

Dear members and friends of Normandy Park United Church of Christ – here is your Friday Food for Thought for October 30th:

All Souls' Sunday ~ November 1st

- Remember to set your clocks **BACK** an hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, October 31st.
- Pastor Amy will celebrate Communion during Zoom Worship. Please have your bread and juice ready.
- During Zoom Worship, candles will be lit for church members who have died this past year.
- After Zoom Worship, beginning at 11:30 am, you are invited to come to NPUCC to light candles for family and friends who have died this year or in years past. We will gather, at a safe social distance, on the labyrinth. Please wear your mask. Pastor Amy will be there if you would like a prayer, a blessing, or if you want to take communion. We ask that you **bring your own communion elements**.
- Stewardship packets will be distributed. If you are unable to pick yours up, it will be delivered or mailed to you.
- If you have items to donate to Hospitality House and/or the Des Moines Area Food Bank, drive around the north side of the church to drop them off. A volunteer will be there to assist you. Here are some of the most needed items:
 - Hospitality House: liquid hand soap, reusable water bottles, masks, ear plugs/eye masks for sleeping, warm socks and gloves, household cleaning supplies, and disinfectant wipes
 - Des Moines Area Food Bank: canned goods, non-perishable food items, and clean paper bags
- Feel free to drop off your regular NPUCC pledge/offering as well!

November Towline and Election Office Hours

The November Towline will be sent on Tuesday, November 3rd rather than today. Since that will give short notice for events next week, we wanted to remind you that Pastor Amy will hold Zoom office hours on Wednesday, November 4th, 10:30 am – 12:00 noon to be available to talk through however it is you may be feeling about the election results and these uncertain times. Please contact her via amy@npucc.org so she'll know to expect you and give you directions to log on.

November is Stewardship Month!

As we look forward to planning for 2021, this is the month when Church Council shares the proposed budget and asks for your support on Pledge Sunday. Stewardship packets will be passed out during the All Souls' Sunday gathering at church. If you aren't able to attend, the packet will be mailed or delivered to your home. The annual budget meeting will be held during Zoom Worship on Sunday, November 8th. If you are a NPUCC member, please do your best to attend and participate. We need a quorum to conduct the church's business. On

Sunday, November 15th, we'll ask that members and friends of NPUCC make a pledge to support the church's ongoing ministries and mission. Pledge cards are included in the stewardship packets (and those can be returned via mail, email or just dropping into the church's locked mailbox) OR feel free to log on to www.npucc.org, click on the Donate button, and set up an ongoing electronic transfer of your pledge. Questions re: giving options? Please contact Lynn.