

**Dear members and friends of Normandy Park United Church of Christ – here is your Friday Food for Thought for February 17<sup>th</sup>:**

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP ON FEBRUARY 19TH**

- We welcome guest preacher Katrina Fitzpatrick, MDiv. and guest musician Heather Forbes.
- Youth are invited to join Lynn and Cathy L. in exploring "Faith in the rain" during Sunday School.
- Youth and teachers will be excused after The Lord's Prayer.

### **SHINE: LIVING IN GOD'S LIGHT**

- Matthew 20:1-16: In the Vineyard
- Why do you suppose the landowner was so generous? Which workers did not like the landowner's generosity? Why?
- Pray "help others" prayers, focusing on the needs of people around the world that grow and harvest our food. Write the name of each group of people on a sticky note and add it to those on your refrigerator as a reminder.
- Make a grapevine using art supplies you have at home. One option is to paint leaves and press the painted side onto paper to make a print. Draw vines from leaf to leaf and paint grape clusters growing from the vines.
- Coloring page from Illustrated Ministries – 1 Peter 1: 16-21 – can be found on our website: [www.npucc.org](http://www.npucc.org). Go to Connect, then Worship Resources in the drop-down menu.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

- You are invited to receive ashes and begin your Lenten journey on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> between noon and 2 pm and also between 6 pm and 7 pm in the Sanctuary.
- The labyrinth is available to walk as well.
- This will be an individual time of prayer and reflection, not a formal service.
- Lenten devotionals will be available for pick up too.

### **LENTEN 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 \$18.99 + tax and used are ~\$18, 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 also.
- Please direct any questions to Pastor Amy or Lynn.

## **BURIEN SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER**

- The Burien Severe Weather Shelter, housed in the Highline United Methodist Church, is gearing up to welcome guests again as the weather turns colder this weekend.
- Please check out their SignUp link: [Burien Severe Weather Shelter — Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#) to see if there are ways you can help by volunteering and/or donating supplies.

## **CHRISTIANS AGAINST CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM WEBINAR**

Christians Against Christian Nationalism is hosting a webinar on how we can advance religious freedom in public schools. Our featured presenters are Maggie Siddiqi, Director of the Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships at the U.S. Department of Education, and Dr. Mark A. Chancey, Professor of Religious Studies at Southern Methodist University. The webinar will take place on Thursday, February 23, from 9 - 10 a.m. PT. It's free, but you must register. Click here to register: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_zC0bCnVZQyyu48rZ9-BS6A](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zC0bCnVZQyyu48rZ9-BS6A)

## **NATIVE AMERICAN BLOOD**

“Before I was six years old, my grandparents and my mother had taught me that if all the green things that grow were taken from the earth, there could be no life. If all the four-legged creatures were taken from the earth, there could be no life. If all the winged creatures were taken from the earth, there could be no life. If all our relatives who crawl and swim and live within the earth were taken away, there could be no life. But if all the human beings were taken away, life on earth would flourish. That is how insignificant we are.” ~ Russell Means, Oglala Lakota Nation (November 10, 1939 – October 22, 2012)

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT STORY CORPS – OLIVIA J. HOOKER ON MAKING MILITARY HISTORY**

- Dr. Olivia J. Hooker, 103, shares what it was like as one of the first Black women to join the U.S. Coast Guard Women's Reserve in 1945, and what her time in the service has meant to her.
- Watch her video or read her story by clicking [HERE](#).