



## 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 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 24<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at  
5pm in the Meetinghouse

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

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***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.



### Christmas Pageant Update

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

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**Christmas Eve**  
**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00PM**

We will have readings and carols,  
participation by the children and  
youth, chancel choir, bell choir, and



### Board of Mission and Outreach Helps with Gift Cards for Disadvantaged Youth

For several years, our church has sponsored a "Gifts of  
Love" program to bring holiday presents to children of the  
client families of the Department of Children and Families.  
We were unable to do the program this year due to adding a  
new mission partner, Community Giving Tree.

This year, the Board of Mission and Outreach located  
unspent funds on some budget line items and, with donations  
of generous church members, we delivered sixty gift cards  
for distribution to the children by their social workers.  
Shown here is Yesenia Diaz, Child Care Coordinator at DCF,  
receiving some of the cards.

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### Christmas Concert Video

Due to technical issues this past  
Sunday night, the Christmas concert  
was not available via Zoom. The video  
has now been uploaded on our church  
website. Link [here](#).

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### Coffee Fellowship

**December 22:** Barb and Jim Barnes  
**December 29:** Cathy and John  
Szymanski  
**January 5:** Leslie Voss  
**January 12:** Host needed  
**January 19:** Host needed

If you would like to volunteer for  
upcoming Coffee Hours, please email

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.

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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.

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### Sunday School Schedule Sunday, December 22nd

**(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).

All visitors are welcome to attend!

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Nancy Nelson at:  
[nbnelson21@gmail.com](mailto:nbnelson21@gmail.com)

Thank you!

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### CCT Masking Policy

#### Preserving the Health of the Congregation During Worship

Masking at worship remains voluntary. Worshippers are always welcome to wear a mask.

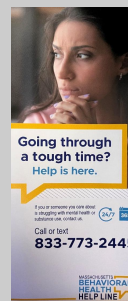
Careful hand washing or use of hand sanitizers is effective in preventing the spread of and acquisition of disease.

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

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### The Massachusetts Behavioral Health Help Line

Learn more [here](#).

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

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