



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](#)
Sunday's bulletin [here](#)



SCOUT YARD SALE – May 10th 8:30AM to 2:00PM

Topsfield Scout Troop 81 will have its annual Yard Sale and Plant & Shrub Sale on Saturday, May 10th on the Topsfield Common from 8:30AM to 2:00PM.

Donations will be accepted from Topsfield, Boxford and Middleton residents on Saturday, April 26 and Saturday, May 3 from 9:00AM – 2:00PM in the Emerson Center parking lot.

All items should be fully functional, cleaned, with no mold or mildew, and in saleable condition. Items accepted



Lent and Easter Calendar

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

Maundy Thursday Service:
Thursday, April 17th
7:00pm in the Meetinghouse
(will not be broadcasted via Zoom or

Community T.V.)

Good Friday Concert:

Friday, April 18th
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!



**Sunday School Schedule
Sunday, April 13th**

There will be no Sunday School on the 13th, as we will all join the service together to celebrate our new Confirmands.



**Spring Service Sunday
Sunday, April 13th
Help Needed to pack Easter bags
this Sunday!**

This year for our Spring Service Sunday, the Board of World Missions has an Intergenerational Service Project. This Project is to fill Easter Bags for Incarcerated Youth on the North Shore. These Youth are part of one of our Mission Partners work.

The Easter bags will be assembled on Palm Sunday after worship in the Fellowship Hall and distributed before Easter to Youth on the North Shore at either the Middleton or Lawrence facility.

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.

For more info visit
Troop81Topsfield.com or contact us at: troop81web@gmail.com.



Coffee Fellowship

April 13: Ellie and Walt Losee & Doug Wills

April 20: Easter coffee in the narthex and Easter Egg Hunt on the Meetinghouse church lawn after service

~Thank you to everyone who signed up to host Coffee Fellowship this Spring. We are all set through Easter, April 20th!

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: [Here](#)

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,

Straight Ahead Ministries has been supporting incarcerated Youth since the mid 80's and is known around the country as a tried and true organization that can truly make an impact with Youth that are a part of the Criminal Justice system.

The Board would like to thank the Congregation for their continued support of our Mission Partners!



Easter Plant Orders!!
Order your plant now
until April 13th

Please help glorify our Easter Sunday worship service with colorful, springtime Easter plants by placing an order. The cost of tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths are \$10 each and the cost of Lilies is \$12 each. Learn more [here](#).

Please feel free to contact Ruth Bortzfield at: ruthbortzfield@gmail.com if you have any questions.

JACKSON CARRUTHERS

A SPECIAL CONCERT OF CONTEMPLATIVE PIANO MUSIC

Good Friday, April 18th 2025

Congregational Church of Topsfield Meetinghouse

7:00 P.M. | Free Admission

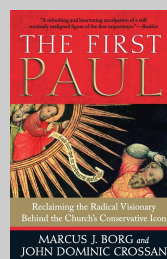
In the spirit of Holy Week, CCoT Music Director and Organist Jackson Carruthers will present a program of reflective music by Franz Schubert and Franz Liszt. The concert will include Schubert's Sonata in G Major, Op. 78, as well as Liszt's *Les jeux d'eau à la Villa d'Este*. Please join us for this unique musical journey!

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



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:

4/13
Epilogue: The Death of an Apostle
(Palm Sunday & Confirmation Sunday)

Board of Deacons and Martin





Mental Health **FIRST AID**
from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

LEARN HOW TO SUPPORT THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adolescents ages 12-18. You'll build skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to young people who are struggling. You'll also learn how to help connect them to appropriate support.

Join the more than

2.6 MILLION

First Aiders who have chosen to be the difference in their community.

Learn how to respond with the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan (ALICE):

- A**ssess for risk of suicide or harm.
- L**isten nonjudgmentally.
- C**are reassurance and information.
- E**ncourage appropriate professional help.
- I**ncourage self-help and other support strategies.

AFTER THE COURSE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO:

- Recognize common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges, including anxiety, depression, eating disorders and attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD).
- Recognize common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
- Understand how to interact with a young person in crisis.
- Know how to connect a young person with help.
- Better understand trauma, substance use, self-care and the impact of social media and bullying.

Scan the QR code to register or go to tritowncouncil.org/events



Questions? Contact Meredith Shaw at: mshaw@tritowncouncil.org

Register today for this FREE 2 day in-person training!*

DATE: April 29 - 30th (must attend both days)

TIME: 9 - 1PM

LOCATION: Trinity Episcopal Church, 124 River Rd. Topsfield

INSTRUCTORS: Windi Bowditch & Erin Clasby, Northshore Education Consortium

*Training qualifies for 8 PDP's through Northshore Education Consortium. Please note: Must attend both sessions to qualify for PDP's and to receive a Youth Mental Health First Aid training certificate.

Youth Mental Health First Aid training is generously funded by the Town of Boxford's Opioid Abatement Settlement and van Otterloo Family Foundation.



CCoT Spring Clean-Up Saturday, May 3rd!

A "Spring Clean-up Day" has been scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd 9am-11am rain or shine.

Grab your rakes and work gloves and join the members of Boy Scout Troop 81 to clean up the grounds of the Emerson Center.

Any questions and to sign up, please contact Susie Read at: buildingandgrounds@topsfildchurch.org



Donate to Community Giving Tree to honor or remember a special mom this Mother's Day!

CCT Masking Policy

Preserving the Health of the Congregation During Worship

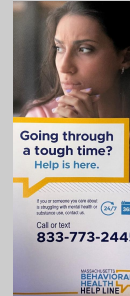
Masking at worship remains voluntary. Worshipers are always welcome to wear a mask.

Careful hand washing or use of hand sanitizers is effective in preventing the spread of and acquisition of disease.

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 April birthday [page](#)



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Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11th.
Donate \$25 to Community Giving Tree
and a personalized Mother's Day card
will be sent to a special mother that
you wish to honor. The proceeds will
help provide diapers, clothing and
baby supplies to moms in need in the
North Shore area. Click [here](#) to order
your card(s).



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