

Dear members and friends of Normandy Park United Church of Christ – here is your Friday Food for Thought for October 27th:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

- We welcome three new members to NPUCC – Ruth, Fred, and Cindy!
- Youth and teachers, Wenden and Lee L., are invited to go to Sunday School following the song after we welcome new members. The lesson is "God is like".

SHINE: LIVING IN GOD’S LIGHT – Exodus 3:1–4:17: Moses, God’s Chosen Leader

- Have you ever felt like Moses? Tell about a time you felt doubtful, scared, or unsure of yourself. Who helped you?
- Pray “help others” prayers this week, focusing on the needs of people around the world. Write each country or need on a stone or paper heart and place it in a jar as a reminder.
- Make your own “burning bush” using art supplies you have at home. One option is to paint leaves and press the painted side onto paper to make a print.
- Coloring page from Illustrated Ministries – Matthew 22: 34-40/You Shall Love the Lord Your God – can be found on our website: www.npucc.org. Go to Connect, then Worship Resources in the drop-down menu.

BOOK DISCUSSION ~ OCTOBER 31

- Our next meet up is on Tuesday, October 31 at 1 pm in the Fireside Room: if you have the book (not required), read pages Chapter 2 (pages 17-21) and Chapter Three (pages 23-40); and from your personal Bible, read Ecclesiastes 4:1-3 and Psalm 145: 1-7.
- Also, read Session Two and Section Three from the study guide and take a look at the discussion questions.

JUSTICE LEADERSHIP ONLINE WORKSHOP: SOCIAL LOCATION ~ OCTOBER 30, 4-6 PM

- Online workshop this coming Monday on the topic of Social Location - our multi-layered identities and how they shape us and our work in the world for social justice. The workshop engages topics of colonialism and how awareness of our multilayered identities support intersectional analysis for social justice work.
- Facilitator: Rev. Yuki Schwartz, PhD (they/them) - Claremont School of Theology - Assistant Professor of Constructive Theologies, Spirituality & Decolonial Studies: Dr. Schwartz’s areas of scholarship include deimperial/decolonial studies; Asian and Asian American theology; political theology; and critical race, gender, and sexuality studies. Their dissertation, titled “The Ends of Shame: Toward a Deimperial Political Theology of Messianism,” investigated the development of shame theories under European and US imperialism, with an emphasis on the role of US Cold War politics in Asia in constructing political and theological understandings of shame and guilt.
- Register: <https://justiceleadership.org/event/social-location/>

- PS – this is a portion of the six-month Jubilee Social Justice program Kirsten took in 2022. Dr. Schwartz is great! Additional upcoming classes will be featured in the November Towline.

BIBLE & BREWS ~ NOVEMBER 3

- Our next meet up studying from Exodus and Leviticus for Everyone is Friday, November 3 at 7pm on Zoom only.
- The homework is to read Chapters 2 and 3 (page 8 – 21) which are the following stories: (1) the 2nd half of “How to Resist the Authorities”, (2) “From Guerrilla to Fugitive”, (3) “It Was an Ordinary Working Day”, (4) “Vocation”, and (5) “On Rendering to Caesar.”
- You might also want to read Chapter 2 and 3 of Exodus from your personal bible to see how they compare/differ.

NEXT LUNCH BUNCH IS ON NOVEMBER 15 ~ RSVPS NEEDED BY NOVEMBER 7

- The next Lunch Bunch gathering will be on Wednesday, November 15, 12 noon at The Class Act Restaurant at the Puget Sound Skills Center.
- RSVPs are required along with first and second course selections.
- Forms are available from Vicki and/or in the church office.
- Please return forms to Vicki by November 7.