



# The Congregational Church of Topsfield InSpire Weekly News & Updates

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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](#).

**Women's Tea and Floral Arrangement**  
Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>  
Fellowship Hall – Emerson Center  
3:00pm



We hope you will join us for an afternoon of tea and fun! Sponsored by the Women's Ministry and BCC, the afternoon will be a time of fun and fellowship. Mothers bring your daughters; daughters bring your moms! We will enjoy tea and baked goods while making a teacup flower arrangement for you to enjoy yourself or give to a special someone in your life! Please feel free to dress in festive attire and/or in your best spring bonnet! Cost will be \$10.00 each

RSVP to Dolly McIlvaine - [mciltopsfield@comcast.net](mailto:mciltopsfield@comcast.net) by April 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Checks can be made out to the Congregational Church of Topsfield with a note in the memo line – "Women's Tea"

## 15TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONCERT

April 18, 2024 – 7pm | Trinity Episcopal Church  
124 River Road, Topsfield, MA 01983

### PARTICIPATING CHOIRS:

Mwinda Congolese Choir • Philippine Choir • Cameroon Choir  
Sikh, Westborough Gurdwara • Soloist Laura Proctor

Admission:  
\$25 online or at the door  
Refugee Immigration Ministry:  
6 Pleasant St., Suite 227, Malden, MA  
Phone: (781) 322-1011  
Website: [www.r-i-m.net](http://www.r-i-m.net)



**Northeast Association  
Women's Fellowship of the Southern New England  
Conference of the United Church of Christ**

**Spring Meeting**  
Wednesday, April 24, 2024  
9:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Groveland Congregational Church**  
4 King Street  
Groveland, MA 01834

<b>Registration</b>	9:30 a.m. with coffee, tea and pastries
<b>Program Speaker</b>	Dr. Janice Crognale, missionary to Kenya from World Gospel Mission
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Reverend Donna Spencer Collins, Groveland Congregational Church
<b>Luncheon and Program</b>	\$10.00 per person
<b>Reservations</b>	Please call Jen at 978-372-3463 with your anticipated attendees by <b>Monday, April 22, 2024.</b>

*An offering will be received for the Crognale's ministry in Kenya, World Gospel Mission, for supplies and needs in the Tenwick Hospital they serve. Come hear all about it!*

*A coin offering will be received in containers on luncheon tables which will be given to House of Peace, Ipswich, MA*



**CCOT  
CINCO DE MAYO  
Potluck**

Sunday, May 5th  
Directly after service in  
the Fellowship Hall

**BRING A MEXICAN  
INSPIRED DISH,  
DESSERT OR ANY MAIN DISH  
YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE**

Any questions, contact Nancy Nelson  
at: [nbnelson21@gmail.com](mailto:nbnelson21@gmail.com)



Evening in  
*Paris*

**Celebrating Francie's  
15 year anniversary!**

Thursday, April 25th  
6-8 pm

Join us with our stylist Lisa who will show the 10 classic must-have French wardrobe essentials. Enjoy champagne, chocolate, door prizes & more!



### Coffee Hour Schedule

Please join us for Coffee Hour  
directly after service in the  
Fellowship Hall

#### Dates and Coffee Hour Hosts:

April 21: **Volunteer needed**  
April 28: Hosted by Board of Children  
and Youth  
May 5: Cinco de Mayo Potluck!

If you would like to volunteer for  
upcoming Coffee Hours, please email  
Nancy Nelson  
at: [nbnelson21@gmail.com](mailto:nbnelson21@gmail.com)

Thank you!



**LIFEBRIDGE  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED,  
Starting April 26th!**

It's time to think about cooking and  
serving at Lifebridge this spring and  
summer! **We need volunteers on the  
fourth Friday of every month...dates  
below:**



### Community Service Announcement

Are you interested in learning more  
about dementia and the support

April 26th (with Cathy and John S., need 1 or 2 more people)

May 24th

June 28th

July 26th

August 23rd

We would meet you at the Emerson Center parking lot at 2:30 with all the food and directions. Dinner is served promptly at 5:30 and you would be free to leave by 6:15 or so. The best part is that the staff and guests do all the dishes! Come with your families and friends...a group of 4 is ideal and we can make the meal as easy ( or complex) as you would like. We'd love to have new volunteers! We would, of course, pair you with experienced folks.

Please let either of us know if you'd be able to help out with this important church ministry.

Cathy Szymanski:

[jszymanski8@verizon.net](mailto:jszymanski8@verizon.net)

Sallie Bowling:

[salliebowling@verizon.net](mailto:salliebowling@verizon.net)

Thank you so much!

available for loved ones? If so, Avita of Newburyport, in conjunction with Debbie Kroner from Monarch Care Partners will be hosting a series of free discussions. The sessions are open to the public and will include lunch, but an RSVP is required.

For questions or to register, please email:

[alison@avitaofnewburyport.com](mailto:alison@avitaofnewburyport.com)

May 15th, 2024

When Dementia Happens

What is lost, impaired and retained?

June 12, 2024

How do we do better?

