

**Dear members and friends of Normandy Park United Church of Christ – here is your Thursday Food for Thought for May 11<sup>th</sup> (since Kirsten won't be in the office tomorrow!):**

### **CHURCH OFFICE ~ FRIDAY, MAY 12**

- Kirsten won't be in the office on Friday, May 12, and Pastor Amy will be in and out due to meetings.
- If you need to get into the building and don't have a church key, please call ahead to be sure someone is here to let you in.
- Also, please note the pre-school is finished at 11:30 am on Fridays so they will set the alarm.

### **BIBLE & BREWS ~ FRIDAY, MAY 12**

- Bible & Brews, now hybrid meeting in the church library or via Zoom, is tomorrow, May 12 at 7 pm.
- Your homework is to read:
  - Read Chapters 17-22 The Book of Revelation from your Bible, whichever translation you prefer.
  - Chapter 6 -A Choice of Two Cities - pages 79-95 from Conversations With Scripture: Revelation.
  - Read: Chapter 7 - Dragon and Beast - of Faithful & True pages 59-71.

### **SHINE: LIVING IN GOD'S LIGHT – Acts 1:12–26: Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done**

- How does it feel to be chosen? I wonder how Joseph Barsabbas felt when he wasn't chosen.
- Pray the beginning of the Lord's Prayer: "Our Father (Creator, Mother) in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." — Matthew 6:9–10 (NRSV)
- Trace your hand onto paper and cut out the handprint. Write or draw ideas for how you could help share God's love with a friend, family member, or neighbor.
- Coloring page from Illustrated Ministries – John 14: 1-14 – can be found on our website: [www.npucc.org](http://www.npucc.org). Go to Connect, then Worship Resources in the drop-down menu.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL ON MAY 14**

- Join Lee L. and Cathy B. in exploring "Pushing God's 'legal limits'".
- The youth and teachers will be excused after the Lord's Prayer.

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO SUNDAY, MAY 21**

- We welcome Rev. Carol Shellenberger as our guest preacher and Stephanie Pfundt as our guest singer.

- Following Worship, you are invited to bring plants and gardening equipment to donate and Azure will also have a variety of plants to sell. All proceeds will benefit both future youth mission trips and outdoor Facilities projects.

#### **PASTOR AMY ON STUDY LEAVE MAY 15-22**

- Amy will be on study leave for the Festival of Homiletics.

#### **EILEEN A.'S MEMORIAL SERVICE ~ MAY 27, 3:00 PM**

- All are welcome to celebrate Eileen's life with song, stories, and Scripture.
- Light refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall following the service.

#### **INQUIRERS' CLASS ~ MAY 28, 11:30 AM**

- If you've been considering joining the church or just have questions about the United Church of Christ in general or NPUCC specifically, please join Pastor Amy in Fellowship Hall following Worship.
- All questions are welcome and discussion encouraged!

#### **LAND ETHICS REIMAGINED: REVOLUTIONARY IMPLICATIONS FOR CHURCHES**

- In a new reflection, the Rev. Bob Shore-Goss shares about new organizations that are provoking questions that could revolutionize how churches understand their moral responsibility to land and to neighbors.
- How would our churches handle our land justly if they understood their land as alive rather than as property?
- In a country in which White people own the vast majority of land, what does land justice look like?
- [Dive deeper into matters of land ethics.](#)

#### **SNOQUALMIE TRIBE ANCESTRAL LANDS MOVEMENT**

- If you have recently been out and about on Snoqualmie Tribe Ancestral Lands recently, chances are you have seen trillium blooms.
- Please #recreate respectfully by not picking the trillium! Trillium can be grown from seed, but it can take up to 2 (!! ) years for fresh seed to germinate and another 5 to 7 years for plants to bloom.
- Try enjoying by taking a photo instead.