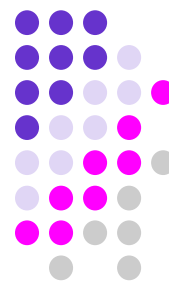


Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church News



From the Pastor



PALM SAGA – Our goal was to supply KHNLUC with fresh palm branches for Palm Sunday.

On my Spring vacation, I traveled OUT to visit my husband in Los Angeles, in the neighborhood of San Pedro. The day after I arrived, on Tuesday morning, Reinhard and I venture out. It is lightly raining; only the 14th atmospheric river to hit Southern California. (A few miles away, a rare tornado dropped onto a neighborhood.) Nevertheless, we headed across town to the hidden palm forest. I remembered that along San Pedro Harbor's abandoned

railway line - to former port warehouses - grows a wild collection of *Windmill Palms*.

We harvested and prepared a pile of palms, including removing tiny hooked thorns along their stems. I neatly packed them into a brand-new IKEA duffel bag. Once back at our house, to prevent mildew, the packed palms were placed in front of the fireplace to dry out.

Six days later on Sunday morning, I checked on the palms. None were moldy but most were too dry and too ugly. Restarted. Early on the day of my flight to Juneau, we returned to the forest and harvested another duffel bag full.



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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 the Pastor continued



At the airport, the bag full of palms was clearly marked as fragile and was shipped in the plane's undercarriage. And we sat together on the tarmac, as the exit door may or may not have broken and needed to be repaired.

An hour later, we lifted off, heading towards Seattle. My layover had now shrunk to mere minutes. Surprisingly, my fellow passengers actually remained seated to give me an empty aisle to exit. And my new gate was just kitty corner. I made the connection but the palms do not!

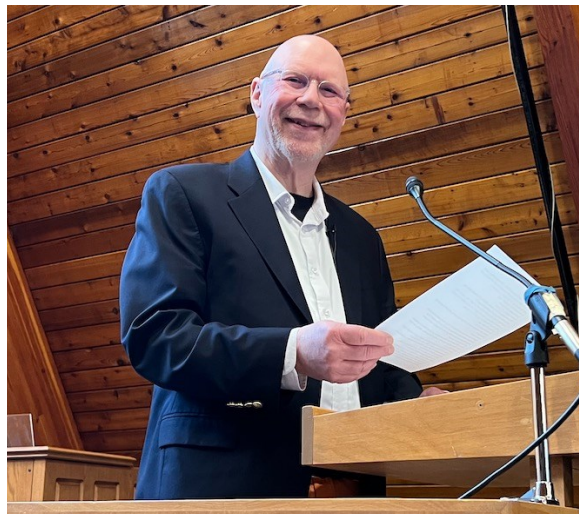
The Juneau baggage claim person confirmed that the palms were in Seattle. On one of the next morning's flights the palms journeyed to Juneau, all by themselves. And I was awarded 2,500 miles on Alaska Airlines for going to pick them up.



Now they are in the Manse's laundry tub, soaking up the refreshing Juneau water. I wonder what shape they will be for the Palm Parade on Sunday?!!

Your Interim Pastor, Laura

Do you know anything about the history of the bell outside the church? If so, email Christina at office@khnluc.org or Pastor Laura at revkrauss@gmail.com



Bob Coghill leading worship



Acey, Ellie, and Lucy Wall assisting with liturgy

Social Justice and Service Committee: Earth Day 2023

April 22 will be the 53rd anniversary of the first Earth Day. A day to celebrate the wonderful gift of the planet we live on. And a day to organize to preserve and reclaim the ecosystems we depend on to live.



Joyfully, this year KHNLUC has been re-certified as an Earth Care Congregation. We've been recognized by PCUSA as a faith community committed to caring for the environment. To be certified we track our continued commitments to the earth's care in four areas: worship, education, facilities, and outreach.

