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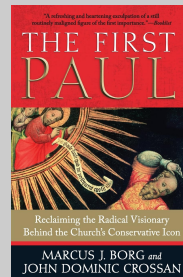
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Sunday Morning
Join us for
worship online
and in person.

View the

Zoom link for the Sunday Service [here](#) and Sunday's bulletin [here](#).



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.



Lent and Easter Calendar

Ash Wednesday:
Wednesday, March 5th
6:30pm in the Emerson Center Chapel

**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

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:
Emerson Center South Lawn
All children and youth invited!



Sunday School Schedule Sunday, February 23

(Pre–K–6th Grade)
Meet with Ms. Julie in the Emerson
Center Orange Sunday School Room.

(7th–12th Grade)
Meet with Ms. Kim to go over to
Zumi's for Sunday School.

Children and youth 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!

**Scheduling of studies following
worship services:**

2/23
Chapter 1: Paul: Appealing or
Appalling?

3/2
Chapter 2: How to Read a Pauline
Letter

3/9 (1st Lent)
Chapter 3: The Life of a Long-
Distance Apostle

3/16 (2nd Lent)
Chapter 4: "Jesus is Lord"
(IG Family Service)

3/23 (3rd Lent)
Chapter 5: "Christ Crucified"

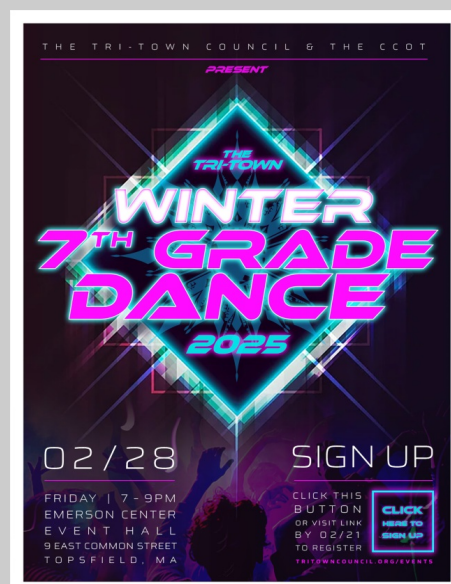
3/30 (4th Lent)
Chapter 6: "Justification by Grace
through Faith"

4/6 (5th Lent)
Chapter 7: "Life Together "in Christ"

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

Please let Jim Barnes or Martin know if
you want to participate and order your
own copy of the book. If you have any
questions, difficulty ordering it, or
cannot afford it, please let Martin
know.

Board of Deacons and Martin





Coffee Fellowship

February 23: Meg Moran and Cathy Imboden hosting

March 2: Host needed

March 9: Host needed

(Email Nancy Nelson to sign up:

nbnelson21@gmail.com

or sign up using the Coffee Fellowship link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45A4AE28ABFFCF8-54510847-coffee#/>

Thank you!



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.

Beginning with sign ups for February 9th, we will be using *Sign Up Genius*. To access the sign up sheet, please use the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45A4AE28ABFFCF8-54510847-coffee#/>

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

Volunteer Chaperones Needed!

If you are interested in being a volunteer chaperone for the 7th Grade dance on February 28th, please email Kim Love at:

kimlove@topsfildchurch.org

Thank you!



Mark Your Calendars...
Our Next Intergenerational Family Service Will Be On March 16th!

(Stay tuned for more information.)



CCT Masking Policy

Preserving the Health of the Congregation During Worship

Masking at worship remains 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

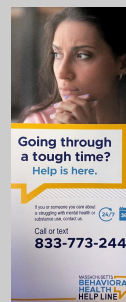
be specific in the comments of what you will bring for food. If you sign up, it's important to stay for clean up. Members of the Board of Community and Communications will be happy to offer individualized and/or group tutorials on the coffee maker, set up and clean up, including operating the dishwasher!

Please also note that there will be no coffee hour offered on select Sundays falling on holiday weekends. For example, there will be no coffee hour on February 16th leading up to President's Day.

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



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Parish Care Ministry

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