

Dear members and friends of Normandy Park United Church of Christ – here is your Friday Food for Thought for September 24th:

SAVE THE DATES!

- **October 3rd – World Communion Sunday**
 - We'll celebrate during a Zoom-only Worship Service.
 - Have a favorite item handy to show/share that represents your family heritage.
 - Consider trying a bread or beverage during Communion that represents another culture.
- **October 3rd – Blessing of the Animals**
 - Following Worship, at approximately 11:30 am, bring your favorite furry, fuzzy, feathery or fishy friend to the back courtyard and Pastor Amy will bestow a blessing.
 - If you'd rather bring a photo of your pet, Pastor Amy will bless that too!
- **October 9th – Pop-Up Rummage Sale**
 - 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, weather and Covid-permitting.
 - Set up will be in the grassy area behind the church on October 8th at 2:00 pm.
 - We'll advertise on social media/Craigslist if it's a "go" and pull out some easy-to-price and buy items from the garage.
 - Volunteers are welcome! Please contact Lisa L. or Nancy K.
- **October 10th – Rod Brewster's Memorial Service**
 - At 2:00 pm on Zoom (a separate invitation will be sent). Feel free to share the link with friends of Rod and the Brewster family.
 - If you have photos of Rod you'd like included in the slideshow, please send to Kirsten at kirsten@npucc.org by Thursday, October 7th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

- Coloring page from Illustrated Ministries based on Esther 7:3 – "Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men, and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king."
- Coloring page can be found on our website: www.npucc.org. Go to Connect, then Sermons and Worship Resources in the drop-down menu.
- The practice of prayer – Prayers for the world
 - Often our prayers center on personal or family concerns.
 - Look for prayer concerns in the newspaper or magazines.
 - Find specific cities or areas listed in the periodicals and write or draw prayers for them.
 - Place the prayers on a large world map with pushpins.
- Shine: Living in God's Light – Lift Up Your Eyes: Isaiah 40:12-31

- How can we remember that God is always with us?
- Pray prayers of praise for God’s strength shown in creation.
- Take turns saying, “We see your strength in _____ (mountains, crashing waves).”
- Learn about eagles. Find books or videos online to discover more about these amazing birds!

NOW RECRUITING NORMANDY PARK COMMUNITY FORESTERS

- Become a Community Forester and support environmental restoration at Marine View Park in the City of Normandy Park!
- First Fridays beginning October 1st, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.
- The Community Foresters are a group of stewards committed to enhancing the upper section of Marine View Park by removing harmful, invasive vegetation, and installing healthy, native plants. They are learning all about restoration ecology and how to help our forests thrive. We invite you to join our Community Foresters program and be a part of Marine View Park’s recovery. There is no experience necessary – just bring your enthusiasm, mask, water bottle, tough shoes and clothes, and layers for the weather.
- To sign up, or for more information, email Joy Wood at: community.foresters@normandyparkwa.gov. Space is limited.
- Program sponsored by the City of Normandy Park and Restoration Analytics & Design LLC, funded by a grant from the King Conservation District.

PEOPLE OF FAITH DEMAND HUMANE TREATMENT OF HAITIAN MIGRANTS

- People of faith are shocked and horrified by the escalation of Haitian deportations and expulsions and the inhumane treatment of Haitians by Border Patrol officers at the U.S. southern border. The egregious actions of U.S. Border Patrol officers towards Haitian asylum-seekers reflect our nation’s long history of a broken immigration system built on racism and cruelty. Haitian children and families are at our borders because of multiple, compounding crises, including the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse, food insecurity, and natural disasters that wiped out schools and entire neighborhoods.
- Grounded in the convictions of their faith traditions to welcome the sojourner and provide refuge for the most vulnerable, members of the Interfaith Immigration Coalition are lifting their voices to urge President Biden and DHS Secretary Mayorkas to immediately stop deportations and expulsions of Haitians, end the Trump-era Title 42 policy, provide humanitarian protections for Haitians, and investigate the cruel mistreatment of Haitians by Border Patrol officers.
- The Interfaith Immigration Coalition is made up of 59 participating religious communities and denominations.
- For more information, visit: <https://www.interfaithimmigration.org/>.

SNOQUALMIE TRIBE ANCESTRAL LANDS MOVEMENT

- Wondering what Native erasure looks like? Here's a breakdown of an example, using a sign placed on Snoqualmie Tribe Ancestral Lands. Have you seen this sign, or can you guess where it is posted? <https://fb.watch/7-UfvJhyxw/>
- Making sure Native erasure does not happen, and advocating for change when it does happen, is a big way supporters can help the Snoqualmie Tribe Ancestral Lands Movement.