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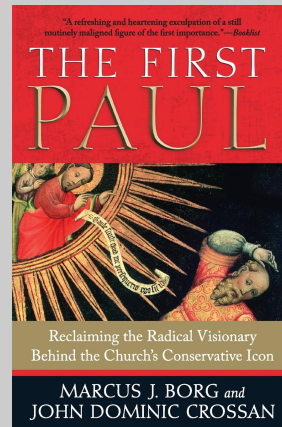
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Sunday Morning
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*The First Paul: Reclaiming the
Radical Visionary Behind the
Church's Conservative Icon*
by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan

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



**CCoT Annual Meeting
This Sunday, February 2nd**

The Annual Business Meeting will be

held this Sunday, February 2nd in the Meetinghouse, immediately following the 9:30am Sunday service. Thus it is important to return your pledge cards as soon as possible before that date.

Please Note:

All church members are strongly encouraged to attend. If you watch our services via Community TV, we ask that you please attend in person or via Zoom to assure we have a full quorum present of at least 50 members or more.

Thank you,
Steve Whelan, Moderator



Sunday School Schedule Sunday, February 2

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

Pizza and drinks will be provided in the Fellowship Hall for children and youth, while parents attend the Annual Meeting.

Thank you!



Coffee Fellowship

February 2: Annual Meeting, BCC hosting

February 9: Host Needed

February 23: Meg Moran hosting

(See Coffee Fellowship link below to sign-up.)

Thank you!

appetizer. Please order your own copy of the book.

Scheduling of studies following worship services:

2/16

Chapter 1: Paul: Appealing or Appalling?

2/23

Chapter 2: How to Read a Pauline Letter

3/2

Chapter 3: The Life of a Long-Distance Apostle

3/9 (1st Lent)

Chapter 4: "Jesus is Lord"

3/16 (2nd Lent)

Chapter 5: "Christ Crucified"
(IG Family Service)

3/23 (3rd Lent)

Chapter 6: "Justification by Grace through Faith"

3/30 (4th Lent)

Chapter 7: "Life Together "in Christ"

4/6 (5th Lent)

Epilogue: The Death of an Apostle

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



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.

Beginning with sign ups for February 9th, we will be using *Sign Up Genius*. To access the sign up sheet, please use the following link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45A4AE28ABFFCF8-54510847-coffee#/>

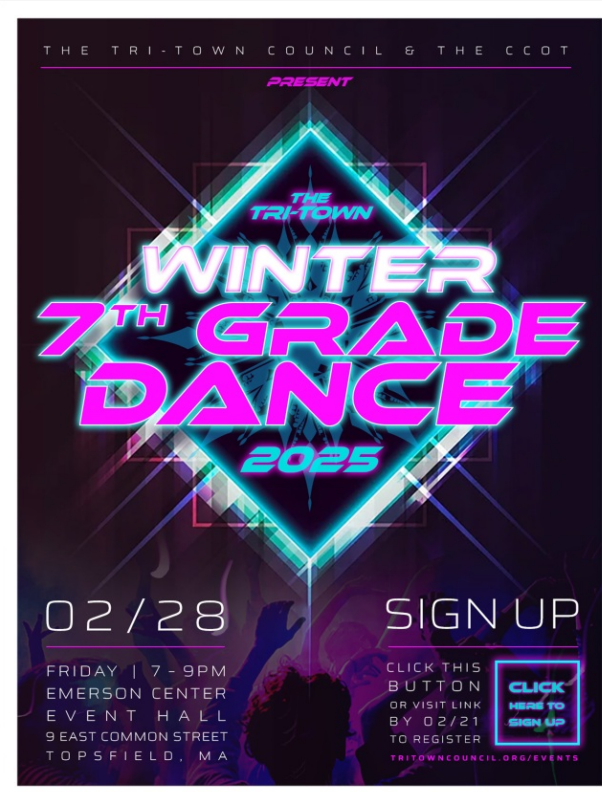
As you can read in the description on the web page, you can sign up to host coffee/tea, snacks or both. Everyone is encouraged to sign up with a friend to make the load a bit easier. Please be specific in the comments of what you will bring for food. If you sign up, it's important to stay for clean up. 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. For example, there will be no coffee hour on February 16th leading up to President's Day.

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



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.

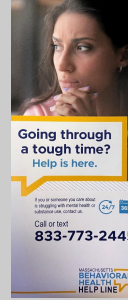
Sincerely,
The Board of Deacons



CCoT Social Media Updates

The Congregational Church of Topsfield's Instagram account (@congregationaltopsfield) is growing steadily, boasting 177 followers. Over the past 90 days, we've reached an impressive 2.5K accounts, with 96% of them being non-followers, showcasing our ability to connect with new audiences. During this time, we've also had 173 profile visits and 22 website redirects, demonstrating that our content is engaging and driving meaningful interactions. To continue this growth, we must occasionally boost posts into ads to extend our reach further and invite more people into our vibrant community.

Also, we are reaching 500+ users per month between the CCoT Facebook page and posts by CCoT on other pages. Together, we can share our mission, values, and events with an even broader audience!



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