



NORMANDY PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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NPUCC's Monthly Newsletter

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Dear Siblings in Christ,

Happy Summer! We are now past the summer solstice and I pray we all have a safe and good summer, with not too many wildfires or other shenanigans. As you know our church property can get very dry during the summer, so please be sure to be mindful when on the property and keep your eyes peeled for anything that looks like burning or smoke. We have already had one small fire that was called in by a preschool parent in June. Other things to pay attention to---check out just how much our micro nursery trees have grown by the labyrinth and also take a walk on the labyrinth as it has been lovingly restored by Wenden and Bob. And after that, swing back around the back of the parsonage and see how our summer veggies are growing. It's a sharing garden, so if you see something ripe, enjoy!

Beyond me saying I will be taking some time off this month for rest and renewal (and house projects), I wanted to make sure you are introduced to our new church historian, Jennifer Willner and for you to read the piece that she has written below. Blessings to you all this month of July!

Rev. Amy

Hello everyone, I'm Jennifer Willner, a new NPUCC member and now the Historian! I volunteered for this position to learn more about NPUCC: how it started, where it's been and who we are now as a church. My goal is to prepare a document, or PowerPoint, that tells our story, in images and texts. Then I'll go about organizing all the photos I'm told exist! I'll need everyone's help identifying who is who and the occasion of the photo. If you have pictures, please first identify the people and the occasion before sending them to me. This will help me immensely.

Thank you all for providing my very first church membership community. Please email me at historian@npucc.org. Blessings!

July Calendar of Events

ONLINE: *invitations/directions for accessing these events will be shared via email:*

- Sunday Worship Services: 10 am
- Church Council meeting: No Council Meeting this Month!
- Bibles & Brews: Friday, July 18, 7 pm

IN-PERSON:

- Sunday Worship Services: 10 am, Sanctuary
- Lunch Bunch: Wednesday, July 2, 11:30 am, Tuscany at Des Moines Creek
- Hymn Sing Sunday, with Communion, Sunday, July 6, 10 am, Sanctuary
- Food Bank Volunteer Night: Wednesday, July 9, 6:30 pm
- Summer Read: The Serviceberry; Wednesday, July 16, Noon, Fireside Room
- Mission Mile: Friday, July 18, 5—10 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Campfire Sunday: Sunday, July 20, 10 am, Courtyard
- Community Meal: Tuesday, July 22, 4:30—6 pm

OUT OF OFFICE:

- Robbie will be out of the office July 1—3, but will be available by email.
- Pastor Amy will be out of the office July 8—15, and July 23—30.
- Cindy will be away on Sunday, July 20. Rachel Teigen will be leading music that morning.

We encourage you to wear a mask if you have a cold or cough. If you have symptoms or do not feel well, please stay home and join us on Zoom. Masks are available at church if needed. Thank You!

LUNCH BUNCH - WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 @ 11:30 AM @ TUSCANY AT DES MOINES CREEK

Please join us for our next Lunch Bunch meal at Tuscany at Des Moines Creek, 21830 Marine View Dr S, Des Moines, WA 98198. Contact hostess Cathy B with questions.



Mark your calendar - on Wednesday, August 6 we will be having our annual potluck on Lynn's deck.

HYMN SING SUNDAY— SUNDAY, JULY 6 @ 10 AM

Have a favorite hymn that we don't sing often enough? Sunday, July 6th, is your chance! Join us that morning for communion and a Hymn Sing, where the congregation chooses the hymns!



**FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER NIGHT—
WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 @ 6:15 PM, DES MOINES
AREA FOOD BANK AT DES MOINES UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

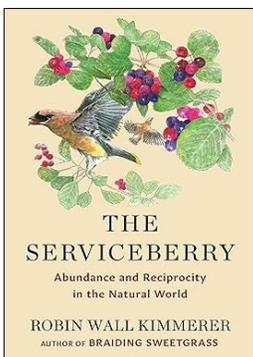
Come help out the Des Moines Area Food Bank on Wednesday, July 9, at 6:15 pm at Des Moines United Methodist



Church. No RSVP necessary, just show up! For more information, please connect with Pastor Amy or Jeni W.

SUMMER READ—The Serviceberry

We are having a summer read of The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural



World by Robin Wall Kimmerer and will meet on Wednesday, July 16 at noon for a brown bag lunch and discussion. ***Be advised, Pastor Amy is planning to have an evening meet up but date***

and time have not yet been selected.

