



The Congregational Church of Topsfield InSpire Weekly News & Updates

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Sunday Morning
Join us for our
FIRST
Intergenerational
Family Service,
Sunday, April
28th at 9:30am in

the **Emerson
Center Fellowship Hall**. Coffee Hour
will take place at 9:00am.

Please note: For this first service only,
we will not be broadcasting on Zoom
or Community TV and all material will
be displayed on the screen. Hope to
have you join us in person on the
28th!

CCOT
CINCO DE MAYO
Potluck

Sunday, May 5th
Directly after srvice 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





Ralph Minard Titus

August 30, 1931 ~ April 20, 2024

Our prayers of love and sympathy are extended to all the family and friends of Ralph, who passed away on Saturday, April 20th.

Calling hours will be held at the F.S. Roberts and Son Funeral Home, 14 Independent Street, Rowley, MA. on Sunday, April 28, 2024 from 3:00-5:00p.m.

Funeral Service will be held at the Topsfield Congregational Church on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 10:00a.m. The service will also be broadcasted on Zoom. Zoom Link [here](#).

Internment will be at Pine Grove Cemetery, Topsfield, followed by a Collation at the Church's Emerson Center, Fellowship Hall, 9 East Common Street, Topsfield. The Obituary can be read [here](#).

~The flowers that will be on display in the Fellowship Hall for the service on Sunday, April 28th, are given in loving memory of Ralph.



SCOUT YARD SALE

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

May 11th – Topsfield Scout Troop 81 will have its annual Yard Sale and Plant & Shrub Sale on Saturday, May 11th 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.

Tonight!

**Francie's Boutique Event with
Leslie Voss
Downtown Topsfield**



Coffee Hour Schedule

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

Dates and Coffee Hour Hosts:

April 28: Hosted by Board of Children and Youth

May 5: Cinco de Mayo Potluck!

May 12: **Volunteers needed**



May 19th: **Volunteers needed**
 May 26: Holiday weekend, no Coffee Hour

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

Thank you!



Community Service Announcement

Are you interested in learning more about dementia and the support 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

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



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:**

- 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:



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

jszymanski8@verizon.net
Sallie Bowling:
salliebowling@verizon.net

Thank you so much!



Annual Emerson Center Yard Cleanup – April 27th Volunteers Needed!

The CCoT Trustees are asking you if you can come help with the annual Emerson Center yard cleanup on **Saturday, April 27th, 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 27th!

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 Composing 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.

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.



Women's Ministry

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

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.



CCT Masking Policy

Preserving the Health of the Congregation During Worship

Masking at worship remains voluntary. Worshipers 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.

JACKSON CARRUTHERS



PIANO RECITAL

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

Saturday, April 27
3:00 PM

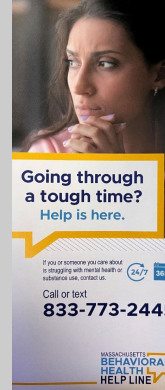
Meetinghouse
Congregational Church
of Topsfield

Free Admission

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](#).

We are so excited for our First Intergenerational Family Service on Sunday! In preparation for Sunday, please visit [here](#) to listen to the "Welcome Song" that we will sing together along with the lyrics [here](#).

Hope to see you Sunday!

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.

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

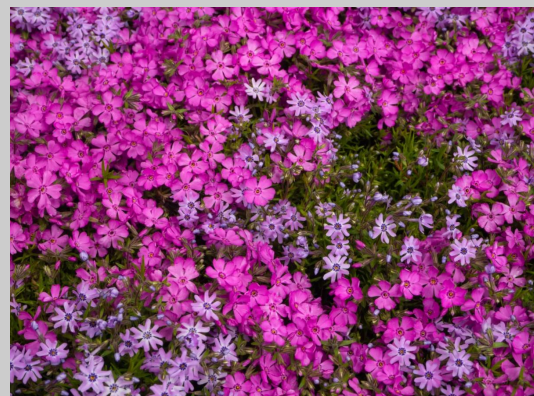


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Sunday School Schedule Sunday, April 28th

There will be no Sunday School on the 28th, as we will be having our first Intergenerational Family Service held that morning in the Emerson Center Fellowship Hall.

Women's Tea and Floral Arrangement
Saturday, May 4th
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 by April 30th.
Checks can be made out to the Congregational Church of Topsfield with a note in the memo line – "Women's Tea"

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