

**September
2022**



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Tuesday – Friday

THE TOWLINE

Dear Siblings in Christ,

My kid informed me that August 31 was the last day of summer. School starts today and we have a cohort of kids entering high school. Where or where does the time go? Because we are definitely still in summer in some ways, and definitely entering fall in others, I thought that this Sunday we would have an **"Ask the Pastor"** Sunday where you can bring me your theological and spiritual questions. There will also be communion and a special guest singer, Stephanie Pfundt, who studied in Boston and has recently won awards in Alaska.

Because we are gearing up for fall, this Towline is full of information of our fall activities. For the rest of this page, I have turned it over to Stacie to tell us all about the One Day Retreat our church is hosting on Saturday, October 22. This is a nod to the women's retreat of years' past and instead of being at Pilgrim Firs, it will be right here in our sanctuary and outdoor space. If you have a burning desire to go to Pilgrim Firs this fall, let me know, as the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ will be hosting a fall event to pass the budget and be in fellowship with one another October 15 and 16. I will be there for at least the Saturday portion of that weekend. Last but not least, do take some time to read the annual report when it is published as I feel like it is a good summary of our past year in community together.

Blessings in all things, Pastor Amy

Womens'/Individuals Who Identify as Female Retreat Coming to NPUCC in October!



You are warmly invited for a day of fellowship, music, meditation, and art on October 22nd. This one day, in-person retreat is themed "Seeking Shalom Within and Without."

Guests will include Erin Grimm (currently writing a book of Christian meditations), Lita Artis (licensed massage therapist and practitioner of peace and healing), and Rachel Teigen Brackett with music. I am so honored and happy to have these folks joining us. Our study will follow Jesus' "Third Way" of teaching, inspired by our book study Dear White Peacemakers by Osheta Moore.

It's a privilege to be putting this together, and I so hope to offer a day of peace. Best, Stacie Latimer, Coordinator



Date: Saturday, October 22nd

Time: 9 AM - 3:30 PM

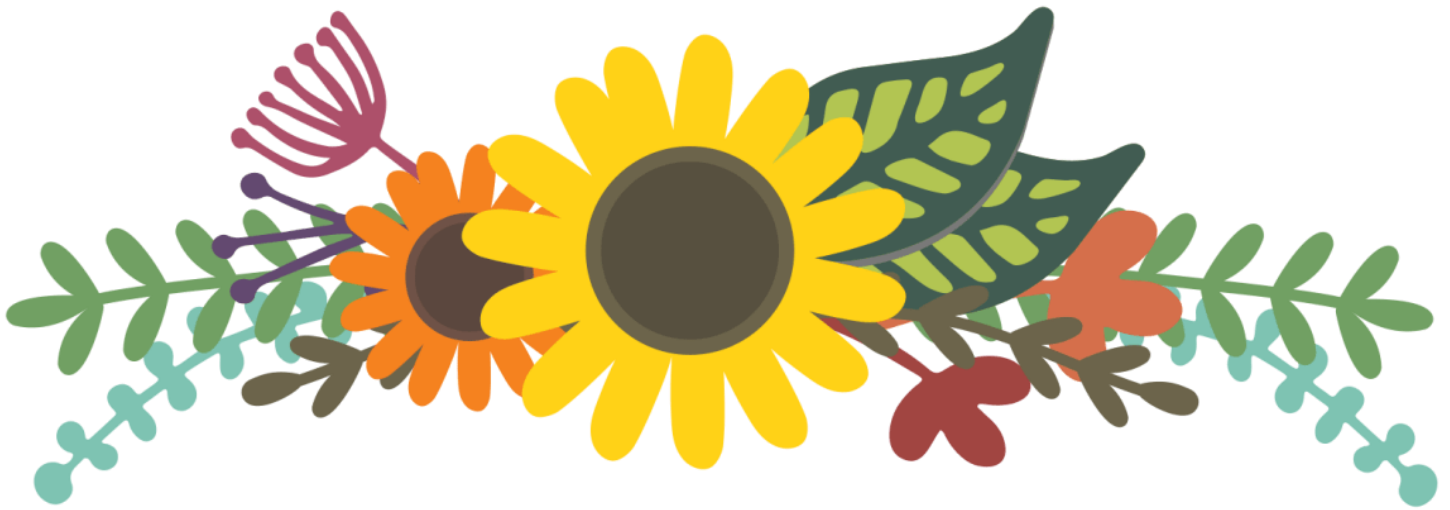
Cost: \$25

Contact: Stacie for questions or if you can help with food or art. 206-819-3219

Registration: available October 1st on our website

Meals: breakfast and lunch provided (gluten and dairy free options available)

Guests and High School youth welcome!