Learn strategies to connect and communicate



### Easter Offering Update: Donations will be accepted through the end of April

This year's Easter offering will be donated to a local non-profit, Community Giving Tree in Boxford.

- Community Giving Tree provides low income families with basic necessities such as clothing, diapers, and baby equipment.
- Community Giving Tree educates student volunteers about local poverty. All volunteers experience the satisfaction of knowing their time will directly help local children.
- Every year Community Giving Tree distributes basic necessities to more than 15,000 children in northeastern Massachusetts.

**TOPSFIELD TOWN CLEAN-UP DAY**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024**

Clean-Up booth 10-11:30  
Earth Day booths / activities 11-12:30  
**Join us outside Town Hall!**

- Earn a golden ticket for a free cookie from Zumi's
- Electric Vehicle and yard equipment showcase
- Masco Envi-Club Fun
- CLEAResult tips (Mass Save)
- Unpacked Living
- Planting Seeds
- Recycling Best-Practices
- Curbside Composting Info
- Native Plants and Lawns
- Invasive Species Info
- Save Topsfield Wildlife
- Citizen's Climate Lobby
- Beekeeper Nora Neal
- Police Canine Aster

Thank you to the support of the Sustainability Advisory Committee and the businesses below.



Women's Ministry

# JACKSON CARRUTHERS



## PIANO RECITAL

FEATURING MUSIC BY  
BACH, CLEMENTI, BEETHOVEN,  
LISZT, PROKOFIEV, AND JOPLIN

Saturday, April 27  
3:00 PM

Meetinghouse  
Congregational Church  
of Topsfield

Free Admission

Calling all women organizers!!! If you are interested in helping to plan and develop future programs for the newly revived Women's Ministry such as women's breakfasts, retreats, social gatherings, book studies, educational opportunities etc. please reach out to Dolly McIlvaine at: [mciltopsfield@comcast.net](mailto:mciltopsfield@comcast.net)

The time commitment can be as little or as much as you would like as we work to provide interesting and fun opportunities to connect with other women in fellowship.



### Annual Emerson Center Yard Cleanup – April 27<sup>th</sup> Volunteers Needed!

The CCot Trustees are asking you if you can come help with the annual Emerson Center yard cleanup on **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9am–4pm.**

We hope to do an extensive cleanup this year, particularly around the South Lawn, and need many willing hands to get this done. This year we have help offered from the community to haul away leaves, brush, branches and even logs for a really great clean up.

But it takes hands, and tools – particularly rakes, clippers and tarps. Come and spend the day, or a few hours – whatever your schedule allows. We will have coffee, donuts and water available all day. See you on the 27<sup>th</sup>!



### 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



## SCOUT YARD SALE

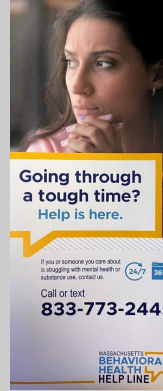
Donation Drop-Off Dates:  
April 27th and May 4th

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Topsfield Scout Troop 81 will have its annual Yard Sale and Plant & Shrub Sale on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> on the Topsfield Common from 8:30AM to 2:00PM.

Donations will be accepted from Topsfield, Boxford and Middleton residents on **Saturday, April 27** and **Saturday, May 4** from 9:00AM – 3:00PM in the Emerson Center parking lot.

All items should be fully functional, cleaned, with no mold or mildew, and in saleable condition. Items accepted include kitchen goods, household items, cloth & apparel, furniture, sports equipment, toys, tools, and books. Please note that NO particle board furniture, oversize or sleep sofas, mattresses, large appliances, gas grills or tanks, TVs/monitors, exercise machines, tires, car seats, encyclopedias/magazines, pillows, stuffed animals, or suitcases will be accepted. Learn more [here](#).

For more info visit:  
Troop81Topsfield.com or  
contact: [troop81web@gmail.com](mailto:troop81web@gmail.com).



## The Massachusetts Behavioral Health Help Line

Learn more [here](#).

## Parish Care Ministry

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



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Southern New England  
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OF CHRIST  
a just world for all

UCC  
Newsletter  
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**CCOT  
INTERGENERATIONAL  
FAMILY WORSHIP  
SERVICE**

**SUNDAY  
APRIL 28TH AT 9:30AM  
IN THE  
EMERSON CENTER  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Please join us for our first Intergenerational  
Family Worship + Gathering Time.  
Bring a guest or several, all are welcome!

**9:00am**

Munchkins, coffee/tea and hot chocolate

**9:30am**

Worship, Rev. Marti Soper

This will be followed by a creative activity  
for our children and youth with Kim Love  
and Christy Redding. Adults may attend  
a separate presentation on the stages  
of faith with Rev. Jack Soper.



**Sunday School Schedule  
Sunday, April 21st**

**(Pre-K-6th Grade)**

Meet with Ms. Julie and Ms. Joyce in  
the Emerson Center Orange Room.

Children will attend the Sunday  
service at 9:30am with their families  
and an announcement will be made  
to meet in the narthex (lobby).

All visitors are welcome to attend!

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