

**Sunday Worship Times:****8:15am** Facebook Live online**9:30am** Sunday School**9:30am - 10:30am** Fellowship Time**10:30am** In-person Service**New Community Church of Union**

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For the past couple of months, I have been slowly working my way through the book of Isaiah. More accurately, I have been working my way back and forth in the book of Isaiah. Oftentimes, I will go back a number of chapters to read it again, which in turn, prompts me to go back even farther to begin reading again. Perhaps my New Year's resolution should be to make it all the way through the book of Isaiah before the year is over!

There are so many verses in Isaiah that God is bringing to my attention. You might remember that God gave me a number of verses to memorize for my trip to India. Well, He continues to give me verses to memorize, and not just because, but for the reason of living them out. Here are a few recent verses that I want to share with you. From Isaiah 30:15, "This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: 'In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.'"

These words were given to the nation Israel during the time when the Assyrians had taken over most of the cities of their nation and were now threatening the capital city of Jerusalem itself. There wasn't much they could do; their options were limited. Without help, they had no future, nor any hope of a future. It was into this setting that God spoke those words to them. How would the nation survive? How would they be saved? How could they find strength to carry on with thoughts of a future? God makes it clear. Repent, rest, listen, and trust.

Let's take a quick look at these words and what they mean to us. Repent before Him – Acknowledge our sin and our self-reliance. Admit to our actions that derive from a lack of faith and trust in God.

Rest before Him – Stop working on our own solutions and our own ways to try to save ourselves from the situation we find ourselves in. Stop the futile and tiring activity, and use it for focusing on God.

Listen before Him – We can only hear God when we are resting from our own works. Get quiet enough and seek His voice. Read through Scripture without rushing or noise or the thought of our "to do" list. Take the time to hear Him.

Trust before Him – Once we hear what He is telling us to do, or not do, choose to act upon those words of God.

This Scripture tells us to seek God for the solutions for our problems rather than trying to solve them on our own, by our wisdom, our strength, and our ingenuity. We are reminded that life goes much better when we give up our control and allow God the control of our life.

Unfortunately for Israel, which the last phrase of the verse reminds us, they did not wait for God's control but tried to save themselves. They did not repent, were not at rest before Him, did not seek to hear His voice, nor did they trust Him. As a result, their nation was destroyed, and it was years before they were a nation again.

Let us learn the lesson. God is our salvation, for whatever situation we are in. Repent, rest, listen, and trust; four words that will set us up well for 2026.

Sincerely His,  
Pastor Michael



# January



## **Home Teams**

Enjoy fellowship, prayer, laughter and learning by signing up for a Home Team. Reach out to Jerry Clausen at (360) 490-5251.

## **Women's Fellowship**

Women's Fellowship meets on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:45 AM in the Youth Building. For questions, email or call Wendy Moye at 503-990-1855.

Women's Lunch will meet at January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Noon. RSVP by December 16<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to the church office 360-898-7855. Those who would like to carpool, the group will leave from the church at 11:30 AM.

## **Men's Fellowship**

Men's Fellowship meets on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Youth Building. For questions, reach out to Wayne Elling at 206-714-8434.

Men's Lunch group will meet at Alderbrook Clubhouse at Noon, Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at noon. For questions, call Wayne Elling at 206-714-8434.

## **Weekly Prayer Warriors**

Friday at 9:30 AM: Are you a Prayer Warrior? Want to help pray for all the prayer requests with an awesome group of other warriors? Just show up at 9:30 AM on Friday mornings in the Worship Center. Everyone is welcome. Prayer Warriors unite!

Each Thursday at Noon, we encourage the entire church to pause and pray for our church, wherever you are.

If you would like a Prayer Medic Team, please contact Pastor Michael.

## **Ongoing Community Outreach**

Hands for Christ meets Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM –12:30 PM in the Youth Building. Sewing is not a necessity but a welcome skill! All are welcome.

Loss Of A Loved One, Grief Support: please reach out to Brenda Washburn @360-490-4839 for an appointment.

Tuesday Evenings: Addiction Ministry meets in the Youth Building at 6:00 PM.

Nonperishable food items can be dropped off in the office for the Hood Canal Food Bank.

Hood Canal School Backpack program still needs nonperishable food. Items can be dropped off in the NCCU office. Reach out to Susan Bosman for the type of foods needed.

## **Save the Date:**

**The office will be closed January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

## **Other Community Happenings at NCCU**

Mondays: We have the Movement Class with Sue Ullom at 9:30 AM. This is not Aerobics or Zumba; it is just some body movement to get your week started.

First & third Mondays: Locals with Littles meets in the Youth Building at 10:00 AM.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Loss of a Loved One Grief Support: Now by appointment only; call Brenda Washburn @ 360-490-4839</p>	<p>Backpack Ministry: needs nonperishable food donations.</p>	<p>Don't forget our neighbors with needs. Donate to the food bank; bring donations to the office.</p>		<p>1 Office is Closed All- Church Prayer noon (on your own) †</p>	<p>2 Office is Closed</p>	<p>3 Women's Fellowship 9:45 am in the Youth Building</p>
<p>4 Worship 8:15 am ONLINE Facebook Live Fellowship &amp; Sunday School 9:30-10:30 am In-person service 10:30 am Worship Center Communion</p>	<p>5 Building being used by Movement Class 9:30 am  Locals with Littles 10:00 am</p>	<p>6 Office Closed  Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm</p>	<p>7 Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Hands for Christ 10:00 am Men's Lunch at Alderbrook noon  Youth Group 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Building</p>	<p>8 Worship Practice 9:00 am  All-Church Prayer noon (on your own)</p>	<p>9 Prayer Warriors 9:30 am</p>	<p>10 Men's Fellowship 9:00 am in the Youth Building</p>
<p>11 Worship 8:15 am ONLINE Facebook Live Fellowship &amp; Sunday School 9:30-10:30 am In-person service 10:30 am Worship Center</p>	<p>12 Building being used by Movement Class 9:30 am</p>	<p>13 Office Closed  Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm</p>	<p>14 Prayer with Lola 10:00 am  Governing Board Meeting 2:00 pm  Youth Group 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Building</p>	<p>15 Worship Practice 9:00 am  All-Church Prayer noon (on your own)</p>	<p>16 Prayer Warriors 9:30 am  Notify the office if you will be attending lunch next Friday</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 Worship 8:15 am ONLINE Facebook Live Fellowship &amp; Sunday School 9:30-10:30 am In-person service 10:30 am Worship Center</p>	<p>19 Building being used by Movement Class 9:30 am  Locals with Littles 10:00 am</p>	<p>20 Office Closed  Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm</p>	<p>21 Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Hands for Christ 10:00 am Youth Group 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Youth Building</p>	<p>22 Worship Practice 9:00 am All-Church Prayer noon (on your own)</p>	<p>23 Prayer Warriors 9:30 am  Ladies Lunch 12:00 pm</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Worship 8:15 am ONLINE Facebook Live Fellowship &amp; Sunday School 9:30-10:30 am In-person service 10:30 am Worship Center</p>	<p>26 Building being used by Movement Class 9:30 am</p>	<p>27 Office Closed  Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm</p>	<p>28 Prayer with Lola 10:00 am  Youth Group 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Building</p>	<p>29 Worship Practice 9:00 am  All-Church Prayer noon (on your own)</p>	<p>30 Prayer Warriors 9:30 am</p>	<p>31</p>