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Greetings,

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

Blessings, Pastor Dan

Reflection: Religion

Greetings:

I grew up in an age where cynicism about institutions deepened, church being one of them. As a result of this, I have heard people say, “I am spiritual but not religious”, but what does “religion” mean? At its core, “religion” means to be restrung. Synonymous to a musical instrument, implicit in this understanding is that our lives are out of tune with what God is doing. We need to be reconditioned and tuned to reverberate with God’s harmony. Hence, true religion calls persons to change for the better. In Jeremiah 7:1-5, we hear the call to stop practicing false religion, which undermines the fabric of human society. Instead, we are to let our lives be transformed by the power of God’s spirit which then reflects in our behaviors. Jesus put it aptly: love God, love your neighbor (Luke 10:27). It is simply not enough just to be

“spiritual”; after all, there are many different types of spirits in the world. Rather we are called to repentance - the act of turning away from death - toward life that Jesus promises.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Dan

This is the last devotion I will be sending out to the congregation at Bethany. Next week your new pastor will decide what he feels called to do. However, if you would still like to read the devotion I send out each week, copy what I have written below and send it to Lena at Fircrest UMC. *Lena please send me the devotion -* at office@fircrestumc.org

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 - this Sunday, 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:

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

Ray Reed

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