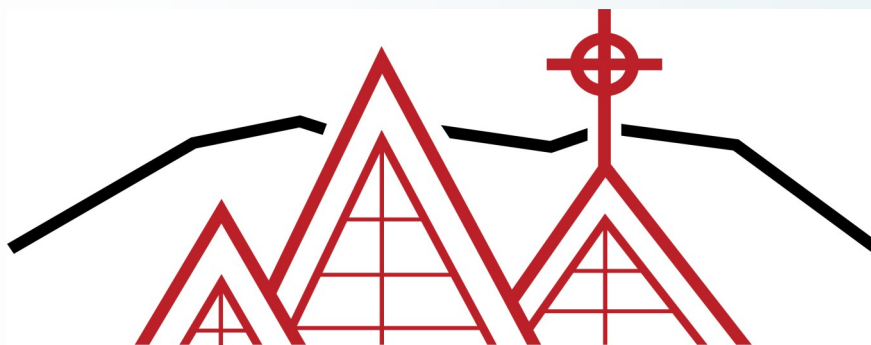


February  
2024



# 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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office@khnuc.org  
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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pastor@khnuc.org

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## The Journey of Lent

There is a somber element to Lent. It is a strange juxtaposition to Advent and the upbeat nature that is the Christmas season, even if there is something of a wariness to Advent. The *purpose* of Lent, though, is to provide a reflective time that deepens faith. It is a path designed to enable us to find joy in Easter as we contemplate the fact of the tomb. It is a journey, and one that we take together each year.

Lent begins with an exploration into the idea of mortality with Ash Wednesday and concludes on Holy Saturday, the Day of Silence after Good Friday. Lent is not for the faint of heart or the superficial of faith. It is a time of challenge. The rejoicing and Good News of Easter only comes after the Lenten journey and the Lenten journey is what should inform our celebration on Easter.

Lent is a time where we challenge ourselves to decide to take seriously our faith...or not. And what a time to consider our faith. In this time in which the voices of anger and mistrust are striving to speak to our darkest angels, we need to take the time that Lent offers

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## New Member Classes

Beginning on Sunday, February 11<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!

## Pastor Charles out of town

Pastor Charles will be out of town from February 1-7 at a UMC training event in Anchorage. Should there be a pastoral emergency, please contact Kristi McGuire at (907) 789-4050.

## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season, is on February 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a special Ash Wednesday service that evening at 6:00.

## The Journey of Lent continued

and find ourselves. We must face the temptations of blame and anger with commitment, responsibility and sincerity.

As Christians, we take the journey of Lent as a journey with Christ on the road that leads to the cross. And yet we take the journey of Lent precisely because it is also a journey that ultimately leads to life.

So, I invite you to come and be a part of the Lenten journey from ashes to the grave as we

follow Jesus to Jerusalem in sober, somber faith. Along the way, may we all learn what it is to follow Christ our Lord and may our eyes become clear enough to begin to see the Kingdom Jesus so passionately proclaimed.

Peace be with you.  
Pastor Charles

## Upcoming Sermons

In February, we will be moving from the end of the Season of Epiphany with Transfiguration Sunday and into the Season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday. During Lent, I will strive to offer some provoking thoughts that revolve around the challenges that befall those who have had the epiphany of the Good News. How do we encounter such a world as this, and what can be done?

February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Charles out of town
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Transfiguration Sunday, Mark 9:2-9, More Than
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent, 1 <sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:6-10, God and Mammon
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent, Ephesians 2:1-10, Grace and Sin
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent, 1 <sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:1-9, Wisdom and Knowledge
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, Psalm 137, Kingdom and Empire
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, Colossians 2:8-14, The Cross and Evil
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday, Matthew 21:1-11, Will We Follow?
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Sunday

# Church Council Prepares for Annual Transition

The 2023 Church Council held its last meeting on January 11, 2024. In February, the newly elected (at the Annual Meeting on January 21) Council members will join the continuing Council members to organize and begin serving.

