



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
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Lent and Easter Calendar

**Palm Sunday and Confirmation of
Everett Miller and James Love Jr.:**
Sunday, April 13th
9:30am in the Meetinghouse



The Walk **Presented by the Women's Ministry**

Facilitator: **Charlotte Melling**

Date: **April 5th**

Time: **9:15am**

(Breakfast will be served)

Following breakfast will be a discussion focusing on a spiritual practice to help us during these times of stress and uncertainty. Time will be given for your own walk or for a time of solitude.

All women of the church are invited to join in fellowship for breakfast as we learn more about the spiritual practice of creating contemplative space in our lives.

RSVP:

Email Dolly McIlvaine at:
mciltopsfield@comcast.net
by March 31st

Maundy Thursday Service:
Thursday, April 17th
7:00pm in the Meetinghouse

Easter Sunday–Sunrise Service:
Sunday, April 20th
6:00am Sunrise Service at:
Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
(87 Perkins Row, Topsfield)

Easter Service:
Sunday, April 20th
9:30am in the Meetinghouse
Easter Egg Hunt After Service:
In front of the Meetinghouse Church
Lawn
~All children and youth invited!



Dear friends,

By March 15th, the Church must make a decision about continuing to operate our restaurant at the Topsfield Fair that will take place from October 3rd – 13th.

If you are interested in volunteering at the fair booth this October, please see the jobs listed in Google link below and write in your name and how many shifts you would be able to volunteer for. Please also consider asking friends and family members to work at the fair booth and enter their names too. (The slots will expand as names are added in.) This form is **not** the official sign-up sheet, but a form to help us determine if it will be possible for the CCoT fair booth to continue this year.

(All responses will be automatically recorded and emailed to the office for our records.)

More detail regarding our request: Learn more about our Fair Booth for 2025.
Click [Here](#)

Volunteer jobs at the CCoT Fair Booth: Learn more about the roles and help needed at the Fair Booth.
Click [Here](#)



Masco 7th Grade Winter Dance Was a Huge Success!

There are SO many fabulous folks to thank for making the night fun, festive and fabulous for 180 students!

We are grateful to the Congregational Church of Topsfield for providing the event space and to their Board of Mission and Outreach for sponsoring the dinner buffet.

We are grateful to Richardson's Dairy for providing gallons of ice cream for the sundae bar, which was a big hit!

Thank you to the 20 chaperones who shared their Friday evening with us. The chaperones were 7th grade parents/caregivers, church members, and Tri-Town Council board members.

Big thank you to Alex Wiktorowski for beautifully transforming the Emerson event hall with the winter decor, twinkling lights, balloons and festive decorations.

Thank you to church member Werner Griesshammer for loaning us party lights and A/V equipment and for DJing and bringing his love of music to the space.

Our best,
Meredith Shaw (TTC)
and Kim Love (CCoT)

Fair Booth Sign Up Link:
(Most important!) Please enter your name and the number of days you would be able to commit to for each/any role. Click [Here](#)

Thank you!



Sunday School Schedule Sunday, March 9th

(Pre-K–6th Grade)

Meet with Ms. Julie and Ms. Joyce in the Emerson Center Orange Sunday School 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!

The poster for the CCoT Intergenerational Family Worship Service features a background of golden wheat stalks. The text is centered and reads:

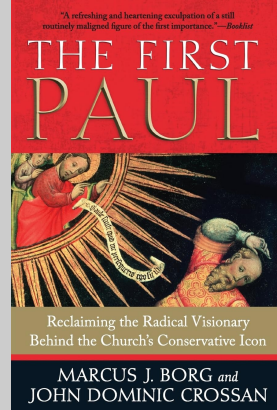
**CCOT
INTERGENERATIONAL
FAMILY WORSHIP
SERVICE**

**SUNDAY
MARCH 16TH AT 9:30AM
IN THE
EMERSON CENTER
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

9:00am
Coffee Hour

9:30am
Worship Begins
Message led by Rasheed Townes,
Music by Rev. Jamie Green
Klopotoski and her saxophone
band and CCoT Choir members

Hope to have you join us
for this special day!!



The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon

by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan

For our next Adult Education offering we will meet in person after our Sunday worship service in the Parlor of the Emerson Center. The book focuses on the apostle Paul. The following outline and proposed schedule for our study provides an appetizer. Please order your own copy of the book.

Scheduling of studies following worship services:

3/9 (1st Lent)

Chapter 3: The Life of a Long-Distance Apostle

3/16 (2nd Lent)

Chapter 4: "Jesus is Lord"
(IG Family Service)

3/23 (3rd Lent)

Chapter 5: "Christ Crucified"

3/30 (4th Lent)

Chapter 6: "Justification by Grace through Faith"

4/6 (5th Lent)

Chapter 7: "Life Together "in Christ"

4/13

Epilogue: The Death of an Apostle
(Palm Sunday & Confirmation Sunday)

Please let Jim Barnes or Martin know if you want to participate and order your own copy of the book. If you have any questions, difficulty ordering it, or cannot afford it, please let Martin know.

Board of Deacons and Martin

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Crane Beach

Sunday, March 23rd 12:30PM

Free Parking!

Be a swimmer, a sponsor
or be there to cheer on our brave volunteers!

Please contact Kim Love
to sign up:

kimlove@topsfeldchurch.org

If you would like to donate,
please mail checks to:
Topsfield Congregational Church

Memo: "Icy Cold Dip"



Coffee Fellowship

March 9: Katie Townes

March 16: Intergenerational Family Service

March 23: Dolly McIlvaine and Kim Itz

Coffee Fellowship Sign Ups Take on a New Look!

As promised, the Board of Community and Communications will be rolling out a new and improved method to allow for easy sign ups for coffee hour. As we continue to try and build community, we appreciate everyone's help in chipping in to make coffee hour a meaningful time of connection for us all.

To access the sign up sheet, please use the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45A4AE28ABFFCF8-54510847-coffee#/>

As you can read in the description on the web page, you can sign up to host coffee/tea, snacks or both. Everyone is encouraged to sign up with a friend to make the load a bit easier. Please be specific in the comments of what



CCT Masking Policy

Preserving the Health of the Congregation During Worship

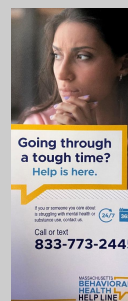
Masking at worship remains voluntary. Worshippers are always welcome to wear a mask.

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



The Massachusetts Behavioral Health Help Line

Learn more [here](#)

Parish Care Ministry

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



SNEUCC—
Southern New England
Conference—UCC [page](#)

you will bring for food. If you sign up, it's important to stay for clean up. Members of the Board of Community and Communications will be happy to offer individualized and/or group tutorials on the coffee maker, set up and clean up, including operating the dishwasher!

Please also note that there will be no coffee hour offered on select Sundays falling on holiday weekends.

Please consider signing up for a slot or two so that coffee hour and fellowship can continue!

Many thanks,
Members of the Board of Community and Communications



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