KHNLUC is also a member of Alaska Interfaith Power and Light, part of a national ecumenical organization networking communities of faith to combat climate change. Catastrophic climate changes are the worst for the marginalized - from Bering Sea communities to South Pacific Island nations and places like Bangladesh threatened by sea level rise - people who have contributed the LEAST to greenhouse gas emissions. A 21st century Christian interpretation, makes a clear call for us to see Christ in "the least of these" (Matthew 25) and do what we can to help.

On the day after Earth Day, Sunday April 23, the theme of our worship service will be Care of the Environment. We will be celebrating our accomplishments to date and talking about what we can do in the future.

HELP WANTED! If the idea of making our church an effective actor in combating climate change, saving energy, and advocating in the wider world for policies that are "Earth-friendly" is something you care about, please consider joining our "Earth Care Team". Contact George Partlow at 928-581-1846 or pricerbumanto@hotmail.com, or let Christina in the office know and she'll put us in touch.

MORE INFO ON EARTH DAY: <https://www.earthday.org/press-release/earthday-org-announces-theme-for-earth-day-2023-invest-in-our-planet/>

MORE ABOUT PREBYTERIANS FOR EARTH CARE: <https://presbyearthcare.org/>

MORE ABOUT EARTH CARE certification: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-care-congregations/>

MORE ABOUT INTERFAITH POWER AND LIGHT: <https://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/>

ALASKA Interfaith Power and Light FACEBOOK page: <https://www.facebook.com/akipl>

Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church welcomed Maka Black Elk to Juneau on March 3, 2023



Thanks to the Native Ministries Committee, the Healing Task Force, and especially Pattie Adkisson for coordinating the visit of Maka Black Elk.

Maka Black Elk is the grandson of Lakota Holy Man, Black Elk. He is the Executive Director for Truth and Healing at Red Cloud Indian School.

We held a discussion of Truth, Reconciliation, and Healing on at noon at the Walter Soboleff Building. We also met at the church for a dinner and discussion.

Maka Black Elk is the Executive Director for Truth and Healing at Red Cloud Indian School. He graduated from the school in 2005. After graduating from the University of San Francisco, he earned his Master's degrees in Peace & Human Rights Education at Columbia University's Teachers College and in Educational

Leadership at the University of Notre Dame. Maka Black Elk returned to Red Cloud Indian School as a teacher and later an administrator before taking on his current role in 2022.

Learn more at www.redcloudschool.org and boardingschoolhealing.org.

Maka Black Elk's ancestor, Heñáka Sápa, was commonly known as Black Elk (December 1, 1863 – Au-

gust 19, 1950). He was a wičháša wakǵán ("medicine man, holy man") and heyoka of the Oglala Lakota people. He was a second cousin of the war leader Crazy Horse and fought with him in the Battle of Little Bighorn. He survived the Wounded Knee Massacre in 1890. He toured and performed in Europe as part of Buffalo Bill's Wild West.



In Remembrance of Edard “Chum” Chalmers



Born in Metlakatla on August 22, 1951 and a member of Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church, Edard “took his final walk into the

woods” March 3, 2023. He had been residing at Wildflower Court for the past several years due to complications and progressions of Parkinson’s disease. Edward was active in his Church and community, particularly in music, until the ravages of this disease made it impossible for him to participate. He loved fishing, talking about fishing and our weekly Saturday outings to Valley Restaurant and Sunday

dinners at our house. In the roughly five years I have known him, he became not only a close friend but a member of our family. He will be missed greatly. A memorial service at Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church will occur sometime later in the year.


—John E. Doogan

March Council Meeting Formalizes Various Building Uses and Organizational Matters

The Church Council met on March 9, in hybrid form. At the meeting the Council, among other things:

- Approved a Deacons’ request to resume Sunday, after-worship-service use of the fellowship hall, for fellowship and snacks.
- Finalized an amended version of the Church’s policies regarding providing a safe place for children and vulnerable adults while at KHNLUC
- Formalized the continuing existence of the Healing Task Force as a standing committee of KHNLUC and appointed Kate Burkhart and Jim Alter to serve on it for 2023 as the Council representatives.
- Reviewed a draft contract between Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church and our new minister, Charles Ensminger; to be finalized in consultations between him and the SPRC.
- Approved purchasing and installing new video conferencing equipment in the Skuse Room so as to upgrade our video conferencing capability
- Approved, for two years, the weekly use (at a reduced rental rate) of a church building room by Al-Anon.
- Agreed to host, on May 19, a cabinet meeting of the United Methodist Church, Pacific Northwest Region (Washington, Alaska, Oregon, and Idaho).
- Named Council Members Kate Burkhart and Laura Doogan to serve as Council representatives on the Nominating Committee
- Reviewed the church’s finances and made changes in authorized financial signers.

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<p>The vision of Family Promise of Juneau is to provide hospitality for entire families in a holistic and home-like environment as families become self-sufficient. This vision includes guiding and nurturing a network of area congregations and civic groups as the steadfast and inspired source of assistance to families experiencing homelessness in our community. With this in mind Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church Council approved in December 2022 the use of our building for most of the summer in 2023 when the Juneau Coop Pre-school is not using the basement classrooms. This means that the FPJ families will be in a more stable environment and not have to pack up and move every week or two.</p>	<p>Financial contributions to the Kunéix Hídi Northern Light Food Security Fund help us buy breakfast and lunch items for the families when they are housed in our church building. You may donate on-line at the church website or by mail. Please specify that the donation is for the Food Security Fund and for Family Promise.</p> <p>Financial support for FPJ is always welcome. Try the easy on-line option through Family Promise Juneau website. https://www.familypromisejuneau.org/donate</p> <p>FPJ has enrolled with the PayPal Giving Fund. We will now receive 100% of your donations with no fees taken out.</p>
<p>Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church will host 1-3 families for 2 two-week periods this summer June 4-17 and July 30- August 13. The other six weeks in between will be hosted by FPJ Board members and other congregations that do not have the physical space to host families.</p>	<p>Call Family Promise Juneau: (907) 586-0160 Or mail check to: PO Box 32775, Juneau, AK 99803</p> <p>Or you can contact: Linda McCargar, Kunéix Hídi Family Promise Coordinator @ 971-241-0534 or ducky6670@gmail.com</p>
<p>We will be looking for volunteers to cook dinners, be overnight hosts and wash bedding once a week while KHNLU hosts.</p>	<p>Or Kristi Peel, Assistant Coordinator @ 907-321-3163 or kristipeel1@gmail.com</p>

Spring Clean-up

Thanks to all who helped with Spring Cleanup!

We'll gather together for more cleanup tasks on Saturday, April 1 before Easter.

We'll continue working on cleanup tasks throughout the Spring and Summer. Have you noticed something that needs to be attended to? Let us know!

You can choose a task to do on your own time. You can look over this list of cleanup tasks or come up with your idea of what needs to be done. Signup or call Jane Ginter, Patsy Wright, or Duff Mitchell.

<https://khnuc.org/spring-clean-up-days-2023/>

<https://signup.com/go/aiHfuRV>



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SHINE-ing KHNLC's Light



The SHINE Program seeks to connect and engage with young adults and families with young children and create a relationship with KHNLC. SHINE is inspired by Matthew 5:14-16: “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

We had two SHINE events in March. Board Game Night on March 16 was a partnership with Platypus Gaming. They brought a pile of games to share, and offered to teach folks how to play.



We had ten people come to Board Game Night, including 4 new friends from the community.

Rainforest Yoga and KHNLC are offering a monthly class Qigong through June. Instructor Glen Ray taught a group of 6 adults the basics of Qigong on March 18. One participant expressed his thanks for the class, since he hasn't been able to afford yoga classes like he used to.

Come learn this breath-based exercise at our next Qigong class on **April 15 at noon.**

Family Fun Night, April 1, 2023

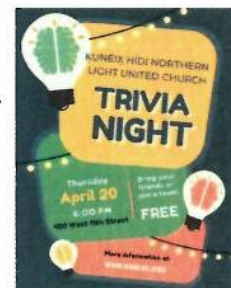
A free event for families with young children! Come for Easter crafts including making a paper Easter egg wreath, painting wooden Easter eggs, and making a popsicle stick basket. A hot dinner will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact Kate Burkhart at jaymiekate@hotmail.com for more information or if you would to volunteer to help.



