturday, May 14th! All volunteers can come to 71 Wallis Street in Peabody.

We are looking for 80+ volunteers in 2-hour shifts from 12-8pm, to help sort food that comes in from the postal carriers at Haven.

Shift times:

12:00PM – 2:00PM

2:00PM – 4:00PM

4:00PM – 6:00PM (Join Cathy and Scott Imboden as a church group!)

6:00PM– 8:00PM

We encourage you to join our community in stamping out hunger. Make sure to watch out for special bags delivered by your letter carrier to fill with unexpired, non-perishable items to leave out for pick up on May 14th.



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 Topsfield 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

Thank you!



Drive Out Hunger
Get your Stop Hunger Now
License Plate!

Thousands of our neighbors across Massachusetts are food insecure, and the COVID-19 pandemic has made the need for food assistance more widespread and critical than ever.

One in 12 people struggled with hunger before the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, that number is one in 10 people, with one in every nine children not receiving the proper nutrition to grow and thrive.

With the purchase of a Stop Hunger Now license plate, you can help provide access to nutritious food for those in need in Massachusetts. Your support will help Boston Medical Center (BMC) and The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB), in partnership with Citizens, tackle food insecurity through programs that increase access to nutritious food.

Together, we can end hunger here and be a beacon of healing for our communities.
Pre-order your license plate [HERE](#).

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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