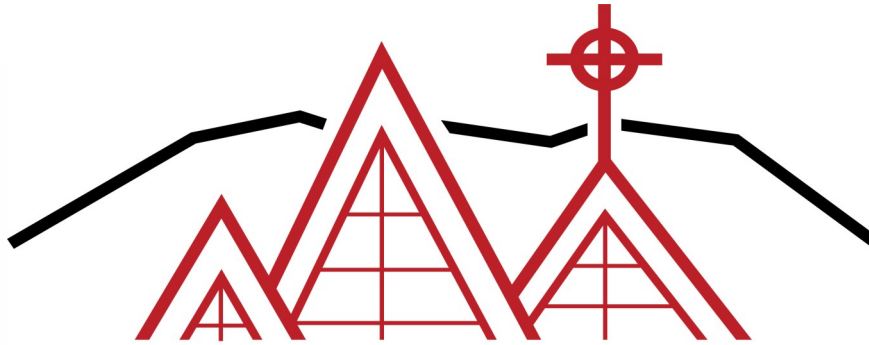


October
2023



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

<https://zoom.us/j/398434443>

By phone+1 253 215-8782

*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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Minus lunch hour

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Pay Attention

Peter Gabriel in his 1980 song "Biko," a song inspired by the death of South African anti-apartheid activist Bantu Stephen Biko who died in police custody in 1977, sings "The eyes of the world are watching now." It is a powerful song and one I certainly recommend - as well as learning the story of Biko (a good movie adaptation, by the way, is Cry Freedom).

But the idea that the eyes of the world are watching is an interesting one. Interesting in a positive way in that the world is taking notice of irreconcilable injustices. Interesting in a negative way in that "watching" seems to be all we are really willing to do. Watching is important. Activity? That takes a little more effort. And it is never easy.

This month, Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church will be the host church for an unprecedented event of apology. It is an action that has taken years to prepare. In some ways, this action is small. In other ways, it is tremendous. It is, I hope, an action that comes from a desire to be a community that follows Christ. Thus, like all things human, it isn't perfect. Yet, as Thomas Merton wrote, while the fact that we think we are following the will of God doesn't mean we are, "the desire to please" God will hopefully please God.

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Steps Taken continued

The apology, like all actions, will have ramifications and consequences, but those will, I believe, lead us towards more positive actions. I also believe that this action, in our small place in a large and wild country, will ripple outward. Jesus said that we are to do to others as we wish done to us. That includes forgiveness, but it likely must first include confession. So, we gather as those who strive to confess sins and offer broken hearts.

And the eyes of the world are watching now. It may not feel like it, but this event will be watched in communities and homes all across the country. I know that the UMC conference here in Alaska is watching it with particular interest as it is collectively contemplating how to address racism and the denominational

complicity with racism and genocide. It has gained attention.

It may not seem like much, but it is an amazing thing to be sure! But this one thing reflects a sincerity and the courage to stand for our faith, to step out for Christ, and to try to be that church that has Christ at its heart. Perhaps, had the church done this centuries ago, the hard work of this apology might never have needed to happen.

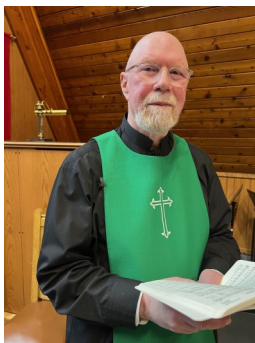
As it is, we have taken up the task and do so at the behest of Christ our Lord who called us to follow him. May we do so in spirit and in truth.

Peace be with you.
Pastor Charles

Sermons in October

During the month of October we will, of course, be focused on the apology on the 8th. The sermon on the 1st is to bring some perspective on our place in the apology and our place in faith. The two immediately following will be ways of considering life post-apology. The final service in October is a special service: Youth Sunday!

October 1st	2nd Samuel 12:1-9a	Seeing Yourself
October 8th	Luke 9:51-55	The Narrow Way
October 15th	John 11:38-44	Starting Over with Scars
October 22nd	Galatians 5:13-15	First, Do No Harm
October 29th	Youth Sunday	



Dean Bob Coghill preaching a sermon "The Great Commandments" based on Philippians 1:21-30.

<https://youtu.be/uoqUnqFGGKk>

The Bazaar Sign-Up Sheet below was inserted into the Sunday bulletin on September 24th and again October 1st. And you may see it again before November 1st. The document has a few instructions and gives you an idea of the kinds of help we'll need to have another successful Bazaar. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sign-Up sheet for the Community of Christian Women
Bazaar on Saturday, November 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Name _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

Be part of the In-Person and Virtual online bazaar in November. Submit photo and description of all items to be included in catalog by Saturday, October 28, 2023. Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 6:59 a.m. the Auction Catalog is available on-line to purchase or bid on items. Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 2:59 p.m. the Auction will close for ALL items.

Friday, November 17, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. donors drop off all sold items to Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church. We will need volunteers to take in items sold – if you can help, please sign up.

