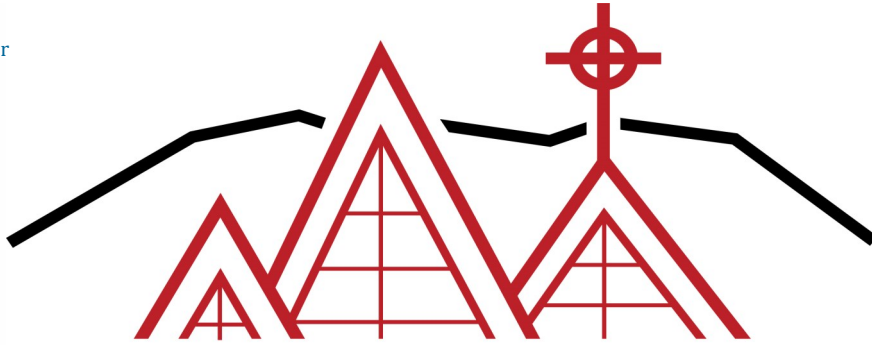


September  
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# Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church

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

## Sunday Worship

11:00 am in person and via Zoom

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*The mission of Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ through God-centered worship and people-centered ministry.*

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## Plunged into Darkness in Order to See

The theologian Paul Tillich once described experiencing God as being akin to a sudden flash of lightning. For a moment, everything is illuminated – even *hyper*-illuminated, by that meaning that suddenly things are clearer than they would be even in normal circumstances. And in this moment of clarity, we are able to see clearly all that is around us. (This can be found in Paul Tillich's book *The Shaking of the Foundations* (New York: Scribners Press, 1948).

However, as the moment passes, we are once again plunged into darkness. The difference being that because of the flash of light, the darkness appears to be that much greater. Tillich would argue that this is the awareness of estrangement from God – sin. When we are in the presence of God, we are suddenly made all too aware of our shortcomings.

What we are also made aware of is grace. In the presence of God we recognize our sins, but we also recognize the grace of God that is *more* abundant than our sins. As the hymn sings, "Grace, grace, God's grace. Grace that is greater than all our sins." As Tillich wrote, "Grace transforms fate into a meaningful destiny; it changes guilt into confidence and courage. There is something triumphant in the word "grace": in spite of the abounding of sin, grace abounds much more." (Tillich p. 156.)

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## Sermons for September

For the month of September, I want to draw your attention to some theological ideas and concepts that might make us a bit uncomfortable. This has to do with the weight of the subject matter more than anything else. The inspiration for these sermons came from reading the book *Insurrection* (Howard Books, 2011) by Peter Rollins.

September 10<sup>th</sup>  
1st Corinthians 7:18-20  
The Weight of Belief

September 17<sup>th</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 3:14-16  
The Danger of Incarnation

September 24<sup>th</sup>  
Pastor Charles out of town

## Plunged, continued

Sometimes, though, it takes a moment of deep darkness to appreciate the light. The lightning which provides us with the hyper-illumination then plunges us into what *appears* to be a deeper darkness. What we come to realize is that the darkness is no deeper. It is as dark as it was *before* the lightning. Yet the lightning has made us keenly aware of the absence of light. Yet as we regain our bearings, we begin to realize that even in the darkness, we can still see. There is still light, and that light (keeping with the metaphor) is the presence of God still with us.

Singer and songwriter Paul Thorn has a song called “I Hope I’m Doing This Right.” In it he sings these words, “Hank Williams was in the darkness/ when he sang ‘I saw the light’/ I believe there’s good in everyone/ I hope I’m doing this right. The more I learn, the less I know/ The more I change the more I grow/ I pray the road I’m traveling on will lead me to the light/ God, I hope I’m doing this right.”

Sometimes it is the flash of lightning that makes us aware of our sins, but if that’s all we are aware of, then we miss the larger illumination: God’s grace abounds. We are not struck dead in the light, we are made aware of our estrangement from God, but we are also made aware that God’s grace is greater still. We find that we can see a little more clearly in the darkness, and as such we can take tentative steps forward towards newness of life.

Peace be with you,  
Pastor Charles

Are you missing an iron? There is an iron in the Memorial Hall closet that needs a home! If it is yours, please pick it up soon! Thank you.



Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church hosted three Family Promise Juneau (FPJ) families during our second two-week rotation, July 30 to August 13. Our first family Merci and her two boys who had been at KHNLUC all summer moved into permanent housing early in the first week. Our second family Danny and Tristan moved into their apartment early in the second week. The third family, Amanda, Shannon and Lorilee just moved into their apartment on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to thank the following people who helped serve our FPJ families: Alan Akiyama, Geoff, Jean Ann and Jim Alter, Carol Barril, Mary Borthwick, Nico and Susan Bus, John Doogan, Cherry and Doug Eckland, Pastor Charles, Cindy Ensminger and their niece Ava, Susie Gregg Fowler, Christina and John Maddox, Linda McCargar and George Partlow, Kristi Peel, Margaret and John Pugh, Deb Reifenstein and Patsy Wright. Also big thanks to Tucker, Dayna and her dog Rainy of FPJ for being overnight hosts for us for 7 nights.

Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church has completed hosting families for 2023. A big thank you for the KHNLUC Council for allowing Family Promise Juneau to host families in one location for all of the summer vacation from school. It wasn't always easy but it made a big impact in the 4 families that didn't have to pack up and move every week or two.

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. (it is not necessary to say it is for Family Promise).

Financial support for FPJ is always welcome. Try the easy on-line option through Family Promise Juneau website. <https://www.familypromisejuneau.org/donate>

*FPJ has enrolled with the PayPal Giving Fund. We will now receive 100% of your donations with no fees taken out.*

Call Family Promise Juneau: (907) 586-0160  
Or mail check to: PO Box 32775, Juneau, AK 99803

If you have an electric car and don't need to buy gas at Fred Meyer, you can donate fuel points to Family Promise for the van by giving FPJ the phone number associated with your card. You may be able to do this with Safeway as well.

Or you can contact: Linda McCargar,  
Kunéix Hídi Family Promise Coordinator  
@ 971-241-0534 or [ducky6670@gmail.com](mailto:ducky6670@gmail.com)

Or (vacant), Assistant Coordinator

- Linda McCargar

## Thank you to the Congregation!

The Youth Room has a new couch and rug purchased from donations. Cabinets have been moved from the room, games moved into the room and art on the wall. This past Sunday evening seven teenage girls gathered to study the Gospel according to St. Mark. They also played games, shared a meal and told each other of their lives, schools and their sports.

The group will not be meeting Labor Day Sunday but will be meeting most Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm. For further information, see Kristy Germain, Bob Coghill or Pastor Charles. There is room for more young people. Thank you also to the members of the congregation who are providing dinners. The cooks have also been sharing their time with the youth.

- Bob Coghill

## Be A Greeter!

Serving as a greeter at Kūnéix Hidi Northern Light United Church is a rewarding ministry.

The first line of ministry takes place with greeters.

Many of us were ourselves newcomers at one point. Do you remember who greeted you and made you feel welcome?

Every Sunday morning, we have the opportunity to welcome members, friends, and visitors as they arrive for worship. Please help us be a welcoming church and consider lending us your smile to greet worshipers each Sunday.

### Here's our current instructions for serving as a greeter:

The usher arrives one-half hour before service is scheduled to begin (9:30 AM for Summer Worship, June 4 - Sept 3, 10:30 AM after September 3).

The usher should:

Welcome worshipers, especially those who appear to be new to KHNLU. Mention to people with children that there are crayons, coloring books, and books available.

We no longer require a mask, but if they would like one, offer them a mask.

If they are visitors, ask them to sign the sign-in sheet near the sanctuary doors, making sure they include their phone/email. There is also a "check-off" sheet with names of regular worshipers. If the usher knows those attending, please check off their names. We are working through the best ways to keep attendance. Let us know your opinion!

Provide a bulletin.

The usher should remain towards the back of the church during the service to assist late arrivals.

During Joys & Concerns, the usher will pick up the microphone from the back, making sure it is turned ON, and take it to those who wish to speak.

The Worship Leader or the usher will read Joys & Concerns from Zoom Chat. Those on Zoom will be asked if they want to unmute and speak.

The usher will ask someone to assist with taking the offering. Walk

## Be a Greeter, continued

up the center aisle to the front of the congregation, then pass offering plates to the rows. Finish at the rear of the church.

