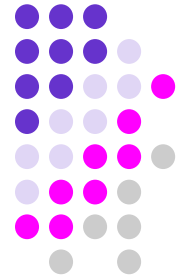
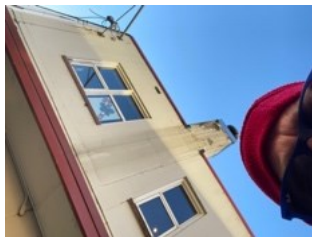
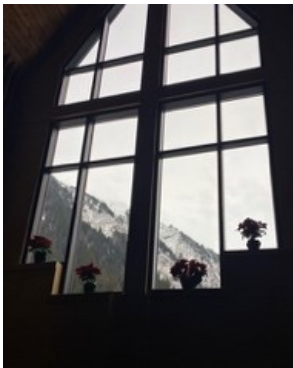


Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church News



Greetings from Pastor Laura



January 2023

The mission of our church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ, through God-centered worship and people-centered ministry.

A year ago, I would have never dreamt that I would be called to be Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church's Interim Pastor. Yet, here I am.

At the beginning of 2022, I would have never

guessed that I would have found my way to Juneau. That I would live in a dark plum colored house. That I would have a full wall covered with paper reminders of grand and small adventures. In December, I celebrated Advent and Christ-

mas in a new place. Carol Barril donated a beautiful Jack Pine to the church. Whereas, I harvested, a rookie mistake, a Western Hemlock Christmas tree, which began losing its needles on route to the Manse. I

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Sunday Worship Schedule

11:00 Worship via Zoom and in person
<https://zoom.us/j/398434443>

By phone +1 253 215-8782
Meeting ID: 398 434 443



*No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

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Greetings continued

spent a whole afternoon treasure hunting in downtown Juneau with the Candy Cane game. As a result of my busy introduction to many bespoke shops; I won a beautiful photograph of photograph of Mendenhall Valley from the top of Thunder Mountain . (Did the photographer take a helicopter or trek up there with all his gear.) I attended many parties for which I indulged my craving to make old-fashion candies and cookies. Speaking of cookies, the Governor's people put out quite a spread for the Mansion's Open House. During worship services we participated in not one, not two, but three pageant plays. The first one, a reenactment of Matthew's genealogy,

was a hard sell until half way through it, it suddenly became a joyful congregational-wide activity. I survived a record-breaking cold snap, only to discover the awesome beauty of the First Light with its rosé coloring. On the six hours and 23 minutes of the Winter Solstice, I rsvp'ed to Haa Tóoch Lichéesh solstice celebration which offered a chance to heal. Although I loved the crafts and medicine making, my favorite part was our conversations, some of them deep and difficult. It was an honor to invite people to the Manse for various celebrations: our clergy lunch, post-Christmas caroling at Pioneers Home and Fireweed Place, and youth tin can luminaria making. Just

before Hannukah began, I was invited and attended a welcoming Sabbath Service at Congregation Sukkat Shalom. (Their Student Rabbi visits one long-weekend a month!) Our Christmas Eve service was packed with people, music, candle lights, and joy. Our Christmas Day service was an intimate gathering of the faithful who many shared a meaning-making Christmas memory. What is left this month is to see if Pastor Laura ventures onto the sea for a winter daylong ferry ride adventure to Angoon and back.

I wonder what 2023 will bring into our individual and collective lives!!?!

New Members Sunday - January 8th

Council invites anyone who wishes to join Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church to please consider the opportunity. Joining the church is a special blessing of publicly stating your voluntary intentions of identifying with this particular collection of God's people. 2023 will be a special year for members as they will hopefully be voting on a new installed Pastor sometime in the coming months. Pastor Laura has made an attempt to call many of you who are visitors and returning members but she has not reached everyone. On Sunday, January 8th during the morning worship service there will be a ceremony of asking a few questions and to celebrate the event.

Please inform Pastor Laura if you are interested, (310) 265-9810 or revkrauss@gmail.com.

