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Greetings,

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

Blessings, Pastor Dan

Reflection: Born Again

Greetings:

Pentecost Sunday has come and gone, but what of it? Jesus proclaimed during His ministry that to enter the Kingdom of God or heaven, one must be born of both water and the Spirit (John 3:5). In other words, for us to truly experience the presence of God, transformation is necessary. It is important that we understand the symbols to which Jesus is alluding. Using water is an act of cleansing, or repentance - turning away from those things that impede your relationship with God and others. For each one of us, these blockages can be vastly different, from recognized evils to attempting to do so much good that it burns us out. Water or repentance is accompanied by the idea of being infused with the Spirit of God. Throughout Christian history, there has been an ebb and flow between these two. For John Wesley, the unwitting

founder of Methodism, there was a deep desire to revitalize the Anglican church, which he perceived had grown unresponsive to the Spirit. So too, each one of us is called to examine our lives: Do you have a growing sense of God in your life and actions? If not, perhaps it is time to make some changes that nurture greater compassion (God is love, 1 John: 4) in your heart and life.

Grace and peace, Pastor Dan

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.

- *Pastor Dan's last Sunday with us at Bethany - June 30 - with some special moments following the potluck time.*
 - *All church/community picnic - July 28th*
- *Bounty Food bank presents Super Summer yard sale & car wash fundraiser - August 24th*

Bounty Food Bank: Chili

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

Danielle - and family

Liz Best

Bill & Gayle Rocheleau

Mary Egeland

Marjorie Leppard & Bob

Laura Tippie

Domethia Baker & family

Lisa Bailey & Ardell (son)

Anderson-Gammel family

Judy Egan & her family

Tonya Dean

James & Jenifer Angus

Again, please continue to keep our United Methodist church in your prayers.