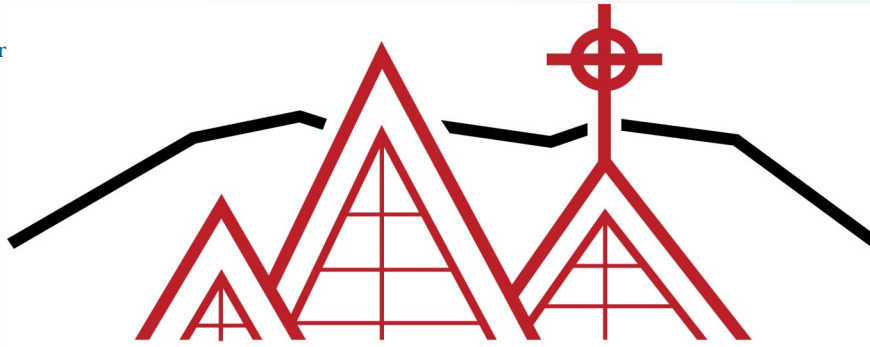


November  
2023



# Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church

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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Christina's office hours  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Minus lunch hour

*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 Meeting ID: 398 434 443

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## “Are We Still Usable?”

With the arrival of November, we find the time of the year to become more reflective. For the Christian community, that comes with the arrival of All Saints Sunday. Often celebrated on the first Sunday of the month of November, it is a time of commemoration. But it has a more transcendent meaning than that. The term “the saints” was used in the New Testament to refer to Christians collectively. Yet as time has moved us away from that second century understanding, it has become something of a bittersweet day – not dissimilar from Ash Wednesday – in that it is a day that recalls those who have died. All our saints.

All Saints is a bittersweet day. It, in some ways, forces us to confront our mortality as well as the mortality of all those around us. It brings to mind, perhaps, the great sense of loss we find when we have lost someone in our lives and we become members of, as John Claypool wrote, the “fraternity of the bereaved.” It is also the moment where we gather to remember that we are not, as Paul says, like those who have no hope.

All Saints is a particular day of memory. We recall those persons in our family of faith who have died in the past year. And while they are certainly not here, in many ways they continue to be pre-

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## “Are We Still Usable?” continued

### Sermons for November

11/5 All Saints Sunday  
Luke 6:20-31, The  
Saints of God

11/12 Walter Soboleff  
Sunday Acts 5:27-32,  
Focus In, Focus Out

11/19 Pastor Charles  
out of town

11/26 Christ the King  
Sunday Colossians 1:1-  
11, Unapologetically  
Christian

sent – especially in the grand moment of Holy Communion. As the writer of Hebrews put it, “we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,” (Hebrews 12:1).

All Saints is also a proper time to reflect on the witness of the saints and how we may or may not measure up to their example. As a church, have we striven after the more noble, narrow way? Have we, in being surrounded by that cloud of witnesses, lived up to their witness? Would we reflect the faith that can change the world?

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in his essay *After Ten Years* writes this challenging passage: “We have been the silent witnesses of evil deeds, we have been washed by many waters, we have learned the arts of deceit and ambiguous speech; experience has made us distrustful of [people] and we have often failed to speak truly and freely to them; unbearable conflicts have made us pliable, or perhaps even cynical – are we still usable?”

Are we still usable? Place the emphasis on each word in turn and you find that there are four pressing questions here. In the light of All Saints, are we still usable? Are we still usable? Are we still usable? Or are we still usable? They all have their power and troubling answers.

As I write this, I can glance over at my bookshelf and see collections of writings of women and men from centuries past to just a few years ago and recognize that some of the “great cloud of witnesses” sit whisper-

ing to me off the shelf each day. Some, like Bonhoeffer, do not whisper so much as call – maybe even harangue – me and challenge me to be a better person, especially should I dare to claim the title of Christian. Martin Luther reminds me to “remember to whom I belong”; Wesley challenges me to give God my whole heart; Linda Mercadante reminds me that the nature of the church and the people we seek to reach is changing and changing fast; Tertullian reminds me that cultural acceptance of violence leads to dark times; and then Bonhoeffer... he asks me to consider if I am still usable.

All Saints is a powerful day because it points us both backwards and forward; backwards to remember and hear the call on our lives, and forwards to live out our faith. “There are persons who think it inane, and Christians who think it impious to hope for a better earthly future and to prepare for it,” Bonhoeffer writes. “It may be that the world will end tomorrow. If so, we will gladly lay down our work for a better future, but not until then.”

