

Dear members and friends of Normandy Park United Church of Christ – here is your Friday Food for Thought for February 11th:

- **HYBRID WORSHIP ON FEBRUARY 13, FEBRUARY 20, AND FEBRUARY 27**
 - We are offering hybrid Worship (meaning both in-person AND on Zoom) for the rest of the month.
 - If you are planning to worship in-person, please register on our website: www.npucc.org. Simply click on the blue button, enter your name, and you're registered!
 - Just a reminder that masks are required for everyone ages 2 and older while inside our facility.
 - A separate Zoom invitation for Sunday Worship will be sent today.

- **NEW TENANTS IN THE PARSONAGE**
 - We have new tenants in the parsonage! They are a family with children and we welcome them to our neighborhood.
 - Thank you for respecting their privacy and only entering their yard if invited.

- **WORSHIP TECH HELP NEEDED**
 - If you are interested in learning how to help run tech for our Sunday Worship services, please contact Pastor Amy or Kevin.
 - All ages are welcome!

- **DONATION DROP-OFF A HUGE SUCCESS!**
 - Thank you to all who donated to the organizations we collected items and money for last Sunday!
 - \$1,100 in monetary donations, 203 pounds of food, and 450 paper grocery bags were collected for Souper Bowl of Caring, benefitting the Des Moines Area Food Bank.
 - Alice took a carload of items to Hospitality House and many blankets were collected for Pioneer Housing.
 - Thank you also to our youth and families who helped put together Valentine's Day goodie bags and crafts for Mary's Place as well as those who donated additional items like children's books, toiletries, and candy.

- **SHINE: LIVING IN GOD'S LIGHT** - Read Luke 8:40-56: Jesus Heals Two Daughters
 - Share about times when you've been sick and who helped you.
 - Listen for God as you pray using items from a *Prayer Time Bag*.
 - Fill a bag with items such a play dough, art supplies, coloring pages, blocks, etc. Gather around a table or room for a set amount of time (10–15 minutes). Have each family member choose items from the *Prayer Time Bag*. Spend quiet time with God

as you work with your chosen materials. When time is up, share about your time with God.

- Assemble a care package for someone you know who is sick or lonely. Think about helpful items to include and make a plan for delivering the package.
- Coloring page from Illustrated Ministries – 2-14 Jeremiah 17:7-8 – *Blessed are those who put their trust in the Lord* – can be found on our website: www.npucc.org. Go to Connect, then Sermon and Worship Resources in the drop-down menu.

- **BIBLE & BREWS**

- We will have a Zoom meet up tonight Friday, February 11 at 7 pm. A Zoom invitation was sent on yesterday.
- Please join us in the exploration of [A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church: Year W](#) by Wilda C. Gafney. It is not necessary to purchase the book because the lectionary will be included with the Zoom link.
- Be sure to read 1 Kings 17:8-16 and Psalm 146 and have your Bible ready as always.

- **10 FUN FACTS ABOUT THE HOUSE FINCH**

- There are few birds more common and widespread across the United States than the House Finch.
- These backyard beauties are frequently spotted chowing down on seed at feeders from the arid Southwest to the humid cities of the Northeast.
- Familiar as they are, there's plenty about these cosmopolitan birds worthy of closer attention and deeper appreciation.
- Click [here](#) to read 10 fun facts about the House Finch.

- **HOW TO CREATE A HAPPY, EQUITABLE, GREEN WORLD**

- We could use one more than ever: People are struggling as the pandemic drags on.
- The climate crisis is accelerating unabated. It's in times like these that small acts of radical hospitality can change lives.
- Click [here](#) to read about some surprising ideas to try.