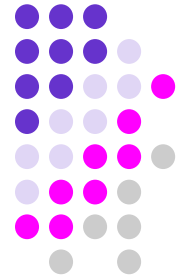


# Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church News



## From Interim Pastor Laura

Saying YES! Coming to Juneau has been a long series of yeses for me.

**A very public ministry:** being invited to say the 1/30/2023 Alaskan House of Representative Invocation.

“Good Morning, I am Rev. Dr. Laura Krauss. I am

currently serving as an Interim Pastor at Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church, here in Juneau. Welcome to Juneau!

I invite you to take a moment of stillness.

**Awe Prayer**

When was the last time, you were awed? When a situation, a thought, an encounter took your breath away. Can you feel it now?

Now look at your hands, especially a close-up of your thumb, your thumb

print. No one was created with the same lines as you! Each of us, currently 8 billion of us humans, is unique; you are unique!

Whenever you need to be awed, just remember to examine your own thumb. Amen.”

**Being a judge.** If this email found its way to me; they must be desperate. Last Wednesday, an SOS arrived for people to judge at the High School Regional Drama Debate Forensics Tournament. Why not? I had

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February 2023



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

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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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## From Interim Pastor Laura continued

a GPS to find the location. Debate judging, no way! But I have seen a play or two in my day. In the end, I was blown away by the amazing quality of young people from SE Alaska who performed just for me.

**Hosting a B&B.** Well, they have all settled in: the Methodists, the Juneau Symphony musicians, and the local clergy. It seems that Pastor Laura has opened up a B&B. Each week for Thursday lunch, a small group of clergy come for a repast. This week, on the dessert menu is North Douglas Chocolate cake (Myra Munson

sent me the recipe.) The others come to rest their heads for a few days on a periodic basis.

**Teaching Sunday School.** It has been years since I have taught SS. We are joyfully working our way through the Bible at the pace of the “Bible in 50 Words”. Memorizing important passages that will, hopefully, sustain everyone their whole lifelong.

**Planning a once-in-a-lifetime adventure.** I believe life should have a few amazing once-in-a-life-time events. (My husband teases me

that I have never turned down such an opportunity!) Well, who is going to join me and go to the near western edge of North America? We may have to face 10 footers, wave after wave. But to get to wear the t-shirt, “I survived the Alaskan Marine Highway Ferry” is so worth it. (see flyer one page 5 for more details) Decide quickly as all the cabins may be booked. Join Orientation Meeting, February 12, after church in the Pastor’s study.



Pastor Laura welcomes Elizabeth Wheeler and Ryan Story as new members of Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church. Welcome to the family!

Alaska Native Sisterhood Glacier Camp 70 announced that Freda Westman is now a life member of ANS. This reflects her years of service to the organization.

Congratulations, Freda! We are proud of you!



## Apology Ceremony on Indigenous Peoples' Day 2023

Mark your calendars - the formal Apology by the Presbyterian Church (USA) will be October 9, 2023, Indigenous Peoples' Day. The Healing Task Force, with guidance from the Native Ministries Committee, is planning and preparing for the ceremony. We have developed an action plan to

ensure that we host a ceremony that honestly atones for the harms committed, honors our Alaska Native siblings in Christ, and supports the Presbyterian Church (USA) in making an authentic apology. This effort is our primary (and possibly only) focus this year. It will be a huge undertaking,

and we will need help from everyone. Please consider joining the Healing Task Force in its work and be open to sharing your talents when we ask you for help. The next Healing Task Force meeting is February 23, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.



Grand Adventure #2 with Pastor Laura

**FEBRUARY 11, 2023**

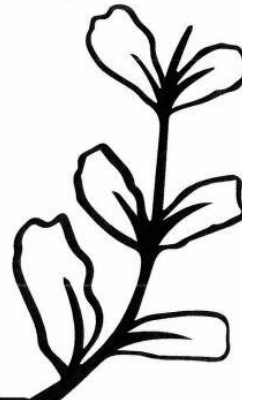
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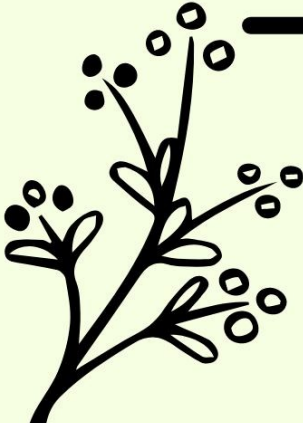
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\$97 ADULT (ROUND TRIP) AND \$74 SENIOR 65+ (ROUND TRIP)

A winter all-day-round-trip ferry ride:  
with a directed workshop-  
creative writing as a spiritual practice\*\*, or  
a self-directed creative time, or  
a mere joy ride.