The usher will combine the offering plates and wait until the beginning of the Offering Response (Doxology). Walk up and place the offering plates on the altar.

During Announcements or Opportunities for Serving and Growing the usher will make the microphone available for those who wish to speak.

It is helpful if the usher can remain near the rear of the church for anyone who leaves the service early to thank them for coming.

We encourage the congregation to remain seated during the postlude.

After the service, the offering plates should be taken into the office for the counters. If the offering is not being counted that Sunday, put all the money in the blue lockbox in the office behind the office door. The blue lockbox is under the box on the wall where all the keys are kept.

We are working through the duties of serving as a greeter. Please let us know your opinion! We need more volunteers to join in the Greeter ministry.

Jane Ginter is offering training to those who wish to learn more about the Greeting ministry. Sign up to Greet and Jane will help you!

- Jane Ginter

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### Draw the Circle Wide

**Romans 15:7 So reach  
out and welcome one  
another to God's  
glory. Jesus did it;  
now you do it! (The  
Message)**

**Alaska United  
Women in Faith  
Annual Gathering  
September 29 -  
October 1**

**Anchor Park United  
Methodist Church  
2300 Oak Drive  
Anchorage 99508**

**Register at: [https://  
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## August Council Meeting Focuses on Advance Team Visit to Juneau

At its August 10 meeting, the Church Council directed most of its attention to the upcoming Advance Team Visit (August 28 - September 1) regarding the planned, formal apology and offer of reparations for the unjust closure of the Memorial Presbyterian Church in 1962-3. The formal apology will be offered on Indigenous Peoples' Day, October 8.

During the meeting the Council:

- ◆ Approved a revised version of the K̄unéix Hídi NLUC Personnel Policies and Procedures
- ◆ Discussed various security issues related to the Church building and church-related events.
- ◆ Authorized a contract for facilitation and leading of the program for the above-referenced August 28-September 1 Advance-Team visit to Juneau.
- ◆ Authorized the creation of a temporary sign designating the fellowship hall as the Reverend Doctor Walter Soboleff Memorial Hall
- ◆ Authorized covering travel costs of representatives from various Southeast Alaska communities to come to Juneau to meet with Advance-Team representatives to identify various ways to strengthen and support church ministry efforts in Southeast Alaska
- ◆ Authorized the placement of a temporary sign at the downtown Juneau Firehall documenting the unjust closure of the Memorial Presbyterian Church in 1962.
- ◆ Authorized the employment of videographers to prepare a high quality, complete audio/video record of the August 28 - September 1 Advance-Team visit to Juneau (to be reimbursed by the Presbyterian Church (USA))
- ◆ Authorized the issuance of a formal apology, on behalf of KHNLUC, to the Tlingit-Haida tribe and former members of the Memorial Presbyterian Church for the church's unjust and racially motivated closure.

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## CCW Bazaar Planning Meeting

September 9, 2023 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

We will have a Community of Christian Women Auction and Bazaar planning meeting on Saturday Sept 9 at 4 pm in the Skuse Room and via Zoom.

## Snapdragons, Lilies and Dahlias oh my!

One Sunday morning in July I got more compliments than usual about the beautiful flowers in the floral arrangement I brought to church. Later on in that service I revealed that they had been sourced from a new flower farm. That farm is Pederson Hill Farm.

It's located right here in Juneau next to Swampy Acres on Glacier Highway. The property is open to the public from May to September with required reservations made online in advance. At the time of writing this (August 27th, 2023) there are a few spots still available for September 15th and 16th before they close up for the winter.