New members (Class of 2026: Mary Becker, Monica Buettel, Karen Glass, and Marianne Mills) will succeed Class of 2023 members (Alan Akiyama, Denise Carroll, and Jim Alter) who are ending their terms. (However, Jim Alter will continue on the Council for one more year, in the Class of 2024 – filling a vacant position created by an earlier resignation.) Other Council members (Class of 2024: Maxine Richert, Sherrie Myers, Susan Bus; Class of 2025: Laura Doogan, Linda McCargar, Margaret Pugh, Margaret MacKinnon) have either one or two more years to serve.

At its January meeting, the Council:

- Approved the expenditure of \$23,500 in reparative funds for publication of a Commemorative Book focused on the history of the closing of the Memorial Presbyterian Church and the October 2023 apologies and reparations for that racist closure from K̄unéix̄ Hídi Northern Light United Church, the Northwest Coast Presbytery, and the Presbyterian Church (USA).
- Reviewed the year-end finances and made a couple of slight modifications to the December-approved, 2024 Budget
- Committed to the creation of a fund and plan for supporting music education in Juneau for Juneau children and youth, using earnings from the investment of the Louis and Ruth Anderson Music Education Fund.
- Discussed the increasing complexities and time-demands on the individual serving as K̄unéix̄ Hídi’s Treasurer.

Are you missing your crock pot? If so, it can be found in the kitchen. Thanks!

KHNLUC friend Robert Lewis made the KTOO news. You can find it at <https://www.ktoo.org/2024/01/16/juneau-digs-out-from-massive-winter-storm/>, 1/16 “Juneau digs out from massive winter storm.”

2024 Permanent Endowments Matching Challenge!

The Akiyama family had generously offered another challenge for donations to the Permanent Endowment Funds in 2024. They will match donations of up to \$14,000 to each fund, for Programs or for Capital Projects. Donations must be received no later than November 30 in order to meet the match. These Permanent Endowment Funds were created in 2021. Fund balances as of January 28, 2024, are \$77,383 for the Program Fund and \$53,091 for the Capital Projects Fund. Thanks to everyone who has made contributions to these funds. Please consider contributing in 2024 to grow the funds that will provide funding for KHNLUC for many years to come.  
Margaret MacKinnon,  
Treasurer

## Calling All Women

Mark your calendars—Saturday, February 10th at 10am in the Memorial Hall for the meeting of Community of Christian Women in person and on Zoom. We'll gather to discuss options for disbursement of the funds raised in the 2023 bazaar. Please come and give us your thoughts, help us make these decisions. We have approximately \$8,800 in the account, which can make a special impact on the needs of women, children and families.

In addition, be thinking about an individual to whom we can dedicate the 2024 bazaar. Some of the past women include Catherine Alter, Flora Beierly, Judy Knight, and Grace Akiyama.

Hope you can make the meeting. If you have questions contact Carol Barril.

## Dinners at the Glory Hall



One of the ways Northern Light shares at Juneau's emergency shelter and soup kitchen, is providing a meal on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The second Tuesday menu is chili and the fourth is spaghetti. Many members and friends participate in this effort by shopping for food, donating funds, cooking, serving the meals, and sharing fellowship with Glory Hall patrons.

A sign-up sheet for food, cooks and servers can be found on the church webpage under "Serve". Food marked "Glory Hall" can be left in the church kitchen/refrigerator or taken to the Glory Hall kitchen by 2:30 p.m. the day of the meal (food costs can be a donation or reimbursed by the church office).

The cooking crew begins preparation at the Glory Hall at 4:00 p.m. and Dinner is served at 6:00. The servers can then share the meal with others eating at the Glory Hall. Many in our congregation provide faithful help and are always eager to share this experience with new volunteers. There is always someone there who has done it before and knows the ropes.

Thanks to the many who participate in this important ministry of food and fellowship! If you would like to be part of this ministry you are encouraged to sign up on the website or contact the church office, [office@khnluc.org](mailto:office@khnluc.org) or 586-3131.

We will be having a second visioning luncheon on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> following the service. This will be a pot luck lunch, too! We will be looking at the results from the first conversation and hearing voices from the past as well (you will have to be there!). Come and join us as we continue our visioning process!

Patsy Wright provided this photo of Brandon Godkin dealing with our quantities of snow in our parking lot!

Patsy spent the day chipping away at ice!

Thanks to all who have been dealing with the unbelievable amount of snow!