Until that time, we continue to work for all the saints as we also would want to be in that number. And, since we are numbered among them by God’s grace, we have all the more reason to ask, “Are we still usable?” Let us delve deep into our hearts and strive to answer, “Yes. Here I am, Lord. Send me.”

Peace be with you.  
Pastor Charles

## How will you help?

Members of K̄unéix̄ Hídi Northern Light United Church are elected each year to serve on various church committees. Although having church members serve on each of the elected committees is necessary, it is an annual challenge to find volunteers to do this service.

The Nominating Committee (Barbara Searles, Marianne Mills, Laura Doogan, Maxine Richert, Jim Alter, Jane Ginter, Andi Story, and Pastor Charles) has the task of finding volunteers this year.

You can help the Nominating Committee this year by taking a few minutes to engage in the following activity and then sharing the results of that activity with a Committee member.

Below are 10 brief descriptions of key duties of at least one of our five elected committees:

Which ones most appeal to you?

A. Providing better lives for society's most disadvantaged	F. Overseeing K̄unéix̄ Hídi's fiscal affairs
B. Dealing with personnel matters	G. Making our planet more humane
C. Setting overall organizational priorities for K̄unéix̄ Hídi	H. Helping as a church handy woman/man
D. Caring for buildings' structural and operational integrity	I. Serving as the congregation's hosts
E. Providing support and empathy to others	J. A communication link between the pastor and congregation

Of these 10 duties, which would you like/be willing/have previous experience doing? Pick at least 3.

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## Pastor Charles Out of Town in November

Pastor Charles will be out of town from November 13-24. He will be back in Tennessee to spend time with his mother. Should there be a pastoral emergency, please contact Kristi McGuire at (907) 789-4050.

### Apology Service

I have loaded the entire service onto our church YouTube and Facebook pages as well as each segment of the service (19 segments). You can watch each person involved in the service, as well as the entire 3 hour, 26 minute, and 19 second service!

The segments with the most views so far, 30 views each, are:

Church Service of Acknowledgement and Apology

<https://youtu.be/m27HYMIy30g> (THE WHOLE SERVICE!)

and

Tlingit Gospel Singers "How Great Thou Art"

[https://youtu.be/9Y\\_Nc177Mtg](https://youtu.be/9Y_Nc177Mtg)

<https://khnLuc.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/@northernlightunit-edchurch2978>

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

- Jane Ginter

Youth Sunday, October 29, 2023

Pastor Charles worked with us through the purpose of many aspects of the service like the confession and assurance of pardon.

Our Youth selected the songs and performed Ode to Joy during the Offering. They have selected a song and motions “Waves of Motion” to teach the congregation during the Children's Moment.

Dori presented a sermon based on Scripture: Psalms 1, read by Rachel and Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 read by Ellie.

Youth that participated in the service include:

Dori, Allison, Katie, Rachel, Acey, Ellie, and Lucy

## New Member Class

Beginning on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a “new member” class for those who have recently joined *AS WELL AS* for those who might be considering joining or for anyone who would like to attend! We will be meeting at 10:00 on Sunday morning in the Skuse room and will be covering a variety of topics related

to our church history, the history, structure, and theology of the Presbyterian Church and the United Methodist Church, and some basic Christian theological understandings. Pastor Charles will be teaching the class and all are welcome!

## Glory Hall Apartment Project

The council authorized a total donation of \$75,000 to renovate the downtown Glory Hall building into apartments for low-income housing. The total amount will come from individual donations to this project, any funds authorized by the Native Ministries committee, and the remainder will be drawn from the unrestricted reserve funds. Donations to this project will be received through the end of November.

## Finance News

As of October 30, KHNLUC has received offerings to the general operating fund representing about 74% of the annual budgeted amount of \$261,500. We are 83% of the way through the year. Donations received for Food Security through October 30 total \$9651. Expenses so far total \$14,509 (Summer Lunch:

\$8856, Family Promise Meals \$150, Glory Hall meals \$1042, and Weekend Food Bags \$4461), a shortage of almost \$5000. We will have more expenses for the Weekend Food Bags through the end of December. Any additional contributions to the General Fund or the Food Security fund will be greatly appreciated.

## Hanging of the Greens November 26 5:30 PM

Mark your calendars for November 26 at 5:30 PM. Due to a concert in the afternoon, we'll gather after that at 5:30 for a potluck with the youth group and for the annual decorating of the church known as “Hanging of the Greens.” Many hands make light work, so all are invited!

