

Dear members and friends of Normandy Park United Church of Christ – here is your Friday Food for Thought for January 27th:

REV. LORRAINE LEIST WORKSHOP

Rev. Lorraine Leist's three-hour retreat-style workshop, *Moments of Peace: Finding Meaning and Hope Toward the End of Life*, will be held on Saturday, January 28, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. The workshop will focus on the spiritual journey and the limitations to completion of life's tasks near the end of life. All are welcome even if you didn't attend the first workshop. A light breakfast and snacks will be served.

BURIEN SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER

Due to coming cold weather, the Burien Severe Weather Shelter at Highline United Methodist Church will reopen on Saturday through next Tuesday. At this time, there is no need for donations, but they welcome volunteers. To sign up, please click on this link:

https://www.burienwa.gov/residents/public_safety/emergency_management/severe_weather_shelter

SHINE: LIVING IN GOD'S LIGHT

- Matthew 13:31–35: *Mustard Seed and Yeast*
- Bake some bread together this week using yeast and watch it rise.
- Pray a "help my family" prayer this week, focusing on your extended family. Choose a different person to pray for every day.
- Plant a seed in a pot and watch it grow. Look for signs that the kingdom of God is growing in your church or community.
- Coloring page "Blessed Are The Poor in Spirit" can be found on our website: www.npucc.org. Go to Connect, then Worship Resources in the drop-down menu.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR JANUARY 29th

- Join Kirsten and Nancy A. in exploring "Pushing God's 'legal limits'".
- The youth and teachers will be excused after the Lord's Prayer.

BIBLE & BREWS

- Bible & Brews is starting back up but now will be hybrid – join us in the Fireside Room tonight January 27 at 7 pm or over Zoom.
- We will be using Conversations With Scripture: Revelation by Frederick Schmidt. Your homework for this meet up is to read Chapters 1 -3 and the study questions for those chapters in the back of the book.
- Please let Lynn know if you'd like her to purchase you a book – on Amazon, new is \$19.15 + tax and used are \$5-\$15, in *like new* and *very good* conditions. This book is not available at the library.

SOUPE BOWL OF CARING AND HOSPITALITY HOUSE DONATIONS

NPUCC will be collecting monetary donations and food items for the Des Moines Area Food Bank on Sunday, February 5th in conjunction with the national Souper Bowl of Caring campaign. You can either make checks out directly to the DMAFB or to NPUCC (and be sure to include DMAFB in the memo line). The most needed items are peanut butter, canned corn, canned fruit and, for the school backpack program: fruit cups, 100% juice boxes, EZ Mac, cup-o-soup, and oatmeal packets. Additionally, February is one of NPUCC's collection months for Hospitality House. A list of needed items can be found on the kiosk, on their website and will be included in the February Towline. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

For this year's Lenten study, we will be using Original Blessing: Putting Sin in Its Rightful Place by Danielle Shroyer. We'll be meeting on Tuesdays at 1 pm in the Fireside Room beginning on February 28th and running through March 28th with the possibility of a final session on April 4th. Please note: we will NOT be having Wednesday Soup Suppers this year. Let Lynn know if you'd like for her to purchase you a book – on Amazon, new paperback is \$16.99 + tax and used are ~\$14, in like new and very good conditions. New books will arrive at your home in just a few days, but used can take several weeks so order early! The book is also available at the library in book form and as an e-book.

NEKO CAT CAFÉ

Just a reminder to everyone who signed up to visit the NEKO Cat Café this Sunday, we'll meet at the café prior to our 1:00 pm reservation. Our time will be over at 1:45 pm. Snacks and drinks are available for purchase.