



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, June 26th [here](#).



Lemonade/Juice on the Lawn



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*

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

Dates and Volunteers:

June 26th– Alison Hardy

July 3rd– Barb and Jim Barnes

July 10th– Priscilla Renda

July 17th– Susan Gibbons

July 24th– Ellie Losee

Thank you to all of our "Lemonade on the Lawn" volunteers for making this possible!

The Board of Community and Communications



As many of you may know, our fellow church member and dear friend, Dawn Gillberg, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

Relatives and friends will gather in honor of Dawn's life during visiting hours at the Robinson Funeral Home, 809 Main St., Melrose on Friday, June 24 from 4–7pm.

A memorial service will be held at Robinson's on Saturday, June 25 at 11am, followed by a luncheon reception. (See link below)

<https://obits.robinsonfuneralhome.com/obituary/dawn-gillberg>

We offer our prayers, love and sympathy to Eric and daughter, Amber Gillberg as they mourn the passing of Dawn.



RIM Update

Refugee Immigration Ministries (RIM) has a new client family from Haiti who will need various household goods and clothing to become established in their apartment.

If you would like to help out, please view this [link](#) to sign-up.

Thank you!





Calling All Gardeners!

Our community garden is already producing. We delivered in the past two weeks bags of radishes and kale, some parsley and 40 heads of lettuce.

Now is the time for people to step up into the different roles: **watering, weeding, harvesting and delivering.**

Each task takes about one hour. Topsfield has a water ban so watering needs to be finished before 9am or started after 5pm. Deliveries are on Tuesday and Friday morning. Weeding can be done at your leisure. Some tools are provided in a box in the garden.

Just follow the [link](#) and sign up. Let's make this a true community effort! 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.



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



Announcement

It is with great pleasure that the Search Committee for a new **Music Director/Organist (MDO)** announces that the church's leadership has secured an employment agreement with **Mr. Jackson Carruthers** who currently works at two churches in Wadsworth, Ohio (Trinity UCC and Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church).

Jackson comes to us with glowing reports as to his musical expertise and personal qualities from his professor of piano performance at Bowling Green State University and his two pastors. The committee has heard him play the organ and is more than satisfied that he will be excellent at that as well. We are confident that he will serve our congregation very well and look forward to having him join our staff.

Jackson is coming to the Boston area in order to engage in an advanced diploma in performance at the Boston University School of Music. He has committed to being on board no later than August 1st.

We hope that you will join us in enthusiastically welcoming him upon his appearance amongst us!

Many thanks to the members of the Bell Choir and Chancel Choir who gave of their time in auditioning the candidates. Their input was most helpful.

John Szymanski, Chair of the Search Committee
Ruth Bortzfield
Rob Hardy
Ed Jelinek
Priscilla Renda
Susan Warner
(and Martin Riekert who worked with us until starting his sabbatical)

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 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

View the Prayer listing [page](#) and June birthday [page](#).



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Free COVID-19 Test Kits

Residents can order free COVID-19 tests

from the federal government by visiting [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov). In this round, the U.S. Postal Service will deliver eight free rapid antigen tests to any household in the U.S. that wants them, according to the website.