Trivia Night, April 20, 2023

Show off your brainy side in a friendly and sober environment. Bring your friends or join a team. Snacks provided. This is a free event.



Youth Group Candles and S'mores

Last Sunday evening the Wall girls gathered at Pastor Laura's for a night of crafts and a March campfire (s'mores and hot dogs included!) When they arrived they were given the choice between two craft ideas or playing with the dog outside. Lucy, the youngest, an animal lover, chose to run around with Sundog while Lydia prepared a

fire. Meanwhile, Acey and Ellie chose to make snow candles. Pastor Laura pulled out the old Advent candles and her trusty sauce pan. They then trekked outside to dig holes in the snow. After the wax was melted Bob assisted them with adding decorative touches and pouring the wax in. Afterwards everybody gathered around the bonfire

while Bob shared stories of his tragic high school dating life. It was an incredible time to catch up as a community. Thank you Pastor Laura, Lydia, and Bob for making this a memorable night!



We found this lovely, high quality kit in the Skuse Room at church. It seems to be decorated with a button blanket theme, with professionally done posters with a FASD theme.

We'd like to get it back to its rightful owner.

Do you recognize it or have any thoughts on who it might belong to?



“Crafting” is a how-to book on building and delivering a sermon. It is for the lay, preacher, local pastors and recent seminary graduates.

Author Charles Ensminger - about his book

Our much anticipated Rev. Dr. Charles Ensminger is soon to be our pastor. Our expectations of a pastor are many. I, for one, did not know that Rev. Ensminger is an author! When I discovered this, I ordered one of his books. I read “Crafting the Sermon: A Beginner’s Guide to Preaching.” I plan to pass the book on to George Partlow. I look forward to George’s next sermon.

“Crafting” is a how-to book on building and delivering a sermon. It is for the lay, preacher, local pastors and recent seminary graduates. It is loaded with practical suggestions for preaching that truly shares God’s word. I

thought that it was a very complete book. Sunday when I was preparing to deliver a sermon on the raising of Lazarus, I found some ideas that improved my preparation and delivery of the sermon.

1) Know your congregation: of course I know the congregation of Kunéix Hídi but I hadn’t deliberately considered this in my first draft. I worked that in for subsequent drafts.

2) Another idea concerned technology and warned against making it overly complicated. I did not have technology but I did have the help of Acey, Ellie and Lucy Wall. Rather than orchestrate a complex sharing of readings we simply passed the mi-

crophone from one to another.

3) Rev. Ensminger discussed delivery. Should one read the sermon, memorize or have the sermon in front of one but not read? With my unreliable eyesight, I chose the last. But, when quoting scripture or the prayers written by others, I did read. Rev. Ensminger discusses the pros and cons.

I am very much looking forward to Rev. Ensminger coming to Juneau and learning more of the Gospel from him.

—Bob Coghill

In Memoriam

Lisa Lindsay

March 26, 1959 – February 25, 2023

Lisa Lindsay died on February 25, 2023. Lisa is survived by her husband, the Reverend Greg Lindsay. Lisa was the administrator at KHNLUC from 1999 - 2004. Greg was pastor at KHNLUC from 1999 - 2003

Lisa and Greg were married when he was serving the Twin Falls UMC. After their marriage, he also served the Ashton Community UMC. Greg retired in 2016.

A memorial service is not planned at this time.

The family suggests that contributions in memory of Lisa be made to any pet shelter.

To extend condolences, friends may contact Rev. Greg Lindsay at 360 E. 21st St., Idaho Falls, ID 83404.

Cedrick Bridgeforth, Bishop

Candace Clarke, Interim Treasurer and Director of Finance and Operations

SUMMER IS COMING!

