

# FIRST PARISH OF WESTWOOD, UCC

*Growing Faith + Sharing Love + Grounding Lives*



## Service for Sunday, August 8

### Worship this Morning, August 8

Dear Friends,

John, the gospel writer, uses the tension that exists between what is literal and what is metaphorical to reveal truth and deepen our understanding. During these weeks of August, we are reading our way through the sixth chapter of John as Jesus is in conversation with his disciples and the crowd about *bread from heaven* or *the bread of eternal life*.



When Jesus offers “*eternal life*,” in this morning’s lesson (John 6:35, 41-51), please be aware that Jesus is speaking in the present tense, not the future tense. More than limiting “*eternal*” to the future, Jesus is offering to share a quality of life that belongs solely to God. After all, only God is eternal.

Join us **this morning, August 8, at 9:30am** as we continue to hear Jesus speak to his disciples and the crowd saying, *"I am the bread that came down from heaven."* Rev. Richard Edens will lead worship and preach at First Parish of Westwood UCC. The Rev. Jill Edens will be preaching this morning for Norwood's First Congregational Church UCC as their pastor, the Rev. Michele Bagby Allan, will be away.

Grace and peace,  
***Richard & Jill Edens***

PS Our last Sunday as your Interim Pastors will be August 15. The Rev. Jill Edens will lead worship and the Rev. JT Hills will be present as we pass the mantle of pastoral leadership to him.



### Memorial Service for Gary Shaw

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14  
10AM**

A memorial service will be held at First Parish for former First member Gary Shaw on Saturday, August 14th at 10am. Rev. Peter Lovett will officiate the service. All are invited to attend.

### Local Electrician Needed

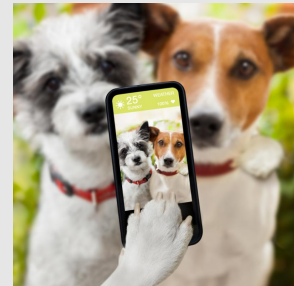
First Parish is in need of a local electrician for immediate work in the parsonage, and in the longer term for general church old/new facilities work. If you are able to refer someone, please email the contact information to the office at [office@firstparishwestwood.org](mailto:office@firstparishwestwood.org).

### Send a Selfie!

Meg continues to work on compiling a "homemade" pictorial directory as a gift for our new settled Pastor, JT Hills.

Pastors Rick and Jill Edens invite you to email Meg a "selfie" of you/your family. Please send all pictures to:  
**[office@firstparishwestwood.org](mailto:office@firstparishwestwood.org)**.

Feel free to get creative!



### Exciting News for First Parish!

**Reverend JT Hills** will become the next minister of First Parish on **Monday, August 16**. Rev. Hills led the worship service last Sunday. The congregational meeting was held after the service and the vote to call Rev. Hills as our settled pastor was unanimous. JT spent a



whirlwind weekend in Westwood with his wife, Kelse, and children Jay and Quorra and were very grateful for the warm reception extended to them by the First Parish family. Thank you to all those who participated and helped to make the Candidating Weekend a success.

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