CCW News

Disperse money from Bazaar on Saturday, January 7, 2023, 4 p.m. via zoom

Last year:

CCW approved the following amounts

United Methodist Women	\$2,000
Presbyterian Women	\$2,000
Eagle River United Methodist Camp	\$6,000
Alaska Child & Family	\$1,500
Glory Hall	\$1,500
<u>Kunéix</u> Hídi Northern Light United Church's Food Security Fund	\$2,500
Days for Girls, an organization which distributes menstrual kits to girls and also educates men, boys & girls regarding personal health, health education and more	\$1,000
Family Promise	\$1,500
Feed the Hungry, managed by the Douglas Community Methodist Church	\$1,500
Riverbend School help purchase gym shoes	\$500
TOTAL	\$20,000

Community of Christian Women Bazaar Distribution

Saturday, January 7, 2023 4:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89109601572>

Meeting ID: 891 0960 1572

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Janet Kussart

KHNLUC and Cooperative Prison Ministries Group

On Saturday, December 17, KHNLUC hosted the packaging of 125 Xmas bags for the Lemon Creek Correctional Center inmates so they will have something to open at Christmas! We included some prayer sheets and small wooden crosses which

KHNLUC donated. This project was started by our very own former member Dick Haight, and has been led since then by Al Aitken. At the packaging event Al informed us that this was his last time to lead this project and he asked for anybody interested

to take over the coordination for next year's efforts. If you are interested please contact Al Aitken directly at 907-789-9410, or contact either Susan or Nico Bus at 907-209-2162 Nico and Susan Bus

NLUC Annual Meeting Set for Sunday, January 22

NLUC's annual meeting is set for January 22 at 12:30 PM. All members are encouraged to join us for this important time of reflection on our past year and election of new members to Council and committees.

We will use the same

Zoom login as the one for the Sunday worship service, so you will be able to take a short break and come back to the meeting without logging out of Zoom. Or, if you log out you can always log back in again.

Remember that all

Council and committee members will serve through the January annual meeting until the new members are elected. Often the outgoing members will attend the February meetings as well to support the transition to new members.

For Information Only

From: Tari Stage-Harvey <stageharvey@gmail.com>

Subject: Food insecurity

Merry Christmas Amy, Wayne and KJ.

KJ Metcalf reached out to me about food insecurity and the lag in SNAP application processing (people have told us they are waiting three months on emer-

gency food relief). We know the area around Switzer is especially vulnerable with the closing of Helping Hands.

Is it possible to gather all the food agencies together to check-in, brainstorm and close some gaps? Would Tuesday, January 10 work?

The Alaska Food Coalition has scheduled

their fly-in February 13-15. They spend that time advocating for policy change with legislators. Ron Meehan is the contact for the state coalition - Ron Meehan, Policy and Advocacy Manager 907. 222. 3103 if you would like more information about advocacy. Peace Pastor Tari Stage-Harvey (she/her) 907-789-4093

2022 Annual Report for Eagle River United Methodist Camp

(Part of the Outdoor Ministries of the Alaska United Methodist Conference)

ERUMC Board Members:

Steven Dahl, President and Facility Committee Chair; Paul Beran, Vice-President; Jeff Wright, Treasurer; Jane Ginter, Secretary; and Board members, Bunti Reed (Program), Nico Bus, (Administration), Corey Wall, Marian Call, Emily Loy, Hazel LeCount (Members at Large). Camp Managers: Traci Almlie and Sergei Morosan (Jan – May) and Jesse Stringer and Libby Sterling (June - Dec); Ex-Officio member: Youth Pastor Kristi McGuire; Member Emeritus: Don Gotschall; and Bookkeeper, Charlie Mitchell.

Community Use and other Camp Rentals:

The Camp was once again used by the Juneau Community for Camps and Cabin Rentals. Camp users include the School District, Lynn Canal Adventures, Boy and Girl Scouts, Christ Community Church for their annual Men’s and Women’s Retreats, UAS, AK Outdoor Science, Tlingit and Haida CC, individual families, and many others. Now in its third year of the Covid pandemic we did see the rentals of our facilities coming back to more normal levels.

