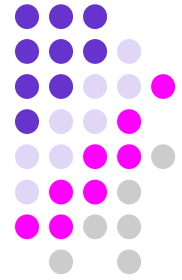


# Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church News



## From Pastor Laura

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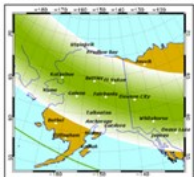
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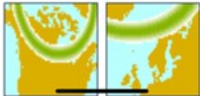
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The aurora forecast is updated daily at midnight UTC.



On a professional level, with great fanfare, Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth appointed the Rev. Dr. Charles Ensminger as Pastor of Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church in Juneau, Alaska beginning July 1, 2023. (see letter on next page)

I am so pleased with the great work of the PNC working with the uniqueness of KHNLUC's dual heritage. In recent history there has been a leaning towards Reformed Ministers serving here.



On a personal level, my daughter, Lydia, has moved to Juneau. She is currently enjoying all the variety of activities that Juneau has to offer. It's wonderful to have her company.

Towards the end of the month, I will be taking a week's vacation to visit Los Angeles.

## 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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## March 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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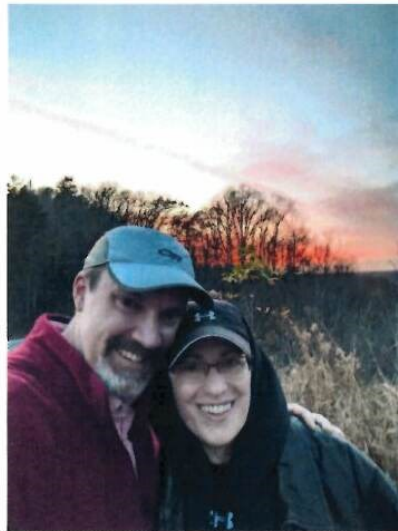
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**I am writing this letter to share with you that Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth intends to appoint the Rev. Doctor Charles Ensminger as pastor of Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church beginning July 1, 2023.**



February 19th, 2023

To the members and friends of Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church:

Grace and peace to you all! I am writing this letter to share with you that Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth intends to appoint the Rev. Doctor Charles Ensminger as pastor of Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church beginning July 1, 2023.

This appointment was made in consultation with the PNC as they engaged in their search process on behalf of the congregation and has been affirmed by the leadership of the Northwest Coast Presbytery, by the church's staff parish team and by the bishop of the Holston Conference, the Rev. Deborah Wallace-Padgett.

Pastor Charles brings over 25 years of pastoral leadership experience serving primarily in the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church, his most recent appointment being at Allen Memorial in Athens, Tennessee. He completed his BA at Tennessee Wesleyan, and received an M.Div. as well as an M.A. in biblical studies from Drew University. His doctoral work was completed at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. Charles has also served as an adjunct professor in the Religion Department of Tennessee Wesleyan since 2001 and he has authored several books. Charles will be accompanied by his spouse Cindy Ensminger who is a licensed Marriage and Family Counselor with a Master's degree from Seton Hall in New Jersey.

We ask that you please share this news with the congregation on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

As of this reading, this news is only for your family of faith. This information is not public and should not be shared on social media until it is announced in an appointment express email from the Bishop's office. That email will almost certainly be sent on Monday morning.

In this time of transition we pray for Pastor Charles and Cindy and we also pray for God's grace and abundant blessing on the Rev. Dr. Laura Krauss. As a conference we want to express our deepest thanks to Pastor Laura for her gracious leadership of the congregation in her ongoing role as Interim Pastor. What a delightful gift she is to us all!

May God's spirit bless you, keep you and uplift you. We pray that your congregation will continue to grow from strength to strength. We give thanks for your faithful witness and the many ways you engage in ministries of love and justice here and afar.

Blessings and prayers for all that lies ahead!