\*\* Spend the day with moments of intentional writing: beginning with a webinar with Mary O'Shan (Shan) Overton, the director of the Center for Writing and Learning Support at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and the director of the seminary's Doctor of Ministry in Creative Writing and Public Theology degree program.

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Grand Adventure #3 with Pastor Laura

**MAY 2023**

**ALEUTIAN ISLANDS**

A week long ferry trip:

fly to Kodiak

board the three day/nights ferry to Dutch Harbor

sleep in 2 or 4 bed cabins

fly to Anchorage, then home.

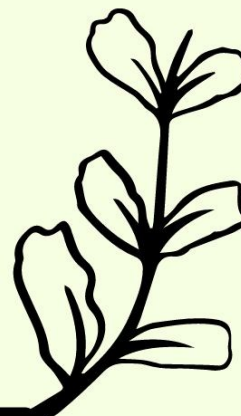
This is not a cheap trip but a once-in-a-lifetime trip.

The ferry schedule is not out yet:  
maybe not until the end of February.

The soft FERRY date is May 4th

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## Annual Meeting and Potluck!

Thanks to all who made our Annual Meeting a success!

Christina DowlingSoka, Alaska United Methodist District Superintendent led the meeting and Rev. Amy Delaney from the Presbytery of

the Northwest Coast was present through Zoom along with moderator Kate Burkhart.

There was delicious food, including baked salmon, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, and apple cake. It was good to

be together and contribute to the work of the church.



## Kaxdigoowú Héen Weekend Food

Weekend food preparation continues every Thursday for this school year through May 25. Over a dozen volunteers gather every Thursday at 10 a.m. to pack over 113 weekend food bags for

Kaxdigoowú Héen (formerly Riverbend) elementary students who are food insecure. This is a fun and social time, proving the saying that “many hands make light work.” We organize

enough food and pack 113 food bags for delivery to Kaxdigoowú Héen each week by Thursday afternoon.

Some of our volunteers include Carol Barril, Deb Reifenstein, Denise Carroll, Freda Westman, Gail Dahl, Janet Kussart, Jeffrey Hartman, Karen Lipson, Kristi Peel, Patsy Wright, Mary Borthwick, Robert Minch, John Pugh, Peggy Barnhill, Peggy Metcalf, Sue Bus, and Sue Lium.



Plan to join in on any Thursday! You'll make some new friends and help out our school children.



## “I HOPE” collective project; a photographic essay

DEADLINE EXTENDED until February 15th

### “I HOPE...”

In honor of life; I want us to envision the next decade. I want us to act deeply in hope for what might occur between now and 2033. I want us to see, to truly see, the now and then to imagine a future.

Maybe the now is glorious and you want it to continue the same forever.

Maybe the now is hideous and you want it gone forever.

Maybe the now just needs a tweak, now and then.

I am inviting all of us to a collective project; a photographic essay.

Your assignment.

1. Take some photos that illustrate the sentence, “I HOPE...”. Then send me your best one; not the perfect one just the one that best completes the sentence. Send with the largest pixels possible. The deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. I (and any volunteers) will prepare an art show with our images.
3. Be thinking of a short explanation about your photo and why you took it and how it completes the sentence, “I HOPE...”

Don't be shy. Think deep. Look around you. Click away. And remember to send it. [revkrauss@gmail.com](mailto:revkrauss@gmail.com)

Is this your cooler? Please come collect it! It's in the Fellowship Hall.

Thanks!





## Community of Christian Women

The Community of Christian Women met in early January to review the November 2022 bazaar, discussing what went well and any changes we might entertain for this coming fall. Treasurer Karen Dillon reported we made \$8,843 in bazaar sales and she also found that we had an anonymous \$4,000 deposited to our account. Wow, what a blessing! Combined with the previous balance, we had a balance \$15,525 to spend. The group decided to retain \$1,525 in our account if needed, leaving us \$14,000 to spend.

A lively discussion followed during which we reviewed projects and programs previously funded and suggestions for the current funds. The list below represent the final funding agreements.