_____ 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. _____ 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. _____ 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. _____ 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. is an in-person lunch of soup, bread and pie for \$15.00 and buyers pick up items at Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will need volunteers to help in the kitchen, memorial hall and for the pick-up of items as well as clean up. If you can help, please sign up.

Kitchen

_____ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. _____ 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. _____ 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Memorial Hall

_____ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. _____ 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. _____ 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Sanctuary pick up

_____ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. _____ 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. _____ 12:30p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Clean –Up

_____ 2:00 p.m. until done

Are you able to make lunch items? If so, please have at church by 8:30 a.m. on November 18

_____ soup _____ what kind?

_____ pie _____ what kind? _____ how many?

Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship!!!!!!!!

Church Council prepares for the end of the year

At its September 14 Zoom meeting the Church Council:

Approved the installation of a camera security system around our church building, to be coordinated with a new keying/lock system that is still under consideration.

Were updated on the latest plans for the formal apology by K̄unéix̄ Hidi Northern Light United Church, the Northwest Coast Presbytery, and the Presbyterian Church (USA) on October 7, 8, and 9 here in Juneau

Created a \$200,000 Reparations Account in anticipation of reparative expenses related to our adopted apology and reparative commitments for the racist closure of the Memorial Presbyterian Church and unjustified termination of Walter Soboleff's ministry at Memorial Presbyterian Church in 1963.

Requested that budget needs for 2024 be submitted to the Treasurer, Margaret MacKinnon, no later than October 17.

Anticipated that our 2024 Annual Meeting will be held on January 21, subject to the availability of the Executive Presbyter to moderate the Meeting.

Approved a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 1, for the purpose of electing two members to the vacant positions of the Church Nominating Committee.

Approved the use of our building, without charge, by a Girl Scout Troop for this year.

Formed a Council Committee to review and re-write the Church's building-use policy, including when, and at what amounts, rental rates would be expected.

Received a report showing, over the last several months, a marked increase in engagements on our Church web site.

New Member Classes

Considering joining KHNLUC? Well, come hear more about us. We will be having new member classes beginning in November. Watch the bulletin for more information!

Consider Serving on an Elected Committee!

As 2023 approaches its end, the Kūnéix Hídi Nominating Committee begins to look for members to be on various elected committees. The combination of new and experienced members serving on these committees allows our congregation to function in a responsible, fulfilling manner. However, this combination also requires everyone to take a turn at being on a committee.

Below is a list of our congregation’s various committees and their responsibilities. Please look these over and decide on which of these you would be willing to serve. If you have questions, concerns, or just need more information, obtain that information from a member of the Nominating Committee (listed below).

COMMITTEE	PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY
Church Council	Kūnéix Hídi’s Board of Directors. Responsible for Church finances, policies and procedures; generally overseeing the overall functioning of our Church (as advised by the various standing committees) as well as our Church’s relationship with the Presbyterian Church, USA and United Methodist Church
Committee on Property and Management	The physical well-being of the church building and manse.
Deacons	Hosting church events, especially when food and/or beverages are required; as well as preparing communion Providing members with individual support and assistance when requested
Social Justice and Service	Creating awareness and support for church programs of social justice and outreach
Staff-Parish Relations Committee	Serve as a link and liaison between the pastor and congregation

All of the above committee members serve for 3-year terms. Committees typically meet once a month for an hour or so and often involve follow-up activities of a volunteer nature, as appropriate.

Each of the above committees have a half to full-page detailed description in the KHNLUC By-laws. Thus, the above descriptions are “bare bone”. For more information about any specific committee, please contact their current chairs, (who are: Council: Jim Alter; CPM: Duff Mitchell; Deacons: Kristi Peel; SJSC: KJ Metcalf and George Partlow; SPRC: Jeff Hartman) or members of the Nominating Committee (Barbara Searls, Marianne Mills, Laura Doogan, Maxine Richert, Jim Alter, Jane Ginter, Andi Story, and Pastor Charles)

JOIN US at 3 events

Healing from the 1963 racist closure of Rev. Dr. Walter Soboleff's Memorial Presbyterian Church



**1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, Juneau Fire Hall
on Glacier Ave. - Commemoration of
Memorial Presbyterian Church** -The
unveiling of a sign at the site of the
former Memorial Presbyterian Church
with brief comments and refreshments.

**11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 8 - Kunéix Hídi
Northern Light United Church, 400
W. 11th St. Church Service of
Acknowledgement and Apology** -
Service of apologies from Presbyterian
Church (USA), the NW Coast Presbytery
and Kunéix Hídi NLUC and presentation
of personal gifts of healing blankets to
the family and former members, followed
by brunch.

**11:30 a.m. Lunch; Noon Program,
Monday - Indigenous Peoples' Day,
Oct. 9, Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall,
320 W. Willoughby Ave. - Toward
Healing: Presbyterian Apology and
Reparations for Closing Memorial
Church** –

Includes children's dance group,
videos on Memorial Presbyterian
Church's 1963 closure, and the
presentation of checks for language
preservation to Sealaska Heritage
Institute and the Central Council of
Tlingit and Haida in partial reparations
from the Presbyterian church.