Donating a floral arrangement every month is my way of sharing my talents and gifts that God has blessed upon me with all of you in our church community. We encourage you to

sign up in advance for providing flowers. You can be sure to select a meaningful day to provide flowers, a birthday or anniversary. Can you consider signing up for a Sunday every month? This will make Christina's job easier if she doesn't have to solicit volunteers every week. You can sign up from our web page,

<https://khnLuc.org/worship/>, and choose The altar flowers are provided by the congregation. [Sign up to provide flowers for worship.](#)

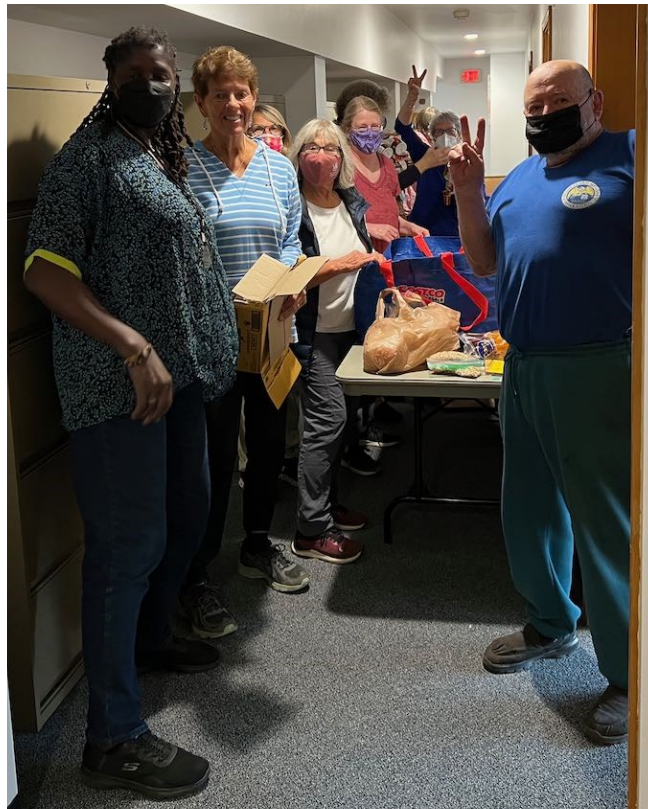
<https://signup.com/go/FyEmKVd>

If you are donating flowers to mark a special occasion, you can note that in the comments and Christina will add that to the bulletin. For example, Jane is donating flowers in September: "Flowers for what would have been Jay's 77th birthday on September 20."

- Elizabeth Wheeler

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Some of our weekend food volunteers



## Acknowledgement, Apology, and Reparations

Our week of learning and sharing regarding acknowledgement, apology, and reparations (despite a few glitches) exceeded all our expectations.

The deacons blessed us with more food – chosen to respond to those with special dietary needs - than we could possibly eat during our days of meetings, and the congregation added to that with a wonderful meal Tuesday evening after the special service. Special thanks are due to Melody Millard, who was the master planner, and her steadfast helpers: Susan Bus, Carol Barril, Janet Kussart, Kristi Peel, and Denise Carroll.

The representatives from the Presbyterian Church (USA) (Jermaine Ross-Allam, Corey Schlosser-Hall, and Dianna Wright) and Northwest Coast Presbytery (Matt Paul) arrived as scheduled. Irv Porter had to cancel a few days ahead due to an injury. It was such a pleasure to meet in person with them after weeks of Zoom. They added fresh perspectives and deep knowledge regarding reparations to our discussions.

Representatives of small Presbyterian churches in Southeast (Angoon, Craig/Klawock, Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Wrangell, and Yakutat) were able to travel to join us thanks to Jane Ginter's tireless "travel agent" services and the hospitality of our members who offered them housing and transportation (Morley and Doogans, Alters, Patsy Wright, and Ginter/Coghill). Despite some leaving early due to the Covid outbreak, they all spoke positively about the experience and expressed gratitude for being invited. We trust they, and perhaps representatives from the other small churches, will be able to join us in October.

Some very special people stepped up to facilitate and participate in various events. They are all listed in the program that was distributed by email to everyone (if you didn't receive the program, please let the office know and one will be provided). The biographies contained in the program tell you about who they are but cannot express the depth of experience they offered, nor their willingness to share themselves in a personal and vulnerable way. Their words are seared into us and will help guide our continuing learning and reparations work.

We were oriented to place and time on Monday and got to spend time getting to know each other. Thirty-two people took part in the talking circle on Tuesday: in addition to the expert facilitator, representatives of our denomination and some members of our church, family members of Dr. Walter Soboleff and members of the Memorial Presbyterian Church (MPC) and their descendants joined us in the newly named Reverend Dr. Walter Soboleff Memorial Hall. The statements were moving and commanding. There is still so much to do.

