

Thursday Thoughts – March 7, 2019

We are a Christian fellowship, who declares and demonstrates God's boundless love for all.



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A Note
from Our
Pastor...

"I imagine Lent for you and for me as a great departure from the greedy, anxious antineighborliness of our economy, a great departure from our exclusionary politics that fears the other, a great departure from self-indulgent consumerism that devours creation. And then an arrival in a new neighborhood, because it is a gift to be simple, it is a gift to be free; it is a gift to come down where we ought to be."

— Walter Brueggemann

I love this quote by Walter Brueggemann because it shows us a new and different way in which to observe lent. Instead of giving up chocolate, or alcohol, or sugar, or the things that most folks give up, we give up our preoccupations with greed, isolation, fear, exclusion, and indulgent consumerism. When we let go of these things, we grow in love, grace, peace, and joy!

As United Methodists, I believe this Lent, more than any, is a time to give up exclusion, fear, and isolation. We must be God's wonderful and creative people that provide space for everyone! This Lent, let us come near to the generous and expansive heart of God, because God is making something new in our midst!

Praise be to God!

Pastor J.



The Lord's Diner

Brownsville UMC will be serving at the Lord's Neighborhood Diner on Saturday, March 16th due to conflicts with conference events on March 23 & 30. Please plan on helping out. There is a signup sheet at the back of the sanctuary.



Protection

- Travel mercies for Pastor Justin's grandma and cousin as they come to come to Washington for a visit with him

Health Concerns

- Lesley Weaver for continuing vision issues
- Sophia Weber
- Jim Noland
- Caleb and his family in Mississippi

Peace & Encouragement

- The Neufeld family who are mourning the loss of Victor

This Week at the Church:

8811 Illahee Road NE, Bremerton, WA 98311

Thursday, 7th:	12:30pm 2:30pm	Prayer Circle Garden Club Meeting
Sunday, 10th:	11am 12pm	Worship – 1 st Sunday in Lent Fellowship
Thursday, 14th:	12:30pm 7pm	Prayer Circle Book Study at Brownsville UMC “We Make the Road By Walking”



Happy Birthday to:
Jane Reynolds – 7th
Micah Lamb – 11th
Gene Nordeen – 13th



Happy Anniversary to:
No Anniversaries This Week

If you would like to receive our Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary greetings, please send your dates to our church email address listed above. Thanks...

Remember —
turn your clocks
forward 1 hour
before going to bed
on Saturday night!

A graphic showing a cardboard box filled with various household items like a vacuum, a hair dryer, and a fan. A sign on the box says "RUMMAGE". Above the box are four colorful price tags that spell out "SALE".

**Brownsville Elementary
Rummage Sale!**

The annual Brownsville Elementary Rummage Sale is coming up! They will be collecting items for donation Friday, March 8th, 3:30-8:00pm.

**The Rummage Sale will be
Saturday, March 9th
8:00am - 3:00pm.**



Coming Together!

**Joint Worship Service
with North Mason UMC**

Sunday, March 31st
10am at Brownsville UMC

**- Potluck Following Worship -
Brownsville UMC congregation
to provide main dishes
North Mason UMC congregation
to provide sides and desserts**

