

Dear Church Family, for the week of **August 5th**

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**Sunday morning worship** is at 10:00 a.m. Of this week's readings, Pastor Jeff says: We will be looking into two passages of scripture. The first is Exodus 16:2-15. This is the story of the people complaining to Moses and Aaron that they have delivered them from Egyptian slavery only to have the people die in the wilderness. We will then turn to Ephesians 4:1-16 where Paul reminds folks of their calling to love one another and to grow in Christ. We use both as windows into our own wilderness wanderings as we ponder our futures and the future of the church.

This week's special music is the Southern Harmony version of John Newton's poem "Celestial Watering." First set in 4-part sacred harp harmony by Jeremiah Ingalls in Newbury (Vermont), this poem was later re-composed in 3-part harmony in the Appalachian region. Betsy Alexander, Bridget Peters, and Marcia Tomlinson will present this southern *a cappella* version, "Return Again."

**Lectionary readings for this coming week:**

**2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a** (David repents)

**Ephesians 4:1-16** (building up the church)

**John 6:24-35** (The bread of life ... open your eyes)

**Psalms 51:1-12**

**August 12<sup>th</sup>** ... we will be joy-fully worshipping at West Newbury Congregational Church along with the toe-tapping duo Bruce and Caleb Freeburg  
**September 2<sup>nd</sup>** ... we welcome Rev. Pam Lucas to our pulpit

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