And with it our Summer Lunch Program. For the eighth year, Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church will provide a children's summer lunch program at the Geneva Woods housing complex in Douglas where all children, whatever their circumstances, are welcome to participate. Summer lunches ensure that low-income children enjoy at least one nutritious, delicious hot meal every weekday during the summer.

This year we have given considerable thought to making the lunch program more efficient and less time consuming; to that end we have opted out of the AK State DEED program. We will lose some funding, but in return can be more flexible in serving kids in the Community Room at Geneva Woods and possibly have "to go" hot lunches if needed while saving many hours of paperwork.

Eva Sturm will be returning as Site Coordinator and we are presently looking for a Summer Lunch Associate. Contact Deb Reifenstein at 907-723-1879 or debreifenstein@gmail.com if you would like information

on this part time position, or Myra Munson after May 1st myra.munson@outlook.com.

Our lunch service will begin on Tuesday, May 30th and end on Friday, August 11th. Meals will be served from 12:15-1:00. We hope to have a weekly activity.

Volunteers will be needed throughout the summer. Our Site Coordinator and Associate are critical members of the team, but we must have volunteers to cook and pack meals at the KHNLC kitchen and sometimes we really need help serving meals at Geneva Woods. Cooking may be from scratch (with help documenting that the recipe meets the USDA standards) or finishing one of the pre-made meals.

Everyone who participates in food preparation, packing or serving must have a current food worker card. You can study for and take the test online; it is good for three years; and it only costs \$10 (refundable if you submit for reimbursement). To sign up: (1) click on [https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/food-worker-](https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/food-worker-card/)

[card/](#), (2) click on Getting a Food Worker Card and follow the instructions there; (3) download and send a copy of your card to Christina Maddox at office@khnluc.org. It is really easy.

If cooking and packing meals doesn't work for you, we always need financial contributions.

If you are interested in any of these activities (or want to find out more before you decide), we will conduct a training session in mid-May at KHNLC. Please let Christina Maddox office@khnluc.org know, or call KHNLC at 907-586-3131. If you have any questions or want to participate, but doing things online is not for you, call Deb Reifenstein at 907-723-1879.

Summer Lunches is one of the ways in which KHNLC participates in reducing food insecurity for children in Juneau. Your contributions of time and money truly nourish the bodies and spirits of our community's most vulnerable.

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Communion Tray for serving communion

The Deacons are setting up communion with communion trays and cups. With our experience with Covid-19, many prefer to receive communion in individual cups rather than intinction.

During Spring Cleanup, Deacon Karen Lipson polished up the communion trays. She discovered an interesting engraving on the bottom of a tray she was polishing:

"Presented Christmas '48 by Rev. and Mrs. Treat."

Bob Treat was a pastor at Douglas Community United Methodist Church and later served a church in Holland, Michigan. The Treat Cabin at Eagle River United Methodist Camp is named in honor of Bob and Mary Treat. And now we know they also donated a communion tray!



Birthdays

1	Joy Lyon	16	Clarence Antioquia
2	Andi Story	17	John Pivar
4	Madeline Germain	18	Barbara Searls
	Rachel Searls		Mana Gurung
6	Sally Engstrom		Nina D'Andrade
7	Kimberly Homme	20	Martha DeFreest
	TeLani See	21	Katelyn Thomson
9	Betsy Brenneman	22	Bernadine DeAsis
10	Freda Westman	26	Dick Deems
	John Cryderman		
14	Linda Miller		
	Duff Mitchell		

Sunday Servers needed

Liturgists are needed for the month of April. Use the link below to sign up.

[Sign up to be the liturgist.](#)

Ushers are needed for the month of April. Use the link below to sign up.

[Sign up to be an usher.](#)

Thank yous

Many people and groups are involved in making sure things happen at KHNLC. 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: Jean Ann Alter, Jane Ginter and Laura Doogan

*those who served as Greeters/ushers: Jane Ginter, Karen Dillon and Carol Barril

*Those who provided flowers: Maxine Richert, Elizabeth Wheeler and Jane Ginter

*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@khnuc.org.



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