Between the Wednesday panels on historical trauma (in our sanctuary) and on strength of mind, body, and spirit (at the Sealaska Heritage Institute Clan House Shuká Hít), we toured the Glory Hall, Forgot-Me-Not Manor (originally Housing First), and the reentry programs of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indians of Alaska. Their innovative and individualized programs helped us see paths forward for those who have experienced harm and who are struggling to lead healthier lives and for our community. And, still, there is so much to do.

We had to cancel the work sessions regarding scholarships and support for small churches due to the Covid outbreak, however everyone who was specifically invited to participate was assured that we will follow-up to further the work that began during informal discussions. Cancelling dinner



## Acknowledgement, continued

with its rich opportunities to engage one-on-one (and eat delicious food together) was especially sad, but keeping everyone safe was our priority.

We have video of all sessions, except the Talking Circle, and are planning to show the panel on Strength of Mind, Body, and Spirit sometime this month. One of our glitches was that we hadn't made adequate Zoom arrangements for that session. The video is film quality taped by Gabe Strong of G-Force Productions with help from Soren Sieberts from Anchorage. Both stepped up on short notice. We have long-term aspirations for commissioning a documentary with this material and that of the formal apology.

Reflections about the experiences and learning, and planning for what comes next, began Thursday afternoon and continued at the Healing Task Force that resumed weekly meetings on September 5. We know this much now. On October 7, we expect to place a temporary memorial at the Firehall, the former site of the Memorial Presbyterian Church. On October 8, there will be a worship service dedicated to acknowledgement, apology, and reparation. As requested by the Soboleff family, it will occur at Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church. It is being planned by Pastor Charles with leadership from the PC(USA) and the Presbytery.

What comes after the service and on October 9 depends on the planning for October 9, Indigenous Peoples' Day. We are awaiting an opportunity to engage again with Central Council

President Richard Peterson who changed his plans for last week so he could welcome the Presbyterian delegates on Monday and take part in the strength panel; he also met before and after the events to talk about future partnerships. We are especially grateful for his engagement.

Do keep your calendars clear for all three days – October 7-9. Detailed information will follow as we continue our work.

I also want to thank our new Pastor, Charles Ensminger, for engaging wholeheartedly in this work since his arrival two months ago. His sermons inspired us as they led up to our week of preparation and his willingness to step into every void to make sure our systems worked as well as possible helped us stay close to on schedule when “glitches” had to be resolved.

Finally, I want to share my gratitude to the members of the Native Ministries Committee who have been actively participating in the Healing Task Force ensuring that we stay on the right path to meaningful apology and reparations and without whom a mountain of the work that has been done, would not have been done. Gunalchéesh Háw'aa.

Peace and Blessings,  
Myra Munson, Chair of the Healing Task Force

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## Thank You's for Reparations Events Help

Thank you to these families who hosted our visitors to Juneau from some of the Presbyterian churches in Southeast Alaska.

The Morley and Doogan family hosted Adeline deCastro from Presbyterian Church of Craig and Klawock.

The Alter family hosted Steve & Grace Kinney from Ketchikan Presbyterian Church and Reggie Atkinson from Metlakatla Presbyterian Church. Reggie was a student of Jim Alter in Metlakatla.

Patsy Wright hosted Sandy Churchill from Wrangell Presbyterian Church.

Ida Jack from Frances Marvin Memorial Church in Angoon was hosted by her daughter who lives in Juneau.

Victoria Demmert from Yakutat Presbyterian Church was hosted by Jane Ginter and Bob Coghill.

We will have an opportunity to host folks again for the Apology Weekend October 8-9. Please let Jane know if you'd like to host our visitors.

Thanks especially to Myra and Jane who worked on travel arrangements.

- Jane Ginter

## Cole Church from Yale Michigan - Mission to ERUMC

ERUMC was blessed to host 23 volunteers from the Cole Church in Michigan from August 15-23, 2023, led by Pastor Julie Cramer. These 23 volunteers were a very gifted and talented group with a very positive and can-do attitude. Carpenters, electricians, plumbers, engineers, equipment operators, foundation experts, kitchen crews, and painters all with many years of experience all made significant contributions; they accomplished many of the maintenance projects the ERUMC had on their wish list for years.

