

Dear members and friends of Normandy Park United Church of Christ – here is your Friday Food for Thought for December 15:

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE REST OF THE MONTH

• **Sunday, December 17:**

- Christmas Pageant during Worship ~ put on a costume as you come into church and join the tableau as your character joins the story. All are welcome and encouraged to participate!
- We'll take our Christmas Fund (formerly Veterans of the Cross and Emergency Fund) collection for our retired and disabled UCC clergy on this Sunday as well as during both Christmas Eve services.
- Bake a batch or two of your favorite cookies to share following Worship in the Fireside Room. Wassail will also be served.
- The Christmas People (Ruth and Fred's charity) are also collecting cookies that will be shared at multiple shelters in the area.

• **Sunday, December 24:**

- Two Worship services are being offered ~ 10:00 am and 5:00 pm.
- The services are different:
 - Christmas Eve morning will be a celebration of the Fourth Sunday of Advent and includes a lot of special music for the season. Zoom will be offered.
 - The evening service will be a blend of lessons, carols, and candlelight as well as special music from a UCC Samoan youth choir. Both Pastor Amy and Pastor Koloi will participate in the service. This service is in-person only.
- The Church Office will be **CLOSED** December 25 through January 2 (open again on January 3).
- **Sunday, December 31:**
 - Breakfast Church in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am.
 - Nancy K. and Connie C. will be leading Worship.
 - No Zoom will be offered.

REQUEST FROM PASTOR JENNY/HIGHLINE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

There are 45 unhoused (living in shelters with kitchen access) families at McMicken Heights Elementary. That's around 85-100 students, which is roughly a quarter of their student body. Because school will be out for two full weeks, we are collecting food donations to send with the kids next week. If you can help with even one can of fruit or one bag of rice, it will make a huge difference for these families. There are 17 Hispanic preferred food families, 3 Halal preferred food families, and 25 stating no preference. Please see the Sign-Up list <https://signup.com/go/fQmyoUT> for donation needs and quantities. Please note that food may be bought in larger bagged portions or cans by the case. We will divide it accordingly. Donations may be dropped off at Highline United Methodist Church, [13015 1st Ave S, Burien](#) from Sunday, December 17 through Wednesday, December 20 from 1 to 8 pm each day [**note from NPUCC: Alice will deliver donations brought to church on December 17**]. These families

do not access food banks because of transportation and other barriers. I truly appreciate the heart of this community that supports so many in need!

DUWAMISH NATIVE ARTS MARKET

Come join us for our December Native Art Market from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm daily on December 16 and 17 at the Duwamish Longhouse & Cultural Center, 4705 W Marginal Way, SW, Seattle. Parking will be in our North Parking Lot and across the street in the park. Volunteers will guide you to parking. Food vendors will be on site!