

Dear members and friends of Normandy Park United Church of Christ – here is your Friday Food for Thought for April 21:

EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES

• **National UCC Earth Day Summit**

- Saturday, April 22 at 8 am (PST), the United Church of Christ will inaugurate an annual Earth Day summit to lift up, celebrate, and further ministries dedicated to caring for God's creation. This two-and-a-half-hour digital event will feature a keynote address by the Rev. Jim Antal, the author of "Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change."
- Registration is still open...click [HERE](#). If you are unable to join at the scheduled time, still register and a link to the recording will be sent to you following the event.

• **Earth Day Prayer Service**

- Saturday, April 22, 10 am at Seahurst Park, South Shelter, in Burien
- Hosted by St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, the event will feature Yvette Perrantes, of the Duwamish Tribe of Seattle, who will lead a ceremony honoring and thanking the land.
- Participants are welcome to carry signs identifying their congregation/church.
- Please bring a chair.

• **NPUCC Intergenerational Earth Day**

- "Creation and You" presentation in Fellowship, following Worship on Sunday, April 23 at 11:30 am
- We'll learn about doing an "eco-audit" on your home and ways we can be better caretakers of our planet
- Following the presentation, we'll take our clippers and rakes and clear Nature Lane (the trail system behind the church) of invasive species and overgrowth
- All are welcome!

SHINE: LIVING IN GOD'S LIGHT

- John 21:1-14: *Breakfast on the Beach*
- If you could have breakfast with Jesus, what would you talk about?
- Pray prayers of lament. These are prayers said during times of trouble or sadness. Pray for people who are going through a hard time at work, school, or home.
- Eat a fish-shaped snack! Use a fish cookie cutter or knife to cut sandwiches into fish shapes. Or count out 153 fish-shaped crackers and divide them among your family members. That's how many fish the disciples caught!
- "I will not believe unless I see" Coloring Page can be found on our website: www.npucc.org. Go to Connect, then Worship Resources in the drop-down menu.
- Earth Day coloring page and bookmark from Illustrated Ministries can be found on our website: www.npucc.org. Go to Connect, then Worship Resources in the drop-down menu.

CROP HUNGER WALK ON MAY 7

- NPUCC's 34th CROP Walk is set for Sunday, May 7, beginning at the Des Moines United Methodist Church courtyard at 1:00 pm.
- Donate anytime to help eradicate hunger and poverty in our lifetime. Just google 2023 CROP Hunger Walk and find our NPUCC Team page or an individual walker.
- Lynn and Alice are delighted to answer your questions and welcome all interested walkers to the team!
- If you donate by check, please make the check out to CWS/CROP.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WOMEN

- The Washington State Business & Professional Women's Foundation is offering scholarships to women attending accredited colleges in Washington state.
- Information can be found on their website: <https://wsbpwfoundation.org/scholarships>
- The deadline to apply is May 1 so please spread the word to anyone you know who might be interested and eligible.
- The organization has \$13,000 to award this year and last year they only received two applications, so it is worth someone's time to apply!