With ERUMC arranging the transportation for these volunteers they saved an estimated \$5,000 in commercial car rental cost. Bob Coghill and Jane were there with a welcome sign banner! The volunteers all wore shirts with the logo "Here I am, Send me" from Isaiah 6:8.

### **Tasks accomplished:**

After a very nice welcome and introduction by Libby and Paul, and a tour of the camp these folks immediately went to work. Boy, were they good and fast! Thanks to the good organization of projects by Randy Peterson, Jesse/Libby, Don Gotschall, Charlie Carlson, and Paul Beran, each of the volunteers joined a project leader and started to tackle the tasks at hand. The project leaders were: Don Gotschall, Charlie Carlson, Paul Beran, Steve Landvik, and Nico Bus.

1. Bathhouse - The bathhouse went through a complete metamorphosis. Toilets, showers, and sinks were thoroughly cleaned, replaced, and/or refurbished. Partitions were modified, ripped out, and/or rebuilt. Both the men's and women's sides were painted. The areas under the sinks were enclosed and storage areas were created. Outside lights were replaced.

The roof trimming was finished. The net result is a much cleaner, better looking bathhouse for all to share!

2. Bunchberry Cabin - The cabin's foundation had rotted away and was replaced with a new treated lumber beam. Roof leaks were fixed and a broken skylight was replaced by a new panel. Door framing and mosquito netting were replaced and upgraded. So rather than losing this cabin for campers to use it has now been saved!

3. Lodge - The roof's framing was rebuilt and a new rubber cover was installed. The entry interior was repainted and the volunteer team built a very nice new "Welcome" sign. This all greatly improved the look of the main access point into the lodge.

4. Manager's cabin - The cabin was leveled (it was 4" off level!) by replacing a rotten corner foundation post. The rotten skirting was replaced with treated plywood and insulation was added. New gravel was put around the cabin and the whole appearance improved. The crawl space now has better insulation which will help to prevent the pipes from freezing.

5. Fire Circle - Multiple benches around the fire pit had fallen into disrepair. New seats were cut out from logs off the property and gravel moved in. The bark was peeled off the logs. The roof was cleaned and the fire ring was rebuilt with new rock and made deeper. Camp manager Jesse was very helpful with the use of his tractor to move gravel, and his skills to cut the logs into the benches.

All the construction debris, the stumps that were pulled when building the water softener drain, and general debris from around the camp was burned by the mission crew.

6. Lodge grease trap housing - A housing over the top the grease trap was built with better insulation to provide year-round access, and it

## Cole Church continued

now will help to avoid future freeze-ups.

7. The lodge's auxiliary electric box and other camp electrical issues were addressed.

8. Kitchen - The kitchen was thoroughly cleaned. The stoves were deep cleaned, especially the filters and the grease trays. All surfaces were wiped down with bleach.

The bread mixer, newly repaired by Mark Choquette, and its electrical outlet were tested and are working again! Thanks, Mark!

9. Handicap ramps - Both of the Gotschall and Maier cabins' handicap ramps were repaired and upgraded, and gravel was added around the steps, the handicap ramp, and over the drain field. The lodge's handicap ramp was sanded and varnished.

10. Cabin cleaning, refreshing, and decorating - Most all the cabins were deep cleaned and wiped down with bleach. Several ladies went to St. Vincent de Paul and picked up decorating items for each cabin. Each place now is cozier and cleaner.

We are so blessed that these wonderful volunteers accomplished so much in such a short time. They by far exceeded all our expectations! Our camp was the beneficiary of over 1,000 hours of labor by the 23 mission and ERUMC volunteers.

THANK YOU to all of the volunteers both from Michigan and Juneau - together we are making a difference to better serve the Juneau Community!

A special thanks to our sponsors and donors for their financing and/or donations of equipment and material for these projects:

Gaguine Foundation, Sandie Coon, Beth McEwen, Jeff and Karen Wright, Jane Ginter and Bob Coghill, Bruce and Judy Morley, KHNLUC, CCW, Behrends Mechanical, Charlie Carlson, Mark Choquette, AKUMC Outdoor Ministries, and the ERUMC Board members.

