

WEEK OF JULY 21, 2024



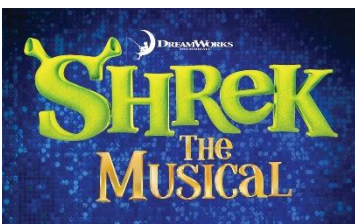
From Woody: In thinking about our faith and our lives, there is an action that is central to both. It is the act of forgiveness. The forgiveness that is represented by Jesus words from the cross are monumental... "Father forgive them. They know not what they do." Those words are not just for the Roman soldiers who, following orders, nailed him to the cross, but cover all of us for the many times we do things we shouldn't or fail to do what we should. God is not the flame throwing being He is often portrayed as, but is our heavenly Father who forgives His children's shortcomings and sins. God's action of forgiving is the example we should all follow in our lives on earth. It is an act of redemption and is well expressed by Frederick Buechner. I share his words because they are central to both life and faith:

When somebody you've wronged forgives you, you're spared the dull and self-diminishing throb of a guilty conscience. When you forgive somebody who has wronged you, you're spared the dismal corrosion of bitterness and wounded pride. For both parties, forgiveness means the freedom to be at peace inside their own skins, and to be glad in each other's presence.



Starting next Tuesday Barbi and I will be away for two weeks, so we will take a hiatus from the newsletter for a large part of August. Craig Anderson will be filling the pulpit on August 4 and 11.

ANNOUNCEMENT



Goffstown High school is presenting *Shrek the Musical* this week! It is a hilarious romp for all ages and has more songs than the movie and a full orchestra accompanying it! Also, the theater has great A/C! :-)

Performances: **July 23, 24, and 25 at 7PM**

New this summer! **Sensory Friendly Performance**: **Tuesday, July 23rd at 2PM.**

Get your tickets today at: <https://goffstownhs.booktix.com/>



Concerts On The Common: CCNB will be selling desserts at all of the NB Recreation Department concerts this summer. We will be looking for assistance with baking brownies, set up/break down, and manning the booth. Please click this link and fill out the Google Form to sign up for helping out. <https://forms.gle/RiAGDFRGHaQGaPgda>
Concert dates are all Tuesdays.

- **July 23** Overserved Again (country/blues)
- **July 30** Chris Fitz Band (blues)--rescheduled
- **August 6** The Slakas (cover band & classic pop)
- **August 20** North River Music (folk-rock)



Church Picnic

Sunday, July 28th ~ after service

Please join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

Burgers, hotdogs, lemonade, and iced tea will be provided.

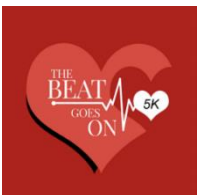
Please bring a side-dish to share!

There will be a dessert auction at high noon!

Sign up to bring a side-dish and/or a dessert for the auction.

RSVP with how many people will be coming and what side dish and/or dessert. Click here to sign up:

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Fund Raising: A fund has been set up so that people can just make out a check to the Martin Transplant Fund or donate online at the website below.. The website tells Derek's story. The website is <https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Weare/TheBeatGoesOn5kOneMileFitnessWalk>

Derek is currently in Cleveland Clinic. If you would like to send a card to let him know we are thinking about him, his address is below. Don't forget the middle initial M. as there is another Derek Martin in the hospital.

Derek M. Martin
Cleveland Clinic
9500 Euclid Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio 44195



For June, July and August, flowers for the sanctuary will be "Potpourri" meaning a mixture of whatever anyone would like to share from their garden or favorite garden center. Questions?? Ask Ellen Anderson, cell 973-747-2321 or andersel@njms.rutgers.edu. No need to sign up. Vases are available in the kitchen if you need one. And many thanks in advance to those who can contribute to our worship service.



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Or click on this link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/e47ab025-f0b0-40b4-90e6-f262bb1a29e1>



Peace Quote: Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding.....*Albert Einstein*