September Calendar of Events

ONLINE: invitations these events will be shared via email:

- Sunday Worship Services: 10:00 am
- Worship Committee meeting: Wednesday, September 7, 4:00 pm
- Bibles & Brews Bible Study: Fridays, September 9 and 23, 7:00 pm
- NPUCC Annual Meeting: Sunday, September 11, 10:00 am on ZOOM ONLY
- Church Council meeting: Tuesday, September 13, 7:00 pm

IN-PERSON: we strongly encourage wearing a mask and practicing reasonable physical distancing to keep vulnerable people safe:

- Sunday Worship Services: 10:00 am in Sanctuary
- Communion: Sunday, September 4, 10:00 am in Sanctuary
- Office CLOSED in honor of Labor Day: Tuesday, September 6
- Ladies' Potluck: Thursday, September 8, 12:00 pm at Lynn's home
- Slot Car Racing: Fridays, September 9 and 30, 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall
- Mt. Rainier Moonlit Hike: Sunday, September 11, 3:30 pm in church parking lot to carpool, back before midnight
- Book Study: Tuesday, September 13, 12:30 pm on Courtyard
- Environmental Postcard Project: Tuesday, September 20, 1:00 pm in the Fireside Room
- Parish Care Committee meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 1:30 pm in the Fireside Room
- Kirsten out of town: Thursday and Friday, September 22 and 23, church office will be staffed intermittently, please call ahead
- Christian Education Committee meeting: Sunday, September 25, 11:30 am in Sunday School rooms
- Enneagram Study Group: Wednesday, September 28, 1:00 pm in Fireside Room



NPUCC ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, September 11th

The Annual Meeting will be held at the end of the Worship service on Sunday, September 11th. Please note that the service will be ZOOM ONLY. To successfully conduct the church's business we need a quorum of church members to participate and vote. If you are a member, but aren't sure if you'll be able to attend the meeting, please ask around and find another member who will be attending and willing to vote on your behalf. Kirsten can send you a proxy form: simply fill out your proxy's name, indicate what you are giving them proxy for, print your name/sign your name/date the bottom portion of the form, and return it to the church by Friday, September 9th at 2 pm. You can either mail it in: NPUC, 19247 – 1st Ave S, Seattle, WA 98148, stop by and put it in the church's mailbox, stop by and put it in the basket outside the Narthex doors on the Courtyard or stop by during Kirsten's office hours. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Sue Janke, Church Clerk; Vicki Nichols, Moderator; or Kirsten Pangelinan, Office Manager. Thank you!

COMPOSTABLE TRASH BAGS

You may have noticed that the trash bags at church look a little different. We are now using compostable trash bags, meaning that they are made out of material that will disintegrate in the dump. This helps keep plastic out of our landfills. You may still put your regular trash in the trash cans and recycling in the recycling cans.



You are invited to a potluck Ladies' Lunch on my deck on Thursday, September 8 at noon. Please bring an item to share. Coffee and tea will be provided. I live

about 20 minutes south of church so you may want to carpool and if you don't remember where my house is, please give me a call. If possible, RSVP so I know how many to expect.

~Lynn
lynn@zachow.net or 253-653-0369

Saturday, September 17th, 2022

10:00 AM | Merrill Gardens @ Burien
151st & 5th Avenue SW

HOSPITALITY HOUSE
Home, Health and Hope for Women Experiencing Homelessness



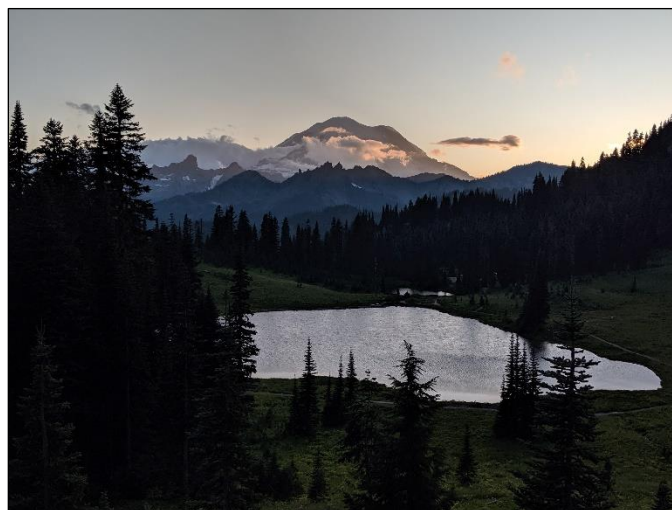
REGISTER ONLINE

<https://auctria.events/Walk4theWomen2022>



HOSPITALITY HOUSE'S WALK FOR THE WOMEN

Join the fun on Saturday, September 17th, 10:00 am at Merrill Gardens in Burien or walk on your own! You can register online today:
auctria.events/Walk4theWomen2022



Mount Rainier Moonlit Hike

Ever wanted to see Mount Rainier up close lit up in nothing but moonlight? Kevin Peterson will lead a night hike on the Naches Peak Loop Trail on Sunday night, September 11th! All are welcome to join, but please know your limitations: this is a 4-mile hike on uneven ground with 500 feet elevation gain at night. We will plan to meet at the church at 3:30 pm to carpool and will not arrive back to church until just before midnight. Plan to bring a sack dinner, snacks, and plenty of warm clothing. Please let Kevin know if you are interested!



