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Greetings,

I hope you find this devotional helpful in your daily journey. Let me know what you think.

Blessings, Pastor Dan

A Reflection: Peace

Greetings,

We continue our journey toward Bethlehem, last week we were offered the gift of hope. This week we are presented with peace. Not the idea that means the absence of conflict, but the internal reality that God seeks to place in us. However, like all gifts, we have a choice about accepting it. I am often surprised at the refusal of such a gift and perhaps you are too! Yet it occurs when we become fixated on how we think things should be, ought to be, aren't, or could be and the list goes on... Dis-ease grips us. We find ourselves internally living in another timeline: possible futures or the past. Instead, God seeks to meet us in the present. This gift of the now, right this second. The larger framework in which we

all operate and are invited to realize. A construct in which we are being held in God's love, surely if we truly believed that, internal peace would become our ally. So, it is our response to this reality that can create an opening for our true selves to become a people of peace. As Jesus states, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27 NIV. My prayer for you this week is that peace will deepen in you and that no matter what you face, know that you do not face it alone.

Grace and peace, Pastor Dan

Upcoming Dates

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

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

Next Sunday: Choir Practice 10:00

Worship Service 11:00

- Charge Conference - Our annual review will take place this Saturday, December 15th @ 1:00p.m.. All are invited to come and hear about the ministry of the church.
- "The Blanket Brigade!" continues will continue through December 25th. Please bring new or clean, gently used Blankets and Tarps to the church. This year we are also collecting new or clean, gently used Sleeping Bags, Coats, Gloves/Mittens, Stocking Hats and Scarves. Collection box and shelves are in the Friendship Room.
- The Longest Night Service: Friday, December 21st, 7pm. This is particularly helpful for those that have lost love ones during the Christmas season
- Kids Movie (upstairs) and Adult Game Nite (downstairs): Saturday, December 22nd, 6pm - It is still evolving - if you have ideas check with Danielle or Bela.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Monday, December 24th, 11pm

Please keep in your prayers...

Judy Egan

James & Jenifer Angus

Mary Egeland

Danielle - and family

Denise - Her mother died last Monday

Liz Best - thankfully she is at home now, but could still use prayers for healing

REJOICE, Needed funds came in for the roof repair.

For Jonathan Albert Short's family