



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](#).



Topsfield Fair 2024

We are planning for our church fair booth for October 4th through October 14th, and we hope that you will sign up to for a shift or two.

Our proceeds from the fair pay for 70% of donations to our Mission Partners, and working a shift at the



Sunday School Schedule Sunday, September 22nd

(Pre-K–6th Grade)

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

(7th–12th Grade)

Meet with Ms. Kim to go 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!

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INTERGENERATIONAL
FAMILY WORSHIP
SERVICE**

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 9:30AM
IN THE
EMERSON CENTER
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**9:00am
Coffee Hour**

**9:30am
Worship**

Mike Lyons will be sharing his story about his Peace Corps journey in Peru, South America.
We will also be receiving our new Church member, Julie Quinlivan!

Hope to have you join us
for this special day!!



**Dishwasher and Coffee Urn
Tutorial!**

fair provides an opportunity for a fun time with some wonderful people. If you have not participated before, check out recent Spire articles for descriptions of jobs. If you have joined us in the past, thanks for your help, and we hope to see you again this year. To sign up, use link [here](#).

Any questions? Contact the Fair booth Committee at:

fairbooth@topsfeldchurch.org

Join Us!
in a
**Conversation
Across the Partisan Divide**

What can we learn from sharing what is important to us in this
Presidential Election?

- Engage with others who wish to move beyond the polarization of this election season.
- Emerge encouraged to continue building positive connections in our communities.

Emerson Center, 9 East Common Street, Topsfield

Wednesday October 16th 7:00-9:00 pm	RSVP by October 1
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Community Conversation: Across the Partisan Divide

In-Person Early Voting in the Presidential Election begins on October 19. While Massachusetts is not considered a “battleground” state, our participation in a conversation about this election could help reduce “battlegrounds” between family and community members.

If you’ve participated in past dialogues, you know that our purpose is to create space where we can share our hopes, concerns, values, and perspectives with dignity and honesty. We will not debate the candidates or their policy positions or attempt to change your vote. Rather, our hope is to build connections that transcend the outcome of this election. Space is limited, so please **RSVP by October 1**. Feel free to share with others you think may be interested in the opportunity for civil discourse. [CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

Hosted by the Penuel
Dialogue Committee:

Thinking about hosting Coffee Hour some time but are intimidated by those giant coffee urns and that beast of a dishwasher?? Please join me for a tutorial in the Fellowship Hall kitchen on how they all work. It's not nearly as confusing as it seems, I promise!

When: Immediately following Coffee Hour Sunday September 29th.

Hope to see you there!
Sallie Bowling



Emmaus House's "Cycle for Shelter"

Last Sunday, our church provided a cooling station for cyclists riding for Emmaus, our mission partner that supports people facing homelessness. Carolyn Nenart and Jon Palace managed the station on the common.

Thank you, Carolyn and Jon!



Coffee Fellowship Update

Hello Everyone!

Jackie Cassidy, *Member of Congregational Church of Topsfield*
Ron Mastrogiovanni, *Topsfield Republican Town Committee Chair*
Heidi Fox, *Topsfield Democratic Town Committee Former Chair*
Meredith Shaw, *Tri-Town Council*
Dawn Seymour, *Tri-Town Council*
Questions? Reach out to Heidi Fox at hfoxtops@comcast.net

Women's Breakfast and Pumpkin Flower Arrangement

Saturday, October 19th, 9:00am



The Women's Ministry will be hosting a time for fun and fellowship with a delicious breakfast followed by the making of beautiful pumpkin flower arrangements.

All are welcome to join us on Saturday, October 19th at 9:00am. \$10.00 donation for each pumpkin. Checks can be made out to CCoT and dropped off at the church office. Please note "pumpkin arrangement" in memo line.

Please RSVP to Dolly McIlvaine by October 13th, so that we can provision appropriately with supplies.

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Three High Chairs Up For Grabs!

We have 3 restaurant style high chairs that are up for grabs. The seatbelt piece of each chair is damaged or missing. If there is anyone out there who would like to fix them and use them or use the wood for a project, contact Kim Love at:

office@topsfeldchurch.org

September is going to be a busy welcoming month with an emphasis on family & community. Let's have a look at what is coming up....

September 22: The Whelans
September 29: BCC will host (Intergenerational Family Sunday Service)
October 20: CF Hosts Needed
October 27: CF Hosts Needed

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

Thank you!



Community Garden Update

Thank you to everyone who made it a successful garden year! Thanks to all who moved earth, planted, weeded, watered, harvested and delivered. We will go to a weekly delivery on Fridays for the next few weeks. Some watering is still needed until all the produce is harvested. If you would like to help please sign up [here](#).

Thank you,
Conny Griesshammer

communitygarden@topsfieldchurch.org



Lunch & Learn
Addressing Family Stress and Depression
Thursday, October 3
12 - 1:30PM
via ZOOM



[Register HERE](#)

[or register @ tritowncouncil.org/events](https://www.tritowncouncil.org/events)

Does your family have the tools they need to address life's stressors? Join TTC and Families for Depression Awareness for this virtual workshop facilitated by a licensed mental health professional. By being knowledgeable about self-care and mental health, you can help your family get on the path to wellness.

Participants will:

- learn how to identify symptoms of stress in themselves and family members
- manage stress as a family
- respond when symptoms become "more than stress"
- know how to get help for themselves or a family member



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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



Grief and Bereavement Group

Tuesday, October 8th at 10:00 AM
Topsfield Council on Aging,
Second Floor Conference Room

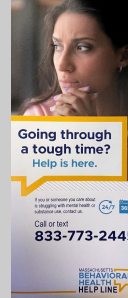
Are you grieving the loss of a loved

one? Are you experiencing periods of sadness or distress? Have you experienced lost of interest in daily activities, seeing friends or family, or do you just feel lost?

If you are experiencing these feelings or just want to talk with people having the same challenges you are facing, please join us as we explore the feelings associated with grief and bereavement.

The Topsfield Council on Aging is sponsoring a Grief and Bereavement Group over the next several months on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM in the conference room in the Council of Aging office on the second floor of town hall. Our next meeting will be next Tuesday, October 8th.

All are welcome for this meeting or at all the meetings. Don't worry if you cannot come to all the meetings. Each session will be different in content. Larry Atkins, Chaplain at Care Dimensions and Beverly Hospital, will be hosting these get togethers.



The Massachusetts Behavioral Health Help Line

Learn more [here](#).

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



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