\$2,000	Presbyterian Women
\$2,000	United Women of Faith (previously known as United Methodist Women)
\$2,000	Eagle River United Methodist Camp
\$1,500	Alaska Child and Family
\$1,500	Food security fund at Kuneix Hidi Northern Light United Church
\$1,000	Days for Girls
\$1,500	Family Promise of Juneau
\$1,500	Douglas Community United Methodist Church to support the Feed the Hungry Program and Weekend Food Bags
\$1,000	Juneau Food Bank – supporting a new building which will expand their current operations
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\$14,000	

Our bazaar was successful because so many in our congregation became involved. We are sincerely thankful to all of you who made jams and jellies, cooked, baked, or otherwise produced items for sale, and volunteered your time and talents. Thank you and Gunalcheesh!

## Planning Lenten, Holy Week Services

The Worship Committee will meet Monday, February 6 at 5:30 p.m. to begin planning the services for Lent and celebrations for Easter. Meeting information and the zoom link are on the church calendar online. Everyone is welcome to share ideas and help us hold services that are meaningful, accessible, and worshipful.

## Some thank yous from previous CCW recipients



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 Rev. Kim Poole

January 13, 2023

Community of Christian Women  
 Northern Light United Church  
 400 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Partners!

New Year's Greetings and Blessings!

Thank you so much for your generous \$1,500.00 donation to the "Feeding Juneau's Future: Backpack Program"! Your generosity allows us to continue to provide shelf-stable nourishment to students in the Juneau School District who are food challenged. Since the beginning of the current school year, we have served an average of 438 kids each week-end and this last week served 527. As the number of students served increases and with the prices of groceries climbing, your donation enables us continue this important ministry.

Thank you for being our partner! You are a making a difference in the Juneau Community and we appreciate your generosity and time! No goods or services were offered in exchange for your donation; our Federal EIN # is 92-0074515.

Blessings Always,

*Linda*

Linda Hamilton, Finance Committee  
 Douglas Community UMC  
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*Thanks to each of you for many Blessings!*  
*AK*





# AKCHILD & FAMILY

January 12, 2023

Northern Light United Church  
Community of Christian Women  
400 W 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Friends,

What a blessing you are to us! THANK YOU your generous contribution of \$1500 to our Spiritual Life Program! We are so appreciative of your support our mission! As you know, the young people in our care have faced severe adversity in their lives. We are blessed that you a partner in our ministry.

AK Child & Family remains blessed to be the only residential treatment facility in Alaska that maintains a full-time Spiritual Life Program. This program is supported solely through givers such as yourself. Thank you! Because of you, we are able to continue our work in meeting the needs of young people and their families who suffer from trauma, abuse, neglect, discord and emotional instability in their lives.

We couldn't do this work without you! You are helping us transform lives!

Again, thank you for your gift! Your contribution makes you a part of the great cloud of witnesses here at AK Child & Family. Blessings, good health and peace to you and yours!

In Gratitude & Service,

Kelli Williams  
Director of Spiritual Life

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January 10, 2023

Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church Community of Christian Women  
400 W 11th St  
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church Community of Christian Women,

Family Promise of Juneau (FPJ) wants to extend a special thank you for your support of FPJ and the Families we serve. Your thoughtful \$1500 donation helps out Juneau families experiencing homelessness by giving our agency the ability to provide parent(s) and children support, food, shelter, and a community to lean on.

Our favorite number to brag about is the number 86. Family Promise of Juneau has prevented homelessness or shortened the homelessness of 86 children in Juneau.

Some other outstanding numbers:

- In 2022, FPJ received over 230 phone calls from households struggling with housing in Juneau
- We served 59 households in 2022
- Those 59 households comprised 166 people in total

Your support made a difference in the lives of 86 children in 2022. For that, we THANK YOU.

This is your official letter of donation for 2022. Family Promise of Juneau provided no goods or services in return for this contribution. Family Promise of Juneau is a 501c3 operating under EIN 47-5613303.

Thank you again for your support!

Katherine Carlson, LMSW  
Executive Director  
Family Promise of Juneau

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. Carlson, LMSW".

# DAYS FOR GIRLS

DAYS FOR GIRLS INTERNATIONAL  
PO Box 2622, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273  
DAYSFORGIRLS.ORG

January 19, 2023

Northern Light United Church  
% Community of Christian Women  
400 West 11th Street  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Friend,

Please extend our most sincere appreciation to everyone at Northern Light United Church. Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,000 on January 10, 2023. With your help, we are able to continue making progress towards our goal of achieving menstrual equity and creating long-lasting change. Together, our impact for good will be far-reaching to include individual women and girls, families and communities!