Hopefully just in time for our next dumping of snow.



## Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church Trivia, Treats, and Tea

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024 6:30 PM**

In person or on Zoom; Memorial Hall, KHNLUC  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87422571679>;  
Meeting ID: 874 2257 1679

**Do you know the answers to these questions about KHNLUC?**

How is Bruce Springsteen connected with Sunday School?

What live animal was rescued from the bottom of the elevator shaft, after it was missing for six months, when the first elevator was installed?

Which members of KHNLUC have had buildings in Juneau named after them?

Who has written books?

Where did Laura Black and John Doogan meet for the very first time?

**Come and have fun and maybe learn some things about Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church!**

**Contact Jane Ginter if you have any questions! 907 209-8185, [ginteralaska@gmail.com](mailto:ginteralaska@gmail.com).**



## 2024 K̄unéix̄ Hídi Church Cleanup



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

### **Spring Cleanup**

Saturday March 9

Saturday March 16

And the rest of Spring and Summer when it's convenient for you!

Help with Spring Cleanup! We will have church-wide cleanup days on two Saturdays (March 9, March 16) before Easter (March 31).

We will continue Spring & Summer Cleanup after Easter. You can choose a task to do on your own time! You can look over this list of cleanup tasks or come up with your idea of what needs to be done. Signup or call Jane Ginter at 907 209-8185, Patsy Wright at 865 660-2290 or Duff Mitchell at 907 723-2481. Let us know if you need the code to get into the church from the A Street door.

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**Power wash parking lot**

**Clean the wooden pews**

**Cleanup sidewalks**

**Polish brass**

**Communion Trays**

**Dump run with yard and other waste**

**Give guidance on manse tree pruning**

**Nametag board revision**

**Paint Back stairs & hallway**

**Power thatch yards at church and manse**

**Repair misc. issues with wood pews**

**Replace the shingles on the church steps**



## Church clean-up continued

**Take care of potted plants in church**

**Wash inside windows in the Skuse Room**

**Wash inside windows in the entrance way**

**Wash kitchen inside windows, screens**

**Wash preschool windows along the alley.**

**Wash windows on the front of the church**

**Weed 6' of the long front flower bed**

**Weed flower bed along parking lot**

**Weed the manse flower bed**

**Kitchen drawers**

**Church grounds**

## Mark your Calendars!

February 23, 2024: Native Issues Forum at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall, 11:30-1:00

March 17-23, 2024: 75<sup>th</sup> Gold Medal Basketball Tournament

March 22, 2024: Native Issues Forum

April 5, 2024: Native Issues Forum

June 5-8, 2024: Celebration!

## Weekend Food Bags

We pack weekend food bags for children at Kaxdigoowu Heen Elementary School (formerly Riverbend). We typically gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10am on Thursday mornings to arrange all the food items, fill bags and of course visit while we work. We have often completed our task by 10:45 am. Bags are then transported out to the school. We welcome more of our KHNLUC friends to join us for this fellowship and mission opportunity. Please feel free to contact Carol Barril if you have any questions or suggestions.

- Carol Barril

## Meg Rosson Suggests a Tlingit Class

Katie and I started attending this class today. I think it's a great class to get more comfortable with reading and speaking Tlingit and learning some phrases. I wondered if church members might be interested in attending, as more Tlingit culture and language incorporation in services and church life seemed to come up fairly often at the vision casting on Sunday. It's a free, ongoing class - people can join when they can. There are a bunch of people in the meeting so nobody gets singled out or put on the spot or anything, but everyone gets to practice and learn.

<https://htlcoalition.wufoo.com/forms/htl-lingit-language-class-spring-2024/>

Thanks,  
Meg



HTL Lingit Language Class Spring 2024  
Wednesdays 10:30 - 11:30 AM on Zoom  
January 31 - April 10, 2024 (No Class April 3)  
FREE & OPEN TO ALL

Sponsored by our partners  
Healing Through Culture KTOO  
HTL LINGIT LANGUAGE CLASS SPRING 2024  
BEGINNING & INTERMEDIATE LEVEL  
WITH NEELAATUGHAA ANNA CLOCK

HELD WEEKLY OVER ZOOM  
WEDNESDAYS 10:30 - 11:30 AM  
JANUARY 31 - APRIL 10

FREE & OPEN TO ALL  
but students must register!