SUNDAY
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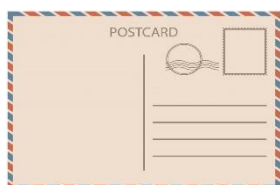
SEPTEMBER 18

Sunday school will be starting up on Sunday, September 18 so we're looking for teachers and helpers. We are going back to the Shine "Generation Why" curriculum. Please look at your calendars and sign up on the sign-up board in the narthex. Preview the individual sessions by clicking [HERE](#).

A SPECK IN THE UNIVERSE			
THE BIBLE ON SELF-ESTEEM AND PEER PRESSURE			
9/4	COMMUNION SUNDAY – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL		
9/11	ANNUAL MEETING – ZOOM ONLY NO SUNDAY SCHOOL		
9/18	Session 1: A crown of honor		
9/25	Session 2: Love for the unloved		

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

On **Sunday, September 25**, we will have a committee meeting **2nd hour in the CE wing** to review what we've been doing and plan out the first half of the year with light refreshments provided. Everyone interested in the faith formation of our church is invited to attend.



ENVIRONMENTAL VOTER PROJECT

Postcard Writing
September 20th at 1 pm
Lynn will be at church

writing postcards for the EVP that will be mailed to voters who voted in the 2020 election in New Mexico to remind them to vote in the 2022 general election. I have 100 postcards to write so I'd love for you to help me! We'll meet in the Fireside Room at 1 pm on Tuesday, September 20. Any questions, call Lynn; otherwise, I'll see you there!

The EVP website says, "We identify inactive environmentalists and transform them into consistent voters to build the power of the environmental movement."

Visit their website

<https://www.environmentalvoter.org/> to learn more about the EVP.

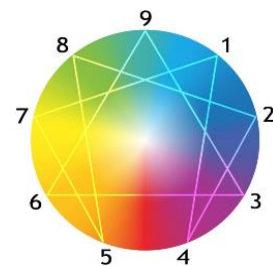


BIBLE & BREWS September 9 & 23

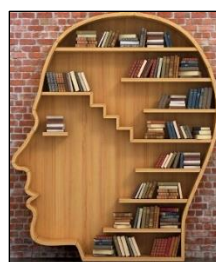
We'll be meeting up at 7:00 pm via Zoom as we continue studying from A Women's Lectionary. The lectionaries we will be discussing will be included with each Zoom invite.

Currently we are reading 1 Samuel. Bring your ears and voices to the conversation. If you haven't joined us in the past, you are always welcome to drop in.

ENNEAGRAM – THE JOURNEY TOWARD WHOLENESS



The next meeting will be held on September 28 at 1 pm in the Fireside Room. We continue to study from Suzanne Stabile's newest book The Journey Toward Wholeness which also has a study guide. In September, we will discuss **Chapter 1 – How Do I Feel?** Pastor Amy will use an enneagram white board in our discussion while individuals will have blank enneagram forms on which to take their personal notes.



Next Book Discussion...

Do you have a book that you've read that you'd love to share with other members of our church? It can be either fiction or non-fiction. Please let Lynn Zachow know and we'll get it going. We usually meet on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm on the Courtyard or in the Fireside Room.



SAVE THE DATE!

This will be NPUCC's **last** rummage sale so we hope you'll be able to join us for the fun and fellowship! Because we've been collecting rummage throughout the pandemic, we are bursting at the seams and can't accept any more donations.

On Sunday, October 2nd, immediately following Worship, we'll need all hands on deck to help move items from storage into Fellowship Hall.

Throughout the week, we'll need volunteers to help unpack, sort and display the items for sale.

The actual sale will be Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8, 10 am – 4 pm. Beginning at 3 pm on the 8th, we'll need several people to help pack up any remaining items and transport them to other charities.

Questions? Please contact Lisa Lincoln.



September Birthdays

Jack Watson	9/7
Dave Andresen	9/10
Bob George	9/10
Ian Thomas	9/20
Nancy Allen	9/26
Dominic Pangelinan	9/27



September Anniversaries

Malinda and Jim Vaughan	9/8
Nancy and Steve Allen	9/29
Cathy and Peter Barton	9/30

If you don't see your September birthday or anniversary on this list and would like to be included, please let Kirsten know at kirsten@npucc.org or 206-824-1770.