



The Congregational Church of Topsfield InSpire Weekly News & Updates

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Sunday Morning

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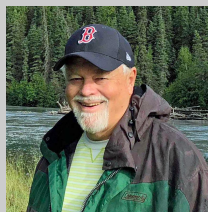
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Service [here](#)
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Thank You!

The Board of Community and Communications along with the Women's Ministry and Lazarus House Ministries want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the Women's Breakfast last Saturday. We had 26 women attending and we learned about the vast array of continuum support services available for some of the neediest residents of our state.

The participants were incredibly generous as Lazarus House Ministries received over \$700 in cash donations and over a car full of gently used clothing, food and personal items! We also heard from Mary Jelinek about the need to sew bibs for another one of our mission partners, The Community



Some mid-week thoughts from Dave

Dear Sisters and Brother in Christ:

Remember HOMECOMING SUNDAY is almost here ... on September 14 with worship at 9:30 a.m. So, let's do some reflection on what it means to be a

child. There was once a little girl who desperately needed an emergency blood transfusion to save her life. Her only chance of surviving would be to get a transfusion from her younger brother, who had miraculously overcome the same disease she had, and therefore had antibodies in his blood that were needed to fight the illness. The doctor explained to the little boy that it would save his sister's life if he were to give her his blood. The boy hesitated for a moment before agreeing to give his blood if it would help his sister. At the age of 5, this was scary, but he would do anything to save his big sister's life. Click [HERE](#) to read more.



Sunday School Classes will Resume on September 21st 9:30am

Please contact the Church office if you would like to learn more about our Sunday School program.
office@topsfeldchurch.org



Sign Up for the Fair Booth!

Go to topsfeldchurch.org or click [HERE](#) to see available jobs and shifts to fit your schedule.

Help us make the 2025 Fair Booth a success!

Giving Tree and several women stepped up expressing an interest in making bibs! Also, we want to extend a special thank you to Mike Ieradi and our magnificent AV Team, who helped us on the technical side. Overall, a wonderful morning of fun, fellowship and giving!

CCOT INTERGENERATIONAL FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE

**SUNDAY
SEPT. 28TH AT
9:30AM
IN THE
EMERSON CENTER
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Come join us for some lively band music, an interactive sermon, fellowship and coffee hour!!



Pastor's Bible Study for the Fall Season ... The Message of the Beatitudes

Dr. Van Arsdale will be leading a class on four **Sunday Mornings from 11:00—12:00 noon (beginning on October 19th in the Emerson Center Parlor)** on The Message of the Beatitudes. The Class will include the reading of the text in Matthew 5, along with additional readings as we reflect on these most meaningful teachings of Jesus. We will seek to connect the messages of the Beatitudes with our every day lives. What did Jesus try to say using the beautiful phrases that all begin with "Blessed ...?" What might those teachings say to us in our lives and in our age. Come join in some great fellowship as we explore the deeper meanings of the scriptures.

CCOT HOMECOMING

Sunday, September 14th

- Service in the Meetinghouse at 9:30am
- Blessing of the backpacks
- Potluck brunch at the Fellowship Hall immediately following service
- Bouncy house on the Fellowship Hall South Lawn
- Come join us, all are welcome!



Lemonade on the Lawn "LOL"

September 7: Last "LOL" – Leslie Voss hosting

September 14: Homecoming and Brunch Potluck

Please email Nancy Nelson to sign up: nbnelson21@gmail.com

Many thanks,
Members of the Board of Community and Communications

Welcome Homecoming Potluck
Sunday, September 14th
Emerson Center Fellowship Hall

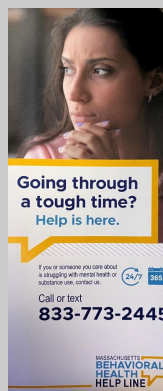


Please join us on Sunday, September 14th for our annual
Welcome Homecoming Potluck!

Church Service will be at 9:30am, with Potluck immediately following in the Fellowship Hall. Share your favorite recipe or try a new one! Brunch is on the menu and all and any dishes are welcome!

We'll be on hand in the EC Kitchen to accept all items starting at 8:30am. Let us know if the dish needs to be warmed or refrigerated and please label food with it's ingredients and allergens as necessary.

Thank you and hope to have you join us, all are welcome!



The Massachusetts Behavioral Health Help Line

Learn more [here](#)



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Buildings and Grounds Update

Completed projects:

- All required annual inspections for both the Meetinghouse and EC
- cleaning of the EC carpeting
- A new cement apron installed at rear entrance to EC
- Necessary parking lot asphalt repairs
- Pressure Washing EC exterior
- Ongoing basement clean-ups with volunteer labor

Parish Care Ministry

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



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Speaking of volunteer labor... if anyone is willing to donate a few hours of their time this fall to help with EC maintenance, please email our Church Caretaker, John Arathuzik at: johnarathuzik@gmail.com.



John would love the help! He has a variety of maintenance work currently pending: skilled and unskilled.

Skilled: Wood and cement repairs, scraping/sanding/painting.

Unskilled: cleaning out/reorganizing storage areas

Please give John and the Emerson Center a needed hand!
Thanks so much!

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