



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 bulletin [here](#).



Save the Date!
Homecoming Sunday
September 8th, 9:30am

Potluck to follow service,

SUMMER Office Hours

Emerson Center Office Update

The Emerson Center office will be closed on Fridays for the summer, beginning Friday, June 21st through Friday, August 30th.

The following office hours will be:
Monday–Thursday, 10am–1pm.

Thank you!



Sunday School Update

(Pre–K–12th grade)

Sunday School will be on break starting Sunday, June 16th and will resume on Sunday, September 15th.



Back to School Blessing of the Backpacks

We had such a special Blessing of the Backpacks service on Sunday, August 25th! It was so great to see the children and youth with their colorful backpacks and hearing all the many feelings about going back to school.

inside the Fellowship Hall.

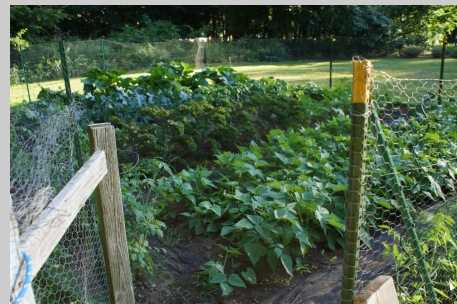
Potluck Dessert Buffet Table
in place of Pie contest!



Special Thanks to Recent Contributors to the Flower Fund

Your contributions, along with recent dedications, are making it possible to continue with flowers at every Sunday worship.

Sincerely, Board of Deacons



Community Garden Sign-Up

The vegetable garden next to the Emerson Center has been planted and with the warm weather and enough rain everything is growing well. We already delivered plenty of radishes, lettuce and kale to 'Haven From Hunger' in Peabody.

If you would like to help there is a task for everyone. We need every week for people to water, weed, harvest and deliver.

Please sign up online [here](#).

Every task takes about one hour. I'm always available for questions and would love to show you around in the garden!

Thank you to Charlie McIlvaine, who after 16 years in our church community, will be heading off to college! We're so excited for him.

We're looking forward to seeing all the children and youth on September 15th for our first day back to Sunday School.
See you all soon!

Kim Love
Director of Children and Youth Ministries



Topsfield Fair 2024

We are already planning for our church fair booth for October 4th through October 14th, and we hope that you will sign up to for a shift or two.

Our proceeds from the fair pay for 70% of donations to our Mission Partners, and working a shift at the fair provides an opportunity for a fun time with some wonderful people. If you have not participated before, check out recent Spire articles for descriptions of jobs. If you have joined us in the past, thanks for your help, and we hope to see you again this year. To sign up, use link [here](#).

Any questions? Contact Joe Gibbons or Charlie Itz at:
fairbooth@topsfieldchurch.org

Thank you!

Conny Griesshammer:
communitygarden@topsfieldchurch.org



Thank You From the Collation Committee!

We are so grateful for all of the empty food storage containers that were donated! Thanks to you all, we have a big supply to work with for our collation take home meals.

Thank you!
Collation Committee



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

Volunteer for the Fair!

Please consider working a shift or more at the Topsfield Fair in October. The Dining Room shift is a good one for young people as well as adults. **Note that all volunteers receive free admission and parking tickets, and most shifts are only four hours, leaving time to take in other fair events.**

Grill



Cook hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. Hamburgers may be ordered with cheese and/or green peppers.

Training: On the job. Anyone who can cook on an outdoor barbeque grill will find this to be straightforward.



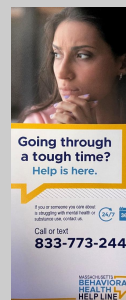
CCT Fair Booth Shift Challenge

The Women's Ministry would like to challenge all groups within our community to try and fill as many shifts at the church fair booth as possible! Pick a day and work side by side with friends. This is a wonderful way to build community!!! Maybe consider inviting friends and neighbors who aren't members of the church. This is a great way for people to get to know us!

Calling all women of CCoT... The Women's Ministry has chosen October 10th as our day. Anyone, particularly women, who would like to join us on the 10th, please connect with Joe Gibbons to see what shifts are still available.

Calling on other groups, i.e. the men of the church, the youth of the church, the retirees of the church... pick a day that will work for you to all work together?

Let's get these shifts filled!



The Massachusetts Behavioral Health Help Line

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Parish Care Ministry

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



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Thank you!



Coffee Fellowship Update

Hello Everyone!! We hope you all had a wonderful Summer and are still enjoying the month of August. September is going to be a busy welcoming month with an emphasis on family & community. Let's have a look at what is coming up....

September 1: Labor Day Weekend
September 8: HOMECOMING Potluck
September 15: Baptisms & Reception of New Members (CF Hosts Needed!)
September 22: CF Hosts Needed
September 29: BCC will host (Intergenerational Family Sunday Service)

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

Thank you!

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