## Church Committee Meetings

Sunday, February 4, after worship, Deacons

Tuesday, February 6, 10am, Finance Committee

Thursday, February 8, 5:30, Council

Thursday, February 15, 5:00, Committee on Property Management

Friday, February 23, 12:00, Healing Task Force



# Juneau to Pelican Ferry Trip 2024



A fun ferry trip is a one-day trip from Juneau/Auke Bay to Pelican and return. This trip takes you around the northern tip of Admiralty Island, along Icy Strait, Point Adolphus (one of the best whale watching sites), across from Glacier Bay and Gustavus, through the Inian Islands (near Elfin Cove), down Lisianski Inlet to Pelican. The Inian Islands are a great place to possibly see otters and puffins! You stay 2 hours in Pelican, which is just enough time to walk along the boardwalks. There's an old church there which was used by Presbyterians at one time! The boat heads back along the same path. If you're on an Allen Marine catamaran, it only takes 4.75 hours; the ferry LeConte takes 7 hours.

This is the best sight-seeing trip to take in SE Alaska, according to Jane Ginter!

Several folks from church have purchased tickets for Thursday, February 15 on the Allen Marine Catamaran, including Pastor Charles and Cindy. Join in!

<https://dot.alaska.gov/amhs/index.shtml>

or call Juneau Reservations Call Center 1-800-642-0066 between 8:00-3:00 M-F.

There are 2 dates this spring that are on days other than Sundays. The trip is offered once a month, although the March date on the Le Conte has been canceled due to maintenance.

### Juneau/Auke Bay to Pelican

**Departure Date Departure Time Arrival Time Vessel length**

Thursday 02-15-2024 7:00 AM 11:45 AM Allen Marine 4.75 hours

Saturday 04-13-2024 7:00 AM 2:00 PM Le-Conte 7 hours  
(March date canceled)

Sundays in May, June, July, August, September

### Pelican to Juneau/Auke Bay

**Departure Date Departure Time Arrival Time Vessel length**

02-15-2024 1:45 PM 6:30 PM Allen Marine 4.75 hours

04-13-2024 4:00 PM 11:00 PM LeConte 7 hours  
(March date canceled)

### Vessel Sailing Price

\$69/Adult 12-64 one way, \$138 round trip  
\$52/Senior 65+ one way, \$104 round trip



## 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 cooked dinner for Youth Group in December and January:

The Gornik Family, Bob Coghill, Mary Becker, The Wall Family, Jenny Pursell and Susan Bus, Charles and Cindy Ensminger

\*those who served as Liturgists: Jeffrey Hartman, Myra Munson, Katie Rosson

\*those who served as Greeters/ushers: Jane Ginter, Monica Buettel

\*Those who provided flowers: Alice Ensminger, Denise Carroll, Patsy Wright, 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 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@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.



- 1 Bobi Trani
- Chad Mores
- 3 Jason Hope
- 5 Rob Becker
- Tim Lash
- 7 Jean Ann Alter
- 9 Henry Akiyama
- 10 Olivia Miller
- 12 Nancy Norman
- 15 Sue Deems
- Chloe Likins
- 16 Edith McHenry
- 18 Dori Germain
- 23 Jeremy Schlosser
- 25 Leon Shaul
- 26 Su Alexander
- 28 Frank Coenraad

# FEBRUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 <b>10 Weekend Food Bags</b>	2 <b>7:30 Men's Breakfast</b>	3 8:30 Vets for Peace 10:30 Al-Anon
4 <b>11 Worship in person &amp; via Zoom</b> Deacon's meeting 5:15 Youth Group	5	6 <b>10 Finance</b> 12 Al-Anon 2:30 Violin Lessons	7 <b>5:30 Chancel Choir</b> <b>6:30 Trivia, Treats &amp; Tea</b>	8 <b>10 Weekend Food Bags</b> <b>5:30 Council</b> 6 Mudrooms Rehearsal	9 <b>7:30 Men's Breakfast</b>	10 <b>10 Community of Christian Women</b> 10:30 Al-Anon
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