# The Community of Christian Women Bazaar is LIVE as of November 1st

Go to [2023 Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church Bazaar](https://khnluchurch.org/bazaar) to begin to browse, bid and buy. The sale ends at 2:59pm on Saturday November 11th. Then on Saturday November 18th come by the church to pick up your purchased items any time between 9am and 2pm. And don't forget the lunch: homemade soup, bread and pie for \$15 -- best deal in town!  
All proceeds help support women's and children's organizations in Juneau and beyond.  
Thank you for your support.

**Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church**

**400 W 11<sup>th</sup>  
between A & B St.**

*Come  
to our*

**ONLINE**

[khnluchurch.org/bazaar](https://khnluchurch.org/bazaar)

**BAZAAR NOV 18**

**Place Orders  
Nov 1<sup>st</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>**

**Baked goods**



**In-Person Lunch**

**Soup, Bread  
and pie \$15** *From 9 to 2*



**Handmade and  
good used items**

**SERV ONLINE**



*All proceeds go to missions  
supporting women and children*

**Don's bowls**

All Covid precautions taken

## Council Focuses on Finances

At its October 19 Meeting the Church Council:

- Committed K̄unéix̄ Hídi to providing at least \$75,000 toward the costs of renovating the former downtown Glory Hall building into efficiency apartments for use by low-income Juneauites. It is the Council’s intention to use Church reserves to make up the difference between congregational contributions toward this goal and the total of \$75,000. Donations to this project will be received through the end of November.
- Reviewed the last few years’ finances. In recent years Church expenditures have exceeded revenue – a situation that cannot continue unchanged.
- Set the Pledge Drive in support of the 2024 budget for the month of November. During the Drive members and friends of K̄unéix̄ Hídi NLUC will be asked to consider pledging financial support of Church programs and services during the upcoming calendar year.
- Was reminded that the Akiyama family will match all known contributions to either the Church’s Programmatic or Capital Permanent Endowment Fund dollar-to-dollar (to a maximum of \$13,000 for each Fund) until the end of November.
- Approved the Deacons plan to obtain a new set of Church coffee cups (for use in the Soboleff Memorial Hall) with our new logo and name on the cups.
- Sent a letter of congratulations to Dr. Tina Woods (who helped in numerous ways with our congregation’s apology and reparations activities for the racist closure of the Memorial; Presbyterian Church) for her recent receipt of the Helping Hands Foundation Dr Tom Bornstein Health Provider Award for 2023.

### HOW WILL YOU HELP (continued)

In the mind of this author, the following lettered duties are an important part of the indicated K̄unéix̄ Hídi’s committee’s responsibilities.

Deacons	Committee on Property Management	Council	Social Justice and Service	Staff Parish Relations
E	D	C	A	B
I	H	F	G	J

Please share your choices with a member of the Nominating Committee. The information you share will be much appreciated and, if you are willing to serve, beneficial to the congregation.

**Thanks!**

## Thanksgiving at Eagle River United Methodist Camp, 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).

## Last Chance to Meet the Permanent Endowments Matching Challenge!

November is the last month to donate to the Permanent Endowment Funds in order to meet the matching challenge. The Akiyama family had generously offered to match donations of up to \$13,000 for each fund.

Endowment Fund	Donations through 10/30/23	Needed to Meet Match
Programs	\$3,300	\$9,700
Capital Projects	\$2,500	\$10,500

These Permanent Endowment Funds were created in 2021. Fund balances as of 9/30/2023 are Program Fund: \$54,924.90 and Capital Projects fund: \$39,538.31. **Donations must be received no later than November 30 in order to meet the match.** If you are contributing from an IRA or a Donor Advised Fund, please plan to request the donations in early November.

Thanks to everyone who has made contributions to these funds.

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*November is the last month to donate to the Permanent Endowment Funds in order to meet the matching challenge.*

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## Eagle River United Methodist Camp - Update

1. The camp managers had to move out of their housing at the camp due to a mold problem. This will have an impact on the reservations of our facilities as it is now more difficult to reach ERUMC. Please be patient in the coming months. We are hiring an abatement contractor to fix the mold problem. In the meantime the managers are staying temporarily at the Maier cabin taking this cabin off the rental market. This is a serious problem and our highest priority to remedy!
2. October 7th we had our annual Chop-A-Thon but due to problems with the splitter we have to have another wood-splitting session. This coming Saturday November 4, 2023, we will finish what we started and hope to be able to split all the remaining rounds. Volunteers are welcome to finish the splitting of the wood and this and other projects will be tackled from 9:00 am to noon.
3. There are several board positions coming open starting with the new calendar year, and we are looking for 3-4 new board members. If you know of an energetic person that likes to join our ERUMC team have them, contact Nico Bus at 907-209-2162.