In Appreciation,

Nico,

ERUMC Administrative Director

I created a photo album of the projects worked on by the mission group which you can view by clicking on the following link:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/tjR3SnP8XXSWTsFdA>

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## More Thank You's for Reparations Events Help

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During the week of August 27 people flew from across the United States and Southeast Alaska to attend the Apology and Reparations events where planning for formal acknowledgement and apology for the racist closure of the Memorial Presbyterian Church in 1962 took place.

The Reparations Food Committee members Carol Barril, Susan Bus, Janet Kussart, Melody Millard and Kristi Peel would like to thank the following people for the contribution they made to these events.

We thank these people for their willingness to provide transportation and to those who provided transportation:

Carol Barril, Deacon  
Mary Becker  
Betsy Brenneman  
Cindy Ensminger  
Nola Lamken  
Karen Lipson, Deacon  
Bruce Morley, Deacon  
Andi Story  
Patsy Wright

A big thank you to those who provided food:

Jean Alter  
Carol Barril, Deacon  
Mary Becker  
Mary Borthwick  
Betsy Brenneman

Susan Bus  
Denise Carroll, Deacon  
Cindy Ensminger  
Karen Dillon  
Jeffrey Hartman  
Janet Kussart, Deacon  
Karen Lipson, Deacon  
Joy Lyon  
Margaret MacKinnon  
Linda McCargar  
Bruce Morley, Deacon  
Jenny Pursell  
Deb Reifenstein  
Anne Standerwick, Deacon  
Andi Story  
Mariah Thibodeau-Offer  
Patsy Wright

Thank you also to those who helped with set-up/serve/clean-up

Carol Barril, Deacon  
Susan Bus  
Nico Bus  
Denise Carroll, Deacon  
Janet Kussart, Deacon  
Don Kussart  
Karen Lipson, Deacon  
Bruce Morley, Deacon  
Elizabeth Wheeler, Deacon

Your contributions were meaningful.

Thank you all,  
Melody Millard

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The Reparations Food Committee would like to express its gratitude to John Maddox for the outstanding job he did keeping the church immaculate - as is his usual practice, during the week of Reparations events. The bathroom and kitchen in particular had obviously been cleaned and restocked each night and the entire Memorial Hall had been vacuumed. We are very grateful for John's excellent help.

# The Go Janes

Friday, Sept. 15th 6:30 pm

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

9161 Cinema Drive, Juneau, AK

Suggested donation: \$25

*Proceeds will help Aldersgate love with our resources: serving and feeding the unhoused and food insecure, supporting youth and young adults, and providing community space for concerts and gatherings.*

*Suggested donation: \$25*



*Three women,  
ukuleles, guitar,  
silken vocal harmonies, lyrics from the long view of life*

Adeline DeCastro from Craig/Klawock with Richard Peterson, President of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida.



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## Thanksgiving at Eagle River United Methodist Camp

Come join us for a wonderful community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Eagle River United Methodist Camp on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2023.

Bring a dish to share if you can. There will be plenty of delicious food! Enjoy a roaring fire, play games with friends, go for a walk at the camp or a walk to the beach, maybe even see whales!

The lodge will be open by 10 am and we'll start serving Thanksgiving Dinner about 1:30 pm. The camp is located at 27500 Glacier Highway, about Mile 28, just before Eagle Beach State Park.

Please be sure you are well and consider wearing a mask if you wish.

Questions? Call Jane Ginter at 907 209-8185, [ginteralaska@gmail.com](mailto:ginteralaska@gmail.com).

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SAVE THE DATE: Youth Retreat at ERUMC - Nov 10-12th

The Alaska Conference Youth and Young Adult Ministries Committee is planning a SE Alaska Youth Retreat on 11/10-11/12 at Eagle River United Methodist Camp in Juneau, Alaska. Our United Methodist Churches from Juneau, Sitka, and Ketchikan will be participating. This is an opportunity for disciples from 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade to gather, serve, and grow in faith together.

If you have airline miles to share with participants outside of Juneau, or you would like to volunteer meals, gifts and talents, please reach out to members of this committee: Rev Bennie Grace Nabua, Rev David Owsley, Doris Germain, and Rev Kristi McGuire. We will share more details in October!