For more information, contact (907) 586-3131 or (206) 795-2972.

CHOP- A-THON!

Eagle River United Methodist Camp Chop-a-Thon

Saturday, October 7, 2023, starting at 9 a.m.

Come help prepare firewood for the winter! Come help prepare firewood for the winter! Enjoy Lunch! Earn a coupon for a discounted rental at camp!

This is our fall work party to refill the wood shed before winter. We usually have several hydraulic log splitters working and need folks with muscle to move logs and folks with finesse to run the splitter lever.

Activities Planned:

- Wrangling Tree Rounds
- Splitting Tree Rounds into Firewood
- Stacking Split Firewood into the Woodshed
- Fixing Lunch
- Come help with other chores around camp!



Thank you for helping to support the camp!



If you'd like to make a donation:

ERUMC Treasurer

PO Box 20272

Juneau AK 99802

Eagle River United Methodist Camp

Mile 27 "Out the road", 27500 Glacier Hwy, Juneau

manager@methodistcamp.org

(907) 789-3734 manager

<https://www.methodistcamp.org/>

Looking for American Mahjongg players!

The Brunch Bunch at Aldersgate UMC meets at Donna's restaurant at 11:00am on Thursdays for sharing of conversation, books and sometimes share and tell. Recently, we have decided we want to expand our activities to include playing Mahjongg on Friday afternoons at 1:30pm at Aldersgate. We need more players! If interested, please call Barbara Mitchell at 907-321-5093 for more information. All are welcome!

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 6th grade through 12th 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, Dori Germain, and Rev Kristi McGuire. We will share more details in October.

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. DON'T BREAK THE PHONE



Rev. Jan Blankenship was able to join us in serving communion at Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church on September 10, 2023.

Jan is moving to Olympia, Washington, to be near her daughter Verity.

We appreciate Jan Blankenship for all her years of service here at KHNLUC and serving Presbyterian Churches on the East Coast.



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 provided meals for youth group: Bob Coghill, Hannah Kuhnert, Corey & Emily Wall, Pastor Laura, Pastor Charles, Pastor Norah & Youth group of five from Minnesota, the Gorniks, the Germans, Pastor Kristi, John & Margaret Pugh, the Alters and the Standerwicks

*A Special Thank You....Jo Betts made and donated 39 jars of rhubarb/strawberry jam for use in the peanut butter and jam sandwiches we make for the weekend food bags for Kax̄digoowu Héen Elementary School. You may know Jo as the owner/operator of the Little Mermaid hair salon in Douglas. Jo heard about our food security project and asked if she could help. Please give Jo a warm thank you when you see her. Her generosity is most appreciated.

*those who served as Liturgists: Pattie Adkisson, Jeffrey Hartman, John Pugh, Jane Ginter

*those who served as Greeters/ushers: Jeffrey Hartman, Jane Ginter

*Those who provided flowers: Elizabeth Wheeler, Anne Standerwick, Jane Ginter, Jenny Pursell

*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 Kunéix Hídi 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.



You can view our recorded worship services on Youtube or on Facebook. You can view the entire worship service or you can view just the scripture reading and the sermon. When the Chancel Choir or Tlingit Gospel Singers sing, we often make those available to view.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFNLim2HGkBF-BqNp2rBItA>

<https://www.facebook.com/khnluc>

Here's links to our services in September:

Sunday Service 9/3/2023

Bob Coghill, worship leader. Multimedia presentation on the theology of Dr. Walter Soboleff.

<https://youtu.be/m08mD2-7Ono>

Sunday Service 9/10/23

Pastor Charles preached a sermon: "The Weight of Belief" based on 1st Corinthians 7:18-20.

<https://youtu.be/Q7TOMB4b8cY>

Sunday Service 9/17/23

Rev. Dr. Charles Ensminger preaching a sermon "The Danger of Incarnation", based on 1st Timothy 3:14-16.

https://youtu.be/NCHOMO_h-sA

Sunday Service 9/23/23

Dean Bob Coghill preaching a sermon "The Great Commandments" based on Philippians 1:21-30.

<https://youtu.be/uoqUnqFGGKk>

Sign Up!

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

Our web site, <https://khnluc.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.

- 1 Patricia Carr
- Tory Haight
- Deb Spencer
- 3 Norman Williams
- Isaac Powers
- 4 Jenny Miller
- Jason Ginter
- 6 Judith Maier
- 7 Karen Glass
- James Elisoff
- 8 Susi Gregg Fowler
- 10 Don Gotschall
- Micaela Fowler
- 13 Marianne Mills
- 14 Bruce Morley
- Peyton Satran
- 18 Cecelia Wheeler
- 19 Harold Westman
- Kristi McGuire
- 20 Aaron Standerwick
- 25 Tom Paddock
- Stephanie Banda
- 26 Ed Hein
- 28 Christina Maddox
- 29 Karen Dillon
- 30 Teresa Campbell
- Loren Hope
- 31 Bob Peel

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