Rev. Christina DowlingSoka, 423-202-5143  
Alaska Conference Superintendent

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*Our Mission:*

*Held and supported by the transforming relationship with God through Christ, we of the Alaska United Methodist Conference seek to be a community that creates a home for all peoples, finds our hope through grace and journeys together into God's preferred future.*



## Eagle River United Methodist Camp

P.O. Box 20272  
Juneau, AK 99802

February 4, 2023

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

Dear Friends,

The Eagle River United Methodist Camp thanks you for your generous donation of \$2,000 dated January 29, 2023. We plan to use these funds towards scholarships and meals for both this summer's Discovery Camp and Camp Champ.

Thanks to your generous gift we will be able to continue to have viable camp operations and facilities.

We did not provide any goods or services in return for this contribution. We are an IRS Section 501(c) (3) Non-Profit Organization operating under IRS EIN# 92-0158234.

In appreciation,

*Nico Bus*

Nico Bus for,  
ERUMC Board

Effective March 1, 2023, we no longer require worshippers to wear masks or maintain social distance. Masks and social distancing are welcomed and encouraged by any individual at each person’s option.

### Masks No Longer Required in Worship as of March 1

The Council has suspended all previous versions of the COVID-19 BE SAFE Plan. We are committed to providing a welcoming and meaningful worship service both in person and through Zoom to allow worshippers to choose the option that works best for them.

wear masks or maintain social distance. Masks and social distancing are welcomed and encouraged by any individual at each person’s option. We ask that any person who is ill or has symptoms of a respiratory illness to please stay home and worship online.

atory illnesses, KHNLUC will follow guidance provided by the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ), the State of Alaska, or the CDC regarding capacity, social-distancing, masking, and other mitigation strategies.

Effective March 1, 2023, we no longer require worshippers to

In the event of a resurgence of COVID-19 or other significant respir-

### Turning Ideas into Words into Images into a LOGO

Are you interested in helping develop a new logo for Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church? A focus group is working with a graphic artist, “zsquaredstudio” to create a logo and we seek input. Using a “world café” group process we are going to dream and develop ideas, words and images for a possible logo. (any questions, call Pastor Laura (310) 265-9810)

In person, March 5<sup>th</sup> after church  
On Zoom, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 (see church calendar for link)

# MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER CLUB



We are celebrating Maundy Thursday with a Supper Club, a chance to break bread together and be nourished through fellowship.



You can sign up to host or to be a guest. Sign up online at [www.khnluc.org/fellowship](http://www.khnluc.org/fellowship)

We'll put together groups, based on the hosts' capacity, dietary restrictions, etc. Supper clubs will receive an email with the host and guest list, so you can coordinate the time, place, menu, etc. We'll also provide sample prayers and Scripture readings for you to share.



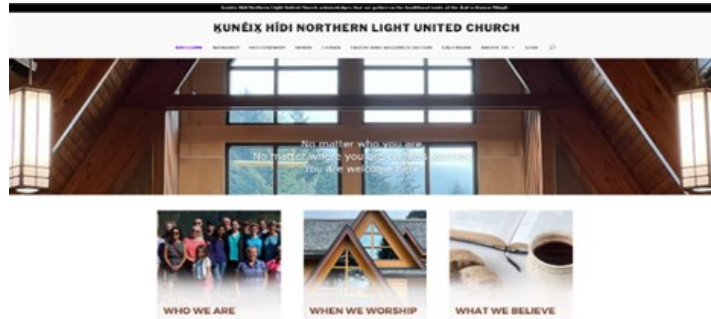
For more information, email Kate Burkhart at [jaymiekate@hotmail.com](mailto:jaymiekate@hotmail.com).

Sign up by March 27 at <https://khnluc.org/fellowship/> or by calling the church office.



## We have a new website and email!

### KHNLUC.org



Last year, we started working with James Alborough of Bear Star Web Design in Haines to refresh the church website. James was able to clone the excellent content that Jane Ginter and others created for our previous website, and then provide a more modern design. Several folks from the Healing Task Force and Council attended workshops hosted by the Presbyterian Church (USA) to learn key elements of digital communication through websites. Based on that training and James's expert advice, we have an easy to use and update website.