This book is available at the King County Library but as of June 23 there are 137 holds on 49 copies. If you wish for Lynn to purchase you a book, the price of a new one is \$11.90 plus tax.

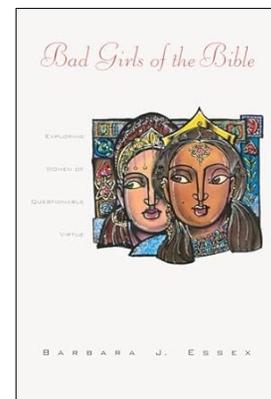
MISSION MILE – FRIDAY, JULY 18, 5 - 10 PM



Come and join Bob in racing slot cars in the Fellowship Hall. Fun is had by all! Looking ahead to August, racing will be on August 29th.

BIBLE & BREWS — FRIDAYS, JULY 18 @ 7 PM

We continue the study of Bad Girls of the Bible by Barbara Essex meeting only one time in July. On 7/18 we will be exploring Chapter 2 - “Lot’s Wife: Homicide or Suicide?” (pages 15 – 21). Looking ahead to August, we will meet on the 1st and 15th.



**COMMUNITY MEAL—TUESDAY, JULY 22 @ 4:30
—6 PM**

Time is approaching for our next Community Meal. Join us Tuesday, July 22, from 4:30 until 6 pm, for our Community Meal. Pulled Pork will be served!



ENNEAGRAM GROUP

We are taking a break in July, and perhaps August as well... stay tuned.

~~~**SAVE THE DATE!**~~~

**ALL CHURCH PICNIC—SUNDAY, AUGUST 17**

Join us on Sunday, August 17th for our annual all-church picnic! More info to come!

## ***Bursting with Peacock Feathers!***

I'm so proud of the volunteer's who staffed the booth at this years Burien Pride Festival I'm strutting my feathers! It is such a fun and positive event that we get to do the work of our church on the streets of Burien. Steve and Cindy did such a great job of setting everything up early in the morning and then the rest of us just kept coming, always on time with a smile on our face. We had prizes galore people were able to win with the spin of our new prize wheel, and if it didn't quite land on what they wanted, we were pretty flexible with that. Good conversations were had with those of us who worked the booth and with celebration participants. As far as I know, we were the only church represented that day and I am personally proud of our church "walking the walk" with this. By the end of the day things were a little wet and the weather was cool and I really appreciate Rob, Max, Shannon, & Pastor Amy for helping to put everything away until next year. Think about joining us next year, fun and inspiration promised. *Nancy Allen*

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## **AUTHENTIC SELVES**

If you may recall, Saltwater Unitarian Universalist Church facilitated a UU common read using [Authentic Selves: Celebrating Trans and Nonbinary People and Their Families](#). I signed up to attend (along with Pastor Amy, Shannon, and Connie) because I always want to learn more about those different than myself (a primary reason that I've traveled around the world), not knowing shortly after the study started that I would have a loved one come out as trans... you never know when something that you are learning can mean so much! The Zoom studies had us look at our own stories to better understand theirs. I just finished reading this book of personal stories from thirty-five individuals plus in some cases from their parents, siblings, children, partners, and chosen family. I want to share my book with you, if you'd like to borrow it, so you can read their stories as well. It is also available at the King County Library. Think "National Geographic" in the feel of the paper and the quality of the photography. ~Lynn

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## **BIRDS CONNECT SEATTLE**

Interested in sharing your observations about birds to help protect them? Birds Connect Seattle has an opportunity for you this month! They are seeking volunteers to join the summer season of the Seattle Bird Collision Monitoring Project, which will run from July 1 through August 15, 2025.

The Seattle Bird Collision Monitoring Project's data will help everyone understand and prevent bird-window collisions. Why do birds collide with windows? Learn more by clicking [HERE](#) and consider signing up to volunteer!



# July Birthdays

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| Malinda Vaughn      | 7/14 |
| Dorine Seaquist     | 7/16 |
| Scott Nedved        | 7/17 |
| Lori Comen          | 7/23 |
| Marielle Pangelinan | 7/23 |
| Megan Fairweather   | 7/25 |
| Michael Moser       | 7/25 |
| Sue Bailey          | 7/31 |

# July Anniversaries

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|-------------------------------|------|
| Connie & Jeff Clark           | 7/10 |
| Amy Hitchens & Shannon Thomas | 7/29 |

***If you don't see your July birthday or anniversary  
on this list and would like to be included,  
please contact the church office at  
[office@npucc.org](mailto:office@npucc.org) or 206-824-1770***