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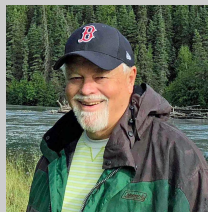
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### Sunday Morning

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and in person.  
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### Some mid-week thoughts from Dave

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Faith:

Now here is a challenge. Imagine you had a bank account that deposited \$86,400 each morning. The account

Congregational Church of Topsfield

Fair booth Worker  
Illustrated Orientation Guidebook

#### Fair Booth Volunteers

Please plan ahead for your shift at the fair. Check out your position guide in the Orientation Guide Book which you may access [HERE](#). We appreciate your volunteering and arriving prepared.

Thanks from the Fair Booth Committee!

carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every dollar each day! We all have such a bank. Its name is TIME. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever TIME you have failed to use wisely. It carries over no balance from day to day. It allows no overdraft so you can't borrow against yourself or use more TIME than you have. Each day, the account starts fresh. Each night, it destroys an unused TIME. Click [here](#) to read more.

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### Pastoral Church Committee Update!

I am excited to introduce you to our Candidate for the position of Pastor at the Congregational Church of Topsfield.

Rev Kate (Kathleen) Dalton's work life started as an Electrical Engineer with the Otis Elevator company in 1999. Over the years she worked in Farmington, Boston and San Francisco in different managing positions. She received her Masters of Divinity degree in 2005 from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA. In her latest church, the First Parish Congregational Church in Yarmouth, ME she served first as Associate and then as Senior Pastor.

Kate says that she is passionate about "... exploring how our churches can engage multiple generations in the



### RIM Potluck Dinner Saturday, October 18th 5:30-8:30pm

Come join our RIM potluck dinner sponsored by the Board of Mission and Outreach. People can sign up using link [here](#) or the QR code above. Any questions, contact Cathy Imboden at: [cbimboden@gmail.com](mailto:cbimboden@gmail.com).

Hope to have you join us!

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important work of our faith and impact the world around us". She is creative and likes using both traditional practices and modern services with more opportunity for participation. Her sermons relate to our culture and the world around us. One of her references said "Kate is a great candidate for a church open to new ideas, is eager to stretch, grow, be inclusive and wants to have fun".

Kate, her wife Nora, their twin sons Russell and Nate, and their whoodle Millie currently live in Portland, ME. They are in the process of finding a living space in a more urban environment here in Essex County.

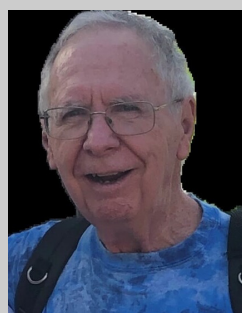
I urge you all to come to her Candidating Sunday on October 19, 2025. Rev Dalton will be preaching and right after the service there will be a business meeting to vote on calling her as the next Pastor of The Congregational Church of Topsfield.

~Werner Griesshammer  
(Chair of the Pastoral Search Committee)



**Thank you!**

Special thanks to Rev. Marti and Rev. Jack Soper for sharing their stories of ministry among the Indigenous Maya of Guatemala during coffee hour on September 21st.



## Lost and Found!

A beaded bracelet was found outdoors by the Emerson Center building. If this is yours, please contact the church office.

Thank you!



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

Dr. Van Arsdale will be leading a class on **three Sunday Mornings from 11:00—12:00 noon (beginning on October 26th 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.



## Coffee Hour

Oct 5: No CH due to Fair  
Oct 12: No CH due to Fair  
Oct 19: Alison Miller hosting  
Oct 26: Charlotte and Duane Melling hosting

## In Memory of Dennis Heslet

Mr. Dennis L. Heslet, 80 of Topsfield, beloved husband of Phyllis (Rhyno) Heslet, passed away Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at Lahey Medical Center, Burlington following a lengthy illness, surrounded by his family. Obituary can be found [here](#).

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be held at O'Donnell Cremations – Funerals – Celebrations, 167 Maple St., (Rte. 62), DANVERS, on Friday, October 3, 2025 at 11 AM. Expressions of sympathy may be in Dennis's memory to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (MJFF). To share a memory or offer a condolence, please visit: [www.odonnellfuneralservice.com](http://www.odonnellfuneralservice.com).



### Sunday School Sunday, October 5th

#### (Pre-K–6th Grade)

Meet with Ms. Julie in the Emerson Center Orange Sunday School Room.

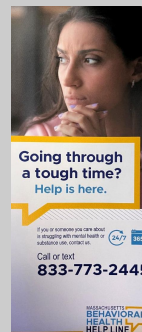
Children will attend the Sunday service at 9:30am with their families and an announcement will be made to meet in the narthex (lobby).

Our nursery room will be opening soon and we will have babysitters staffed in the nursery. Stay tuned!

All visitors are welcome to attend!

Please email Nancy Nelson to sign up: [nbnelson21@gmail.com](mailto:nbnelson21@gmail.com)

Many thanks,  
Members of the Board of Community and Communications



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