This past fall, we proudly celebrated Days for Girls' 14th birthday. Starting in 2008 with Founder Celeste Mergens' goal of providing pads to girls at an orphanage in Kenya, our organization has evolved into a global team of volunteers, donors, social entrepreneurs, partners, community leaders, and incredibly strong and capable girls. Each of us plays a vital role in progress, change and equity.

Thank YOU for your part in our work. Together, we will end period poverty by providing tools, education and period positive policies so that all girls can learn, thrive and succeed. We appreciate your ongoing support and the part you have played in this work!

With gratitude,

Chief Executive Officer  
Days for Girls International

501(c)(3) Charitable Organization, EIN: 45-3934671  
No goods or services were provided in exchange for this donation.

**“To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”**

## Why is the Plaque in our Church?

Patsy Wright and I, as members of the Committee on Property Management, have been cleaning up clutter around the church.

A while back, we noticed this brass plaque laying about in the Fellowship Hall.

It reads: "Lo, I am with you always."

In memory of Earl Sanborn Rigdy  
By his mother

We wondered: why was this item in our church?

I enjoy doing genealogy research and so I started to dig into this mystery.

The first thing she discovered was that the last name was spelled incorrectly. It should have read "Rigby."

After pouring over Ancestry.com, I identified the family.

### Earl Sanborn Rigby

B: 13 May  
1908 Chicago,  
Cook, IL, USA  
D: 31 Jul  
1935 Chicago,  
Cook, IL, USA

His records show:  
Occupation Stu-

dent, C C C Camp,  
Death Age 27. Did he die at a CCC Camp in Chicago?

His parents were:  
Archie Edward Rigby

B: 7 Jun  
1872 Clarence, Cedar,  
IA, USA  
D: 27 May  
1940 Grundy Center,  
Grundy, IA, USA

Lulu Anna Sanborn  
B: 26 Nov 1873 Fonda,  
Pocahontas, IA, USA  
D: 5 Sep 1954 Fort  
Dodge, Webster, IA,  
USA

His father was a Methodist minister and travelled all over the world. He worked at a missionary school in Nagasaki, Japan. We have no record of Rev. and Mrs. Rigby coming to Alaska, but we think the connection with the Methodist church might be the key. Did Lulu end up in Juneau and commission the plaque, with the misspelled name? Did the plaque

end up in a box of donated items sent from Iowa to the Missionary Conference in Alaska and somehow end up in our Fellowship Hall?

I was able to track down the nephew of Earl Rigby, Martin George Rigby, who lives in California. He remembers hearing about his uncle who died young and he recalls visiting his grandmother Lulu in Iowa. Another one of Earl's nephews is named Thomas Earl Hallett.

We don't know why this item ended up here in Juneau. But we do know a bit more about the family. We have offered to return the plaque to the Rigby family. It is located next to the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall if you'd like to ponder it a bit more.

--Jane Ginter



## MATCHING OPPORTUNITY FOR CONGREGATION TO EXTEND ITS COMMITMENT TO OTHERS

Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church’s Permanent Endowment Funds were created by the congregation in 2020 for the purpose of providing lasting financial support for church endeavors.

The concept behind the Funds is that, if contributions are invested and grow, over time, they will eventually increase in value to equal the inflation-adjusted value of the original contributions. At that point in time the subsequent annual earnings of the original contributions may be spent without diminishing the value of the inflation-adjusted original contributions. In other words, the amount of the original donation may be repeatedly given, as long as needed, without eliminating the source of the funds. The funding mechanism has become “permanent”.

The current challenge fac-

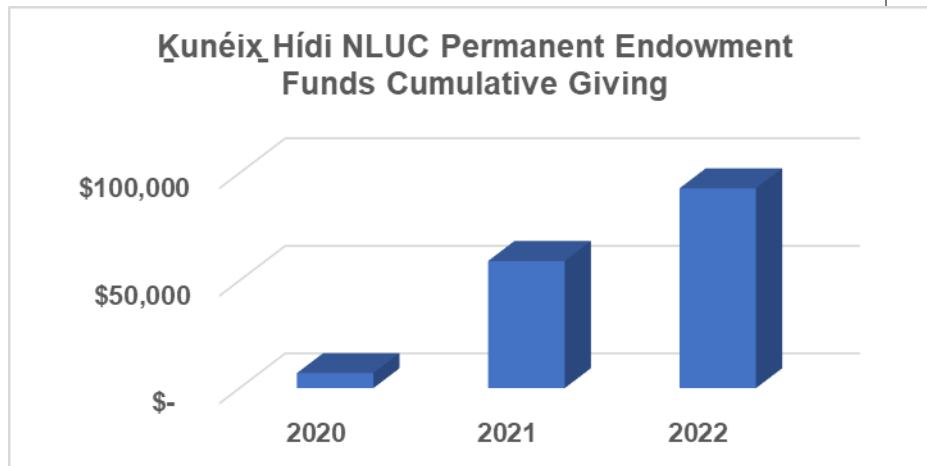
ing our congregation is increasing the amount in our Permanent Endowment Funds (There are two funds: one to support programmatic endeavors; the other to support capital projects.) As the adjacent graph illustrates, over the last 3 years our Endowment Funds have wonderfully grown to a combined total of almost \$93,000. But, this is far from sufficient if we are to fulfill our congregational visions of what we could and should be funding!

