

Dear members and friends of Normandy Park United Church of Christ – here is your Friday Food for Thought for May 7th:

BIBLES & BREWS

Our last Bibles & Brews studying the Gospel of Mark will be today, May 7th at 7 pm (a separate Zoom invitation will be sent). A new study will begin in June.

CWS/CROP THANKS

Thank you all for contributing to the CROP Hunger Walk! NPUCC's Virtual Walk was last Sunday after church where we had a Donation Drive Around and scattered pairs of walkers. We brought in \$925 from the Drive Around! 11 walkers, 2 dogs (Teddy and Mare) and 8 cars participated in the joy and beauty of the day.

As of May 4, NPUCC has raised \$4,145.00 for Church World Service (CWS). 25% will be granted to the Des Moines Area Food Bank. Lynn will have the DONATE button on the church website (npucc.org) up for the month of May. The www link for our church page for the Des Moines CROP Hunger Walk is <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/normandy-park-ucc>. Checks made out to CWS/CROP will be accepted through May 8.

This has been another record year of giving and we appreciate all the friends and members' support for finding just and sustainable hunger solutions to poverty, displacement and disaster
~ Alice & Lynn for the CROP Hunger Walk

SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ SHINE CURRICULUM

Shine at Home – Acts 8:5–6, 26–40: Philip and the Ethiopian Official

- Who helps you learn and understand the Bible? What questions do you have about the Bible?
- Pray with play dough. As you pray for people, form the play dough into a letter or shape to represent your prayer for that person.
- Create a “good news” video, magazine, or picture. Just like Philip shared the good news of Jesus, tell “good news” stories from your own lives or from the community.
- Coloring page from Illustrated Ministries – 6th Sunday of Easter: Psalm 98. Go to our website: www.npucc.org. Click on Connect, then Sermons and Worship Resources in the drop-down menu.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK STUDY

- Our next afternoon book study will be Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God written by Kaitlin B. Curtice.
- We will be meeting up via Zoom on Tuesday afternoons at 2 pm on May 11 & 25, June 8 & 22, and July 13.
- We'll send the first Zoom invitation to everyone on our distribution list, but after that we'll just send it to people who have expressed an interest in participating. So, please let Pastor Amy or Lynn know if you plan on attending.
- To order a new or used book, contact Lynn.
- The study guide can be found at: https://kaitlincurtice.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Curtice_Native_studyguide.pdf or Kirsten can print out a copy for you to pick up. Just let her know.