The website is designed around the idea that people come to KHNLUC.org to find out:

**Who are you? Where are you? When is the worship service?**

You'll see this most

clearly on the home page. From there, information is organized around:

- our values and belief as a unified church, United Methodist and Presbyterian Church (USA);
- when and how we worship together – and how to be part of the service;
- how we minister to the community and world at large – and how to get involved;
- opportunities to grown in faith and learning;
- when and how we gather in fellowship; and
- our commitment to truth and reconciliation, healing and reparation.

Our website launched earlier in February. You may have noticed that you arrived at

khnluc.org when you went to nluchurch.org. We have a seamless transition to the new site. Church emails will also transition to @khnluc.org. We encourage you to update your address book with [pastor@khnluc.org](mailto:pastor@khnluc.org), [office@khnluc.org](mailto:office@khnluc.org) and [moderator@khnluc.org](mailto:moderator@khnluc.org).

The website is designed primarily to engage and encourage people to be part of our church life and family. If you have ideas to improve, expand, or correct the content, please contact Kate Burkhart at [webmaster@khnluc.org](mailto:webmaster@khnluc.org).

It's been wonderful to have the Chancel Choir singing for the congregation. The choir rehearses on Wednesday from 5:30 – 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Come join us!



Pastor Laura leading Children's Moment during Worship



## Which Jeff??

Our wonderful Custodian, John Maddox, was recently trimming some strings from the upholstery on the pews. Flat on his back, he was able to view some graffiti produced most likely by one of our youth, 35 years ago.

him a call. He's living in Norfolk, Virginia and is a scientist serving in the Navy. He is a PhD Aerospace Experimental Psychologist, with the rank of Commander. He is concerned with safety issues and mishap investigations. He will reach 20 years of service next year and will retire and probably move to Florida, where his wife's family lives.

Geoff Alter's response:

The writing is underneath the pews. Geoff notes then that should be noted it's much different than writing on the top lol. I remember fixing the pew cushions by stapling underneath at youth group. I don't remember writing that but it's possible. Although GOD rules that is not my hand writing. As for me, I am a carpenter and fisherman like the son of man was. I was recently baptized again and enjoy studying the Bible as well as stoic philosophy. Currently I am a student at UAS. I am a sociology major and interested in the field of drug and alcohol counseling. I am deeply concerned in how drugs are affecting us all.

GOD RULS

12-1-88

Dec 1988

Jeff was here

Which Jeff was there in December 1988, scribbling under the pews?

When I asked Jeff if he could have written the graffiti, he said he doubted it very seriously. He said he would have been horrified to do something like that.

Looking back at our church photo directory from 1989, we have two young people named Jeff: Jeff Grubb and Jeff Alter. Jeff Grubb would have been 15, Jeff Alter would have been about 16.

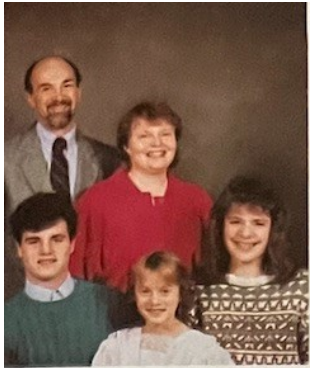
Somewhat embarrassingly, I can definitively say that I didn't write that... because the penmanship is legible. On the subject of family, here's me, Mom, and my son, Ryan:

I decided to get in touch with those Jeffs and see if I can figure out this mystery.

I tracked down Jefferson Grubb and gave

Our Youth Group is meeting again on Sunday nights, led by Kristy Becker Germain, and although we don't encourage graffiti, we are happy to have young people back enjoying being together in the church.

- Jane Ginter



ALTER, JAMES & JEAN ANN  
JEFF, KIRSTEN, KATHRYN



GRUBB, HAROLD & SHIRLEY  
KELLEE, JEFF



BECKER, JAMES & MARY  
KRISTINE, CAROLYN, ROBERT



GINTER, JAY & JANE  
JASON, SARAH





## **Kunéix Hídi NLUC Council reorganizes for 2023**

At its February 9 meeting, the Church Council thanked Council members whose terms had expired (Kelly Henriksen, April Rezendes, and Bernadine DeAsis) for their service and commitment to the Congregation. Special gratitude was also shared with retiring Council Moderator Kate Burkhart and retiring Clerk April Rezendes for their service during the last year.

