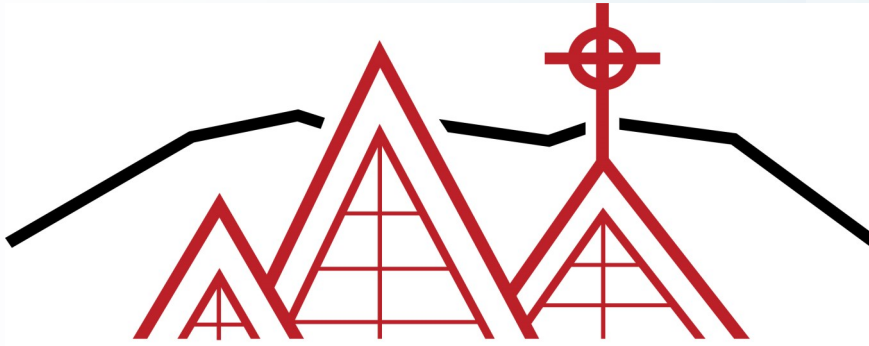


January
2024



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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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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Time to Look Forward

As I begin my seventh month with you, we have arrived at a great place to be: a place of transition! We have the opportunity before us to consider how we, as a church community, will move forward.

When I arrived, it was at the pinnacle moment of the Overture/ Apology/Reparations work that began long before I was here. That work had defined the direction and focus of the church for some time, and it was very well worth the effort.

The temptation would be to allow that to be the end of that narrative. "There. We did it! Okay, back to business as usual." That would be a great failure on our part to continue the movement that brought us to this place.

So, what we will be doing for the next several months in big ways and in small ways is to begin to discern how we will live into who we say we are. And there are already a few titles and definitions that exist for us to work with: Christian, PC(USA), UMC, More

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Sermons in January

January 7th
Epiphany Sunday
Matthew 2:1-12
Christmas Consequences

January 14th
1st Corinthians 13:8-12
Putting Away Childish Things

January 21st
Annual Meeting
Rev. Addie Domske
preaching

January 28th
1st Visioning Event
Luke 9:28-36
The Possibility of More

Time to Look Forward continued

Light, Reconciling, ξ unéix Hídi, welcoming, and social justice for starters. But those words are not limitations, but starting points that open us to a broad spectrum of possibilities.

To that end, we will be having two big events at the end of the month. The first is the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 21st. We will be blessed to have Rev. Addie Domske joining us as our representative from the Presbytery this year.

Then, on Sunday, January 28th, we will be having a special visioning luncheon. It will be a potluck luncheon, but it will be a time when we also gather for conversations around the tables to begin to dream and vision together about what the future of this wonderful church can be (AND there will be a Zoom

discussion group as well for those who can't be there in person that morning). From there, we will be having small group discussions, conversations in committees, online discussions and a lot of prayer, pondering, and dreaming as we look to the future of this church for next year, three years, five years, and even decades down the road.

What a wonderful and exciting time as we have the opportunity to live into who we claim to be! I am honored to be a part of this as we work to make ours a church of excellence, compassion, and vision.

I hope you, also, will joyfully and prayerfully be a part of this process!

Peace be with you.

Pastor Charles

New Member Class

There will be another opportunity to attend a New Member Class beginning in February on Sunday mornings at 10:00 in the Skuse Room. If you are considering becoming a member or have recently joined (or if you just want to be in a refresher class), come and be with us on Sunday mornings in February.

Pastor Charles' blog

Pastor Charles is posting a blog on our church website. Check it out at: <https://khnLuc.org/learn/pastor-perspectives/>

December Council meeting focuses on 2024

At its December meeting the Church Council:

- Agreed with plans to focus during the first few months of 2024 on developing (in a deliberate, varied and inclusive manner) a renewed, strategic self-vision for K̄unéix̄ Hídi Northern Light United Church. Among other things, this process is envisioned to include individual, small-group, and large-group conversations and activities, including meal-time events and sermon focuses.
- Adopted three budgets for 2024: one for regular Church programs and staff; one for special, on-going programs in which the Church is involved; and one for Church, capital projects.
 - ✓ The regular Church budget totals \$332,500 in expenditures (excluding depreciation) - \$32,500 more than projected revenue.
 - ✓ The special program budget (food security, reparations, and *ad hoc*, special needs and/or programs) totals \$99,500 in expenditures -- \$61,000 more than projected revenue.
 - ✓ The capital budget totals \$90,500 in expenditures for heating matters, stair tread replacement, fire alarm remediation, and security lighting and car chargers. The budget assumes \$73,000 will be raised in revenue to offset anticipated expenditures.
- Approved being the summer Family Promise residence from June 10 to August 17, as well as the host church for two weeks in June and two weeks in August.
- Committed to split the Christmas Offering proceeds between the Southeast Alaska Food Bank and the Southeast Senior Services programs.

Sealaska Heritage Institute Launching Groundbreaking Program to Document Tlingit Gesture System

Funds from recent church reparations to also aid in identifying Haida and Tsimshian gestures

Sealaska Heritage Institute is sponsoring the program, which will be led by Leer, through reparation funds given to the institute in October by the K̄unéix̄ Hídi Northern Light United Church, Northwest Coast Presbytery and Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The payment was meant to atone for the racially motivated closure of a Juneau church in 1963 that was ministered by the late Tlingit spiritual leader Dr. Walter Soboleff.

https://www.sealaskaheritage.org/node/1905?fbclid=IwAR2OhwE4OqWGXrldyHLCnXPtOE2f6t6BiaQMm_cZtxRM_kov7FJiVqfHbf4



Brand new programs: Our 2024 will start with two new partnerships for Family Promise of Juneau. The first is an initiative focused on rural homelessness that will see us working with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness. We also have a project to aid veteran families in partnership with Fairbanks Rescue Mission.

Brand new staff: We have transitioned to new leadership, saying goodbye to our former Executive Director Katti Carlson and welcoming Kelsey Sparks as our Interim Executive Director and Bailey Gent as our Program and Development Director. Fun fact: Bailey is a former Family Promise of Juneau volunteer!

One thing hasn't changed: Our commitment to ending childhood homelessness in Juneau. Since we opened our doors in April 2017, we have served 286 adults and 320 children. We are still here providing overnight shelter at host congregations, daytime shelter at our Day Center, homelessness prevention and stabilization services, and referrals for graduates. As the only organization in Juneau that provides shelter for entire families, we take seriously our promise to be there for people who need us.

A big thank you for the Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church Council for allowing Family Promise Juneau to host families in one location for 9 weeks of summer vacation from school in 2024. KHNLUC will host June 9-22 and July 28- Aug 10.

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

Or (vacant), Assistant Coordinator, looking for a volunteer.

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, Mary Becker, Sherrie Tinsley-Myers, Robert Coghil, Patsy Wright

*those who served as Greeters/ushers: Jane Ginter, Maxine Richert, Karen Dillon, Geoff Alter

*Those who provided flowers: Youth Group, Denise Carroll, Elizabeth Wheeler, Susan Bus, Anne Standerwick

*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.

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



- 1 SamMi Zolley
- 5 Milian Mitchell
- 6 Yanakeen See
- 11 Jenny Pursell
- 19 Jacque Farnsworth
Nathalia Miller
- 21 Nola Lamken
- 22 Neil Standerwick
- 27 Thea Brown
- 29 Margaret MacKinnon
- 30 Gail Coenraad
Jamie Wilson
- 31 Roselina "LiJo" Wilson

JANUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Church Office Closed	2 12:00 Al-Anon 2:30 Violin Lessons	3 5:30 Chancel Choir	4 6:00 Mudrooms Rehearsal	5 7:30 Men's Breakfast	6 8:30 Vets for Peace 10:30 Al-Anon
7 11:00 Worship in person & via Zoom 5:15 Youth Group	8	9 10:00 Finance 12:00 Al-Anon 2:30 Violin Lessons 7:00 Mudrooms	10 5:30 Chancel Choir	11 10:00 Weekend Food Bags 5:30 Council	12 7:30 Men's Breakfast	13 10:30 Al-Anon
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