The Camp was used (Through Nov 30, 2022):

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Overnight users	1,570	223	600	765
Day users	1,968	376	977	915
# Days	140	166	246	118
# Nights	216	111	169	84
Revenues	\$36.6	\$12.1	\$35.0	\$37.8?

Finances:

The camp’s finances are relatively healthy, we are fortunate to have a strong cash position and as of December 8, 2022, we had total revenues of \$62,769, and total Expenses of \$66,281, with a net operating loss for 2022 of \$3,500, mostly due to higher fuel cost and an increase in employee compensation.

ERUMC Continued

Our financial position as of December 2021 is:

	2021	2022 (Dec 6)	Changes:
Checking	\$83,052	\$20,755	Transfer to Merrill Lynch – Investments
Savings	\$45,303	\$45,327	same
Investments	\$65,759	\$116,794	At cost – does not reflect market value

Programs:

- This year we restarted the Discovery Camp on a limited scale(19 campers).
- There was no Camp Champ as we planned to participate in the CDF Freedom School – Children’s Defense Fund which was a coordinated effort between Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church(KHNLUC) and ERUMC and was attended by 30 scholars. Unfortunately the last week of residential camp was switched from ERUMC to KHNLUC for logistical reasons and because the ERUMC Camp dean had backed out.

Facilities:

The **Treat Cabin** went through a significant upgrade. It had its moldy, broken down bathroom totally ripped out. A small pony wall was built to frame a cozy corner. The cabin was upgraded with a new sheetrock ceiling; a new overhead light; a fresh coat of paint; a new laminate floor; new propane hot plate; a new exhaust vent; and all these changes were rounded out by a couple new pieces of furniture and a new bed quilt. It looks very nice and deserves a big shout out to the many volunteers that worked to make it happen. Thank you.

The **Maier Cabin roof** was replaced and funded by the Akiyama family – Thanks!! The old rusty corrugated metal roof and layers of tar paper were stripped off. The few pieces of rotten plywood were replaced. Rotten fascia was replaced on the North roof edge and new bird block installed. Then a new layer of Grace Ice/Water shield underlayment was put down and new metal roofing, flashing, and drip edge installed. It looks great and should last several decades.

The main **Camp Entry Welcome** sign: This summer two new gate poles with a big colorful Welcome sign were installed which catches your eye as you drive by.

The **Lodge Kitchen stoves**: Two new kitchen stoves were installed and replaced some tired stoves that were long overdue to be replaced. The old stoves were hauled off to the metal recycling.

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ERUMC Continued

In terms of our efforts to improve our facilities we are looking forward to the next “big” projects in 2023, which are the re-plumbing of the Lodge’s water supply and the drains for the dish washing sinks, as well as the installation of a water softener in the lodge to treat the water.

Following that will be the remodel of the bathhouse with its own water softener, new sinks, toilets, and partitions. The theory being that the water softener will remove the iron in the water and prevent the rust staining we suffer currently.

All these improvements look very nice and deserve a big shout out to the many volunteers that worked to make it happen.

Other:

Camp-Get-Ready – May 14 saw 20 volunteers come out and complete many projects to give the camp a face lift and get it ready for the summer.

Chop-A-Thon – October 22; 16 volunteers came out and filled the woodshed for the next year.

Thanksgiving Community Event – November 24; led by Jane Ginter and Bob Coghill; 30+ people attended.

2023 Facilities Project funding looking for sponsors:

- Replacement for aging snowplow truck - \$5,000 to \$10,000
- Kitchen plumbing refurbishing and water softener - \$8,000
- Bathhouse refurbishing - \$10,000

Appreciation:

