

Dear members and friends of Normandy Park United Church of Christ – here is your Friday Food for Thought for March 25th:

SUNDAY WORSHIP ~ MARCH 27th

- Steve K. is our guest musician and will be playing the organ. Unfortunately, the organ can't be connected to the technology we use to stream the service, so if you're joining us on Zoom during the Prelude and Postlude, you won't be able to hear the organ very well. Please use the time to pray or meditate.
- One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
 - This nationwide, multi-denominational offering will be taken during Worship.
 - You may give in person, by mail, or electronically via PayPal and Zelle, or by using the Donate button on our website: www.npucc.org.
 - This Lenten offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ with Wider Church Ministries.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: HOLY TROUBLEMAKERS ~ UNCONVENTIONAL SAINTS

- This Sunday, March 27th, our youth will be excused from our regular worship service after the Lord's Prayer to attend Sunday School.
- Our teachers, Jill T. and Alice, will lead a lesson about Father Broderick Greer, a Black Episcopal priest, based in Denver, Colorado.
- Coloring page from Illustrated Ministries – Joshua 5: 10-12 – *The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land* – can be found on our website: www.npucc.org. Go to Connect, then Sermon and Worship Resources in the drop-down menu.

WORK PARTY

- Join us on Saturday, April 2nd, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, to clean up our grounds before Easter.
- Bring your own gloves and small tools.

LOST AND FOUND

- A cell phone was found in the Sanctuary last Sunday.
- If you are missing your phone, please call the church office at 206-824-1770 and describe it to Kirsten so she can get it back to you.

“SIDE WITH LOVE” ON-LINE TRAINING

- Thursday, March 31st, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.
- One of the most impactful ways for allies* to combat the wave of anti-trans legislation sweeping the country is to show up in public to articulate our values, unequivocally affirming that trans and nonbinary people are beautiful, sacred, and loved. Whether it's lobbying our state representatives, testifying in a legislative hearing, making a public

comment at a city council or school board meeting, or writing a letter to the editor, we can fight for our trans and nonbinary kin to have access to the rights, protections, and resources they need to flourish. Join **Side With Love** and our partners at **The Trevor Project** to grow your own skills for speaking publicly in a values-aligned way, and find out how to get connected with opportunities to leverage your voice for justice.

- *Please note that while people of all genders are welcome, this is intended primarily as a training for cisgender folks aspiring to act as allies.
- You can register here: <https://secure.everyaction.com/9cZr5BJ8MEuXrEK9aBr9jw2>
- There is no cost.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT GROUNDWATER?

- One fact: groundwater provides drinking water for close to 50% of the people in the United States!
- Today and every day, you can help protect freshwater resources and landscapes for wildlife and people around the world.
- Discover green tips for conserving in your own home by clicking [here](#).

CELEBRATING WHITE-THROATED SPARROWS

- Oh sweet Canada, Canada, Canada! Known for their simple yet elegant whistle, White-throated Sparrows are one of North America's most common and abundant sparrow species.
- Make no mistake, this sparrow may be common to backyards, but their color variation and strange genetics suggest they are anything but ordinary.
- Celebrate sparrows of all varieties—white, tan, red, brown, striped, spotted, and crowned. Although sparrows and their dizzying colors can confuse even the most seasoned birders, the White-throated Sparrow has a bright white throat, aiding even new birders in a confident ID.
- Click [here](#) for 10 fun facts about the White-throated Sparrow.