## 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: George Partlow, Linda McCargar, Mary Becker and Nola Lamken

\*those who served as Greeters/ushers: Jeffrey Hartman, Joy Lyon, Susan Bus and Jane Ginter

\*Those who provided flowers: Don & Janet Kussart, Denise Carroll, Elizabeth Wheeler and Jane Ginter

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*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](mailto:office@khnuc.org).*

## Sign Up!

You can be an important part of what makes our worship together a good experience.

Our web site, <https://khnuc.org/>, offers a section where you can help with worship. You can also tell Christina to sign you up if you prefer not to use the computer.

### **Everyone is invited to be part of our worship service.**

The liturgist reads the scripture and helps lead the service with the pastor. [Sign up to be the liturgist.](#)

You can serve as liturgist if you worship with us via Zoom.

The ushers greet people before the service, pass out bulletins, pass the offering plate, and assist with the prayers and announcements from the congregation. [Sign up to be an usher.](#)

The altar flowers are provided by the congregation. [Sign up to provide flowers for worship.](#)

You can provide flowers even if you worship via Zoom. Flowers can be brought to the church before Sunday if that is more convenient for you. Ask Christina for the new key code to enter the side door on A Street.

We encourage you to think ahead and plan to help out. Pick a special day for providing flowers to honor a loved one. Maybe sign up once a month to be liturgist or usher.



- 2 Lillian Petershoare
- 3 Don Kussart
- 4 Deborah Reifenstein
- 7 Minuet Gramling
- 9 Monica Buettel
- 10 Marion Gotschall
- Gail O'Dell
- 11 Mark Millea
- Richard Doogan
- 12 April Rezendes
- 18 Susan Bus
- Nancy Lehnhart
- 20 Scott McHenry
- 21 Mary Gramling
- 23 Rebecca Easton
- Carrie Hope
- 25 Margaret Pugh
- 26 KJ Metcalf
- 29 Rudy Brantner
- 30 Lori Posey



# SEPTEMBER 2023

| SUN                                                                               | MON                                               | TUE                                                                                       | WED                                                        | THU                                                                                                       | FRI                                            | SAT                                              |
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|                                                                                   |                                                   |                                                                                           |                                                            |                                                                                                           | 1 7:30 Men's Breakfast<br>2:30 Violin Lessons  | 2 10:30 Al-Anon                                  |
| 3 10 Worship in person and via Zoom                                               | 4 Church office closed in observance of Labor Day | 5 12 Al-Anon<br>2:30 Violin Lessons                                                       | 6 12 Endowment/ Investment Committee<br>5:30 Chancel Choir | 7 10 Weekend Food Bags                                                                                    | 8 7:30 Men's Breakfast<br>2:30 Violin Lessons  | 9 10:30 Al-Anon<br>4 CCW Bazaar Planning Meeting |
| 10 11 Worship in person and via Zoom<br>5:15 Youth Group                          | 11                                                | 12 10 Finance Committee via Zoom<br>12 Al-Anon<br>2:30 Violin Lessons<br>Glory Hall Chili | 13 5:30 Chancel Choir                                      | 14 10 Weekend Food Bags<br>3:45 Polaris Delights<br>5:30 Church Council                                   | 15 7:30 Men's Breakfast<br>2:30 Violin Lessons | 16 10 Glacial Delights<br>10:30 Al-Anon          |
| 17 11 Worship in person and via Zoom<br>5:15 Youth Group                          | 18                                                | 19 12 Al-Anon<br>2:30 Violin Lessons                                                      | 20 5:30 Chancel Choir                                      | 21 10 Weekend Food Bags<br>12:00 Social Justice & Service Committee<br>5 Committee on Property Management | 22 7:30 Men's Breakfast<br>2:30 Violin Lessons | 23 10:30 Al-Anon                                 |
| 24 11 Worship in person and via Zoom<br>12:15 Deacons Meeting<br>5:15 Youth Group | 25                                                | 26 12 Al-Anon<br>2:30 Violin Lessons<br>Glory Hall Spaghetti Newsletter Deadline          | 27 5:30 Chancel Choir                                      | 28 10 Weekend Food Bags<br>5:30 Staff Parish Relations Committee                                          | 29 7:30 Men's Breakfast<br>2:30 Violin Lessons | 30 10:30 Al-Anon                                 |