

**Dear members and friends of Normandy Park United Church of Christ – here is your Friday Food for Thought for November 11<sup>th</sup>:**

**BUDGET MEETING AND POTLUCK**

- The 2023 Budget is developed and approved this month.
- Take some time with your family to discuss the ways you hope and plan to support NPUCC in the coming year –possibly with a combination of your time, talents and treasure. All gifts, in whatever form, are welcome and appreciated!
- If you didn't receive a pledge card, they are available at church or Kirsten can send you one.
- The Budget Meeting is on November 13<sup>th</sup> during Worship. The 2023 budget will be presented on for approval by church membership. If you are a member and unsure if you'll be present to vote on the 13<sup>th</sup>, please complete a proxy form which are available in the church office.
- Also on the 13<sup>th</sup>, we'll have a celebratory potluck following Worship. The church will provide soup and drinks. If you are able, please bring bread, a side dish, or a dessert.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT TAG SALE BENEFITTING MARY'S PLACE**

- The youth have been making, and will be selling, Christmas gift tags throughout November.
- All proceeds will be used to buy holiday gifts for the kids and families staying at Mary's Place in Burien.
- There is also a Christmas tree set up in the Narthex with tags for \$25 gift cards. Take one to remind yourself to purchase a gift card of your choice or you can make a \$25 donation to NPUCC, indicating you want the youth to purchase a gift card on your behalf.
- Cash, checks and donations via our website: [www.npucc.org](http://www.npucc.org) are all accepted. Thank you for your support!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Join Jill T. and Alice in exploring "A crown of honor".
- The youth and teachers will be excused after the Special Music.

**MAGAZINES NEEDED**

- Christian Education needs your old magazines for a youth project.
- Feel free to drop them off in the church office – thank you!

**GUEST PREACHER ON NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**

- We welcome Rev. Cameron Sharp as our Guest Preacher on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**SHINE ~ LIVING IN GOD'S LIGHT**

- Read Ezekiel 37:1–14: *A Vision of New Life*.

- Share about a time you felt sad or hopeless. What helped you feel better?
- Pray a prayer of gratitude. Focus on experiences you have had as a family. What events, shared activities, and memories are you most grateful for?
- Learn more about your bones by reading books or searching online for articles or videos.

#### **AFTER HALF A CENTURY APART, THESE SIBLINGS FORGED AN UNBREAKABLE BOND**

- Leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, has been widely misunderstood and stigmatized for millennia.
- During the 19th and 20th centuries, thousands of people believed to have leprosy were ripped away from their families and sentenced to live in isolation in Kalaupapa, a remote peninsula on the Hawaiian island of Molokai.
- To read their full story, click [HERE](#).
- Remember the stories that Pastor Lon and Christine told us of their service on Kalaupapa.