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Greetings,

I hope you find this devotional helpful in your daily journey.

Blessings, Pastor Dan

Reflection: Our Nation

Greetings:

Memorial Day weekend has come and gone. Frequently, it makes me pause and reflect on our nation and the sacrifices that have been made which make possible what we now enjoy. The signers of the Declaration of Independence risked not only their lives but also their families when they placed their names on it. Countless lives since then have been placed on the line throughout our history, no less those whose energy and life have been spent building and maintaining it. As time goes on, and memory fades, the passion and commitment which undergirded our nation's creation can wane. As a reminder, Abraham Lincoln expressed his concern that God not be forgotten in its development.

We have forgotten the gracious hand, which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that

all these blessings

were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and reserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us. – 1863¹

Let us be thankful for the many ways God has blessed so many others and ourselves, meanwhile pray for our nation, churches and future.

Grace and peace, Pastor Dan

¹Roy Basler, ed., The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln, vol.6, 1862-1863 (New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 1953).

Upcoming Dates

Monday: Bounty Food Bank: 9 am to Noon, Volunteers welcome.

Friday: *Bounty Food Bank* needs Volunteers every Friday for food pickup and storage help. Call 253-335-7860.

Next Sunday: Worship Service 11:00

Monthly

1st Saturday: Bethany Garden Club - 11:30 a.m.

2nd Thursday: Finance/Trustees - 6 p.m./7 p.m.

2nd Saturday: Food Bank Board Meeting - 10:30 a.m.

Food Bank Open - 1:00 p.m. ~ 3:00p.m.

33rd Annual Cake Auction - this coming Sunday after the service, proceeds go to camperships

All church/community picnic - July 28th

Bounty Food Bank:

Consider adding an item to your food bank donation. Also - We are always needing plastic bags - So, if you shop where they still give out plastic bags, the food bank would love to take them off your hands.

Please keep in your prayers...

Elaine & Jerry Ramsey

Liz Best

Bill & Gayle Rocheleau

Mary Egeland

Marjorie Leppard & Bob

Rev. Barbara Brown

Danielle - and family

Anderson-Gammel family

Judy Egan & her family

Tonya Dean

James & Jenifer Angus

Laura Tippie

Please continue to keep our United Methodist church in your prayers, as well as the upcoming Annual Conference starting June 6th.