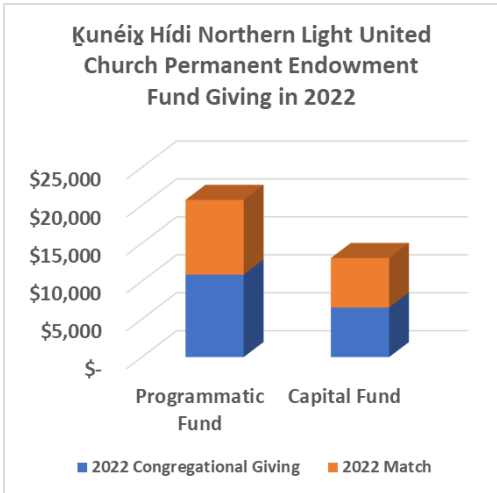
The ERUMC would like to express their appreciation for the support from the Alaska United Methodist Conference – Outdoor Ministries; the participating Juneau Churches – KHNLUC, Aldersgate UMC, and Douglas Community UMC, as well as the Community of Christian Women (CCW), and all the members from the various churches and “Friends of the Camp” who made contributions to the ERUMC mission, either by donating their time or money. Thanks to all the wonderful contributions of time and money we accomplished much needed deferred maintenance which enabled the camp to be ready for a back-to-normal operations in the post Covid-19 era.

For the ERUMC Board,
Nico Bus, Administrative Director
Jane Ginter, Secretary

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING AND MATCH IN 2022 GROW PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUNDS BY 57 PERCENT!

Thank you to those who have contributed to the Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church Permanent Endowment Funds!

And, **THANKS** to the Alan and Mana Akiyama family for matching, dollar to dollar, all contributions received between January 1 and November 30, 2022!



In total, 2022 Contributions to the two Permanent Endowment funds equaled \$33,765. \$20,710 was given to the Programmatic Permanent Endowment Fund and \$13,055 to the Capital Permanent Endowment Fund.

With the additional giving of 2022, total giving to the Programmatic Endowment Fund now equals \$53,016 and the Capital Endowment Fund now equals \$39,916. The combined total for the two funds is 57% greater than at the start of 2022.

The two Permanent Endowment Funds are named “Permanent” because they are managed so as to always equal at least the amount initially contributed to each fund (even after adjusted for inflation). As a result of such management, when the funds begin to be used, they will have the capacity to provide that funding level for as long as needed, even if such need might extend for decades!

Fund-raising for the Permanent Endowment Funds continues in 2023. Any amount an individual or family wishes to contribute will be gratefully received. Gifts to the Permanent Endowment Funds can be given either immediately or pledged to be given sometime in the future. For more details talk to one of the Permanent Endowment Fund Committee members, who are Margaret MacKinnon, Mike Barnhill, Jim Alter, and Laura Krauss.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Birthdays

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| 5 | Milian Mitchell | 22 | Mollie Belle McGuire |
| 7 | Georgia McGuire | | Grace Standerwick |
| 9 | George Reifenstein | 29 | Margaret MacKinnon |
| 11 | Jenny Pursell | 30 | Gail Coenraad |
| 19 | Jacque Farnsworth | | Jazmine Wilson |
| | Nathalia Miller | 31 | Roselina “LiJo” Wilson |
| 21 | Nola Lampken | | |



JANUARY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Communion Sunday 11 Worship in person and via Zoom	2 Church Office Closed	3	4 5:30 Chancel Choir	5	6	7 4:00 CCW Bazaar Distribution
8 New Member Sunday 11 Worship in person and via Zoom	9 10 Finance Committee via Zoom	10 Glory Hall Chili 7 Mudrooms	11 5:30 Chancel Choir	12 10 Weekend Food Bags 5:30 Council	13	14
15 11 Worship in person and via Zoom	16 Church Office Closed 10 Healing Task Force work session	17 5:30 Staff Parish Relations Committee via Zoom	18 5:30 Chancel Choir	19 10 Weekend Food Bags 12 Social Justice Service Committee 5 Committee on Property Management	20	21 12 PEO Luncheon
22 11 Worship in person and via Zoom Annual Meeting	23	24 Glory Hall Spaghetti	25 5:30 Chancel Choir	26 10 Weekend Food Bags 5:30 Healing Task Force	27	28
29 11 Worship in person and via Zoom	30	31 Newsletter Deadline				