Newly elected Council members (Laura Doogan, Linda McCargar, and Margaret Pugh) were welcomed to the Council. Returning Council member Margaret MacKinnon was thanked not only for her past 3 years of service but also welcomed for the next 3 years, given her re-election to the Council at the Annual Meeting.

Jim Alter was elected to be the Council Moderator for 2023, while Margaret Pugh was chosen as the 2023 Council Clerk. Maxine Richert was chosen as Vice Moderator and Susan Bus as back-up Clerk. Other individuals chosen or re-affirmed in their respective roles were:

- Jean Ann Alter     The Church's United Methodist Delegate
- Maxine Richert    The Church's Presbytery Commissioner  
Liaison to the Staff Parish Relations Committee
- Jane Ginter        Membership Secretary
- Susan Bus          Liaison to the Social Justice and Concerns committee
- Alan Akiyama      LIAISON to the Committee on Property Management  
Member of the Investment and Endowment Committee
- Jim Alter            Liaison to the Finance Committee
- Nico Bus            Congregational Representative to the Finance Committee
- John Pugh           Congregational Representative to the Finance Committee

## Pencils

Where did the pencils in this box come from?

For many years, I've replaced worn-down pencils in the pews with sharpened pencils. The pencils in the box you see here come from somewhere else, though. I have also replenished the pew envelopes and noticed sometimes the envelopes don't fit well in their slots.

Why? Pencils are being stashed in these slots for the envelopes! How many pencils? Up to five pencils! Almost every slot had at least one pencil, and many others had two, three, four, and up to five pencils. And sometimes candy wrappers and a little note. No money, though!

It took a bit of effort to clean out all these pencils. I wonder how many years some of these pencils have been hid-

den? This box represents the right side of the sanctuary. I hope to clean out the stray pencils from the left side of the sanctuary before Easter.

- Jane McMillan Ginter

(by the way, I've included this statement in my pre-written obituary: "She was known for sharpening pencils and washing windows.")



## Help with Spring Cleanup! Saturday, March 25 & Saturday, April 1

We'll have a church-wide cleanup day on Saturday, March 25 and Saturday, April 1 to get the church looking great before Easter. You can come to the cleanup day or choose a task to do on your own time. We'll make it a fun day of satisfying work.

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



## 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.



Please Join us in a discussion of Truth, Reconciliation, and Healing on Friday, March 3, 2023.

12:00 - 1:00 Walter Soboleff Building, Front and Seward Street.

5:30 - 7:30 Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church, dinner and discussion.

Sponsored by the Native Ministries Committee and Healing Task Force of Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church.

For more information about these events contact Pattie Adkisson at (907) 321-4321.

For additional information about Maka Black Elk's work:

Maka Black Elk. 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](http://www.redcloudschool.org) and [boardingschoolhealing.org](http://boardingschoolhealing.org).

Maka Black Elk's ancestor, Heaka Sapa, was commonly known as Black Elk (December 1, 1863 - August 19, 1950). He was wíchasa wakhan ("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.

Learn more at <https://encounters-with-dignity.captivate.fm/episode/maka-black-elk-deacon-andy-orosco-healing-from-historical-harm>.

## Birthdays

2	Greg Germain	20	Talia Schlosser
7	Olga Lipson	21	Tanelleiece Green
8	Judith Maier	22	Kelly Henriksen
12	Jessica Hope	23	Margie Thomson
13	Chad Edwards		Johnny Barnhill
18	Caroline Hamp	27	Karen Lipson
	Kristina Benson	29	Ruby Hope
	JD Elisoff	30	Rachel Doogan
19	Todd Miller		



## Sunday Servers needed

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

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

Ushers are needed for the month of March. 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 KHNLUC. 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: Carol Barril, Duff Mitchell, Nola Lamken and Bob Coghill

\*those who served as Greeters/ushers: Kristi Peel, Susan Bus, Karen Lipson and Jean Ann Alter

\*Those who provided flowers: Jane Ginter & Bob Coghill, Karen Dillon and Elizabeth Wheeler

\*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@khnluc.org](mailto:office@khnluc.org).*

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