## Apology and Reparations Thank yous

### Apology and Reparations

#### Thank yous

The Reparations Committee members Carol Barril, Susan Bus, Janet Kussart, Kristi Peel and Melody Millard would like to thank the following people for the contributions they made to the Formal Apology and Reparations events where acknowledgement and apology for the racist closure of the Memorial Presbyterian Church in 1963 took place.

#### Transportation

Mary Becker  
Betsy Brenneman  
Monica Buettel  
Jeffrey Hartman  
Karen Lipson, Deacon

#### Food

Jean Ann Alter  
Carol Barril, Deacon  
Mary Becker  
Betsy Brenneman  
Monica Buettel  
Susan Bus  
Denise Carroll  
Laura Doogan  
Cindy Ensminger  
The Germaines  
Jeffrey Hartman  
Janet Kussart, Deacon  
Karen Lipson, Deacon  
Linda McCargar  
Bruce Morley, Deacon  
Margaret Pugh  
Deb Reifenstein  
Maxine Richert  
Anne Standerwick, Deacon

#### Flowers

Susan Bus

#### Set-up/Serve/Clean-up

Carol Barril, Deacon  
Susan and Nico Bus  
Pastor Phil and Teresa Campbell  
Denise Carroll  
Dori Germain  
Kristy Germain  
Kathleen Jensen  
Janet Kussart, Deacon  
Karen Lipson, Deacon  
KJ and Peggy Metcalf  
Bruce Morley, Deacon  
Anne Standerwick, Deacon  
Elizabeth Wheeler, Deacon  
SamMi Zelle

#### Special services:

Carol Barril, Deacon  
Denise Carroll  
Janet Kussart, Deacon  
Karen Lipson, Deacon  
Bruce Morley, Deacon  
Anne Standerwick, Deacon

Thank you also to Christina Maddox, Church Administrator, for all her excellent work and support through both the August and October Reparations events and on an ongoing basis.

Thank you also to John Maddox, Custodian, for his outstanding job of keeping the church clean and supplies well stocked for both the August and October Reparations

events and on an ongoing basis.

There are probably people I have missed and I apologize for this. Thank you so much for your service and donations. They were greatly appreciated.

Melody Millard





## 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, Myra Munson, George Partlow, Linda McCargar, Youth

\*those who served as Greeters/ushers: George Partlow, Jane Ginter, Jeffrey Hartman, Marianne Mills, Geoff Alter, Karen Dillon, Youth

\*Those who provided flowers: Denise Carroll, Jane Ginter, Jean Ann Alter, Linda McCargar, Youth

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

## 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 Phil Campbell
- 2 Martha Mallott
- 9 Jim Becker
- 10 Mike Barnhill  
Michele Thompson  
Laura Barnhill
- 12 Esther Millea
- 16 Jim Alter  
Jamie Barnhill
- 18 Corrine Garza
- 19 Brittany Lehnhart
- 20 Bill Dillon
- 22 John Palmes  
Patsy Wright  
Jane Edwards
- 26 Bonnie Rohla
- 27 Mary Becker  
Laura Krauss
- 28 Marie Olson  
Lauren Heine
- 29 Eley Schmidt  
Kim Rivera

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 <b>5:30 Chancel Choir</b>	2 <b>10:00 Weekend Food Bags</b> 7:00 Bach Society Rehearsal	3 <b>7:30 Men's Breakfast</b>	4 8:00 Vets for Peace 10:00 Glacial Delights kitchen use 10:30 Al-Anon 2:00 Orpheus Project Rehearsal
5 <b>11:00 Worship in person &amp; via Zoom</b> 2:00 Orpheus Project Concert <b>5:15 Youth Group</b>	6	7 12:00 Al-Anon 2:30 Violin Lessons	8 <b>5:30 Chancel Choir</b>	9 <b>5:30 Council</b> 6:00 Mudrooms Rehearsal 7:00 Bach Society Rehearsal	10 <b>7:30 Men's Breakfast</b>	11 10:30 Al-Anon
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