In hopes of inspiring all of us to substantially contribute to the Endowment Funds this calendar year, the Alan and Mana Akiyama family have agreed to match, dollar-to-dollar (up to a total of

\$13,500 for each of the two Endowment Funds), contributions to the Permanent Endowment Funds made in 2023 between January 1 and November 30. With this match, Endowment contributions will become available for use twice as fast as they otherwise would!

Consider helping our congregation meaningfully fulfill one of our future commitments by generously contributing to an Endowment Fund this year!

Thank You for past and prospective support!





Join Pastor Laura for the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center's decades-long tradition of Friday-night Fireside Lectures @ 7pm.

### Feb. 10—Fighter in Velvet Gloves: Alaska Civil Rights Hero Elizabeth Peratrovich

o Author Annie Boochever, with the help of Peratrovich family and the Alaska State Archives, will present a rare glimpse into the personal life of Elizabeth Peratrovich through her book *Fighter in Velvet Gloves*.

## Seeking a Weather Ready Nation Ambassador

In one of my community meetings, a few weeks ago, I met Nicole Ferrin who is seeking to establish a **Weather Ready Nation Ambassador Program** in our congregation; NOAA is trying to build a nation-wide group. Are you interested in being a “town-crier” and caring for your neighbor? If so, get in touch and let me know you did so.

Pastor Laura

**From:** Nicole Ferrin - NOAA Federal <Nicole.Ferrin@noaa.gov>  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 3:39 PM  
**To:** "revkrauss@gmail.com" <revkrauss@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Weather Ready Nation Ambassador Program

Rev. Krauss,

It was nice to meet you last week at the Faith Community Luncheon hosted by the Red Cross/LECP. Below are links to more information about the Weather Ready Nation Ambassador Program I was telling you about. Please let me know if you have any questions.

[Weather Ready Nation \(WRN\)](#)  
[Weather Ready Nation Ambassador Program](#)

***Nicole Ferrin***  
 Lead Forecaster  
 DSS Focal Point  
 Marine Co-focal Point  
[WFO Juneau, AK](#)  
 907-790-6800



## Birthdays

1	Bobi Trani	9	Henry Akiyama	18	Dori Germain
	Chad Mores	10	Olivia Miller	23	Jeremy Schlosser
3	Jason Hope	12	Nancy Norman	25	Leon Shaul
5	Tim Lash	15	Sue Deems	26	Su Alexander
	Rob Becker		Chloe Likins	28	Frank Coenraad
7	Jean Ann Alter	16	Edith McHenry		



## Sunday Servers Needed

We need liturgists February 19 and 26. Use the link below to sign up:

Sunday Worship Liturgist Sign-up: <https://signup.com/go/WxUCgOf>

Ushers are needed February 12, 19 and 26. Use the link below to sign up:

Sunday Worship Usher Sign-up: <https://signup.com/go/GezbghQ>

## Thank yous

Many people and groups are involved in making sure things happen at NLU. Each month we would like to recognize some of those individuals and groups for their special services. Special thanks to:

\*those who served as Liturgists: Anne Standerwick, Patsy Wright, Bob Coghill, Nola Lamken and Kristy Germain

\*those who served as Greeters/ushers: Jane Ginter and Carol Barril

\*Those who provided flowers: Patsy Wright, Elizabeth Wheeler and Kristi Peel

\*Mary Borthwick, Karen Dillon, Marianne Mills, John Pugh, Carol Barril, Pat Gorman, Jan and Don Kussart, April Rezendes and Jim Alter for their help in counting and recording financial gifts received by Northern Light.

*If you have a suggestion for a thank you, call Christina at the church office, 586-3131 or e-mail her at [office@nluchurch.org](mailto:office@nluchurch.org).*

# FEBRUARY 2023

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