



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](#).



Sunday, December 15th
Third Sunday of Advent/Stewardship



Topsfield Congregational Church Christmas Pageant

*Sunday, December 22nd, 4pm
at the Meetinghouse*

Please join us as the true spirit of the Christmas season comes alive on this magical night. Presented by children, youth and adults of our church community, along with special musical guest, Laura Cutler.



Sunday
Service at 9:30am in the Meetinghouse
**Congregational Church of
Topsfield Christmas Concert at
5pm in the Meetinghouse**

Sunday, December 22nd
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Service at 9:30am in the Meetinghouse
**Congregational Church of
Topsfield Christmas Pageant at
4pm in the Meetinghouse**

Tuesday, December 24th
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at
5pm in the Meetinghouse**

Sunday, December 29th
First Sunday after Christmas
Service at 9:30am in the Meetinghouse



December 13th, Last Day To Order Poinsettias!

Please consider purchasing
a plant or two
to enhance our festive
Christmas Decorations,
which takes 80 plants to create.

**The cost is \$12 per plant
and ordering is easy.**

Order deadline is December 13th.
**(Order forms will be included inside
the Sunday bulletins.)**

**To order please contact:
Sandy Whelan**

· **Email your order**
to: sandyw7@verizon.net

or
· **Mail your order to:**
Sandy Whelan, 37 Kinsman Lane,
Topsfield, MA 01983
or

Christmas Pageant Update

**The Christmas Pageant will be on
Zoom as well as on Topsfield
and Boxford Cable TV.
Zoom link [here](#).**



Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24th 5:00PM

We will have readings and carols,
participation by the children and
youth, chancel choir, bell choir, and
conclude with candle lighting. We will
do our best to celebrate and respect
different worship preferences while
creating room for participation for all
ages. The service will also be
broadcasted on Zoom. Let the faithful
come and gather in joyful celebration.



Topsfield Holiday On The Green

The town's yearly tradition of hosting
the Holiday on the Green went great.
Holiday lights and music were magical
and the Meetinghouse had some
wonderful visitors that rang the Paul
Revere Bell. Many thanks to the Masco
students who passed out popcorn
using our festive popcorn bags!

· Fill out the form included in the bulletin and drop it off at the church office.

Please make checks payable to the Congregational Church of Topsfield and memo "Flower Fund".



Poinsettia order details that are needed

- **Your Name** (*as you would like it to appear in the dedication booklet*)
- **Dedication** (in memory, celebration of, etc.) *If left blank, dedication will read "*In celebration of the birth of Jesus.*"
- **Number of Plants**
- **Payment Amount**

(Poinsettias can be picked up after Christmas Eve service or left for shut-ins. If you do not wish to take your poinsettia home, please indicate.)

Thank you!



**Stewardship Sunday
Sunday, December 15th**

This Sunday is "Stewardship Sunday".
Please bring in your pledge cards to service.

Thank you!

**Sunday School Schedule
Sunday, December 15th**

(Pre-K-6th Grade)

Meet with Ms. Julie and Ms. Joyce 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).

All visitors are welcome to attend!



Coffee Fellowship

December 15: Jane Jones and Barbara Merriman

December 22: Jim Barnes

December 29: CF Host Needed

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

Thank you!



CCT Masking Policy

**Preserving the Health of the
Congregation During Worship**

Masking at worship remains

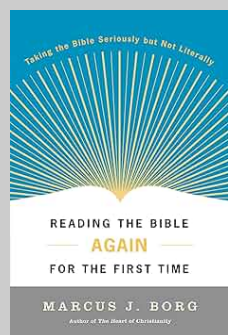


Christmas Concert Update

The Christmas Concert will be on Zoom as well as on Topsfield and Boxford Cable TV. Zoom link [here](#).



Our Christmas offering this year will go to the UCC Christmas Fund that provides direct financial support to those who serve the church and are facing financial difficulties. UCC congregations have been supporting this fund for over 100 years.



Bible Study Group Update

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, December 15th, after the service in the Parlor of the Emerson Center.

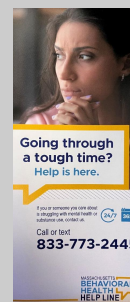
voluntary. Worshippers are always welcome to wear a mask.

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



The Massachusetts Behavioral Health Help Line

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Parish Care Ministry
View the Prayer Listing [page](#) and December birthday [page](#).



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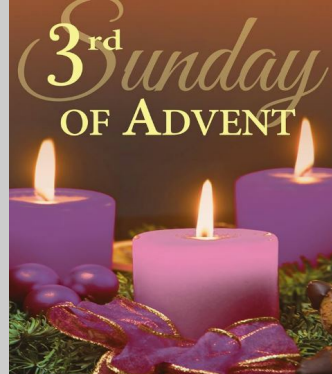


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We will be covering Chapter 10: "Reading Revelation Again" and the "Epilogue", for this conversation. You can still join the group at any time during the study and there are still a couple of books available from Kim Love in the Church Office.

Looking forward to learning with you.
Martin



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