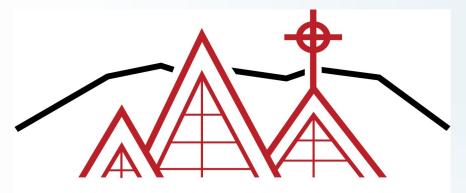
May 2024



Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church

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

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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The False Alternative of the Either/Or Attitude

It is increasingly clear that the level of discussion in society in the United States (certainly politically) has devolved to the level of false alternatives which assume there is no middle ground. This is known as a "logical fallacy."

A "logical fallacy," by definition, is to assume (or suggest) that there are, to any given situation or topic, only a few alternatives and, at the same time, assuming that only one of those alternative options is true. It's a fallacy that operates in terms of black/white (or red/blue), either/or, or from the position of extremes. What this line of thinking does is oversimplify a situation or problem: it's all their fault; you are either with us or against us; it is either hot or cold.

This way of thinking assumes that there is no middle ground or no gray area in any given situation. T. Edward Damer provides this explanation in his book *Attacking Faulty Reasoning*:

"Absolutist thinking or thinking in extremes is quite frequently found in political rhetoric. The issue of so-called

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Visioning Continues

We have had great conversations concerning the ideas and directions for the future of the church. In May we will be having another congregational event after church on Sunday, May 19th.

The conversation will be around the ideas already expressed and starting to not only prioritize those ideas, but also begin to look at who will take the reigns and start some of the ideas we have put together.

It is an exciting time, and we look forward to continuing in new, exciting and innovative directions forward!

The False Alternative of the Either/Or Attitude continued

socialized medicine is often presented in terms of false alternative: 'Either we allow the government to take total control of the field of medicine or we must allow our doctors to be free of governmental restrictions.' Surely there are a number of middle ground alternatives to the problem of individual care."

If one wants to promote a particular view and demonize all others, offering a false alternative is a great way to stifle discussion. And thinking in extremes requires much less mental activity than trying to determine if there are, in fact, more sides to a story, more avenues of approach, and more solutions to a problem.

Perhaps this is why Jesus is becoming less popular: he tells stories in answer to questions rather than provide the desired "either/or." In telling stories, Jesus causes the listener to think, to process, and to wrestle with questions of meaning and importance. That takes work. Extremism and emotionalism do not.

We are more and more beset by a world of logical fallacies from those who insist that there are only two choices in all things, and only one (theirs) is correct. What we need to do is not to be held captive by those false alternatives, even when that seems to be all that is offered. We also need to be the voices of moderation and of the bridge building middle. Of course there will be those for whom middle means sell-out.

We must be willing to imagine alternatives. We have to, as Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann might say, outimagine the empire of the either/or. Once our imagination has been freed from the fallacious thought crime of false alternatives, we can reason again. Then, once all plausible alternatives have been considered, we can determine the best course of action to complex issues supported by reason and evidence, not emotionalism and extremism.

If we will.

Peace.
Pastor Charles

Here's a memento from our 20th anniversary! This year is our 50th anniversary!

Help plan a 50th anniversary party. Contact Christina in the office.



Moderator's Report

The month of April brought Spring showers, herring eggs (Tlingit delicacy) and the Tlingit & Haida Central Council Indian Tribes of Alaska annual convention. The Native Ministries Committee Chair, Barbara Searls, presented a \$100,000 check from the Native Ministries Committee fund to President Richard Peterson and Dr. Tina Woods for their healing programs following President Peterson's report on their Healing Programs. Pastor Charles, Myra Munson, KJ Metcalf, Freda Westman, and I were also present as members of the committee. T&H's press release is included in this newsletter.

The booklet, Restorative Justice, Redeeming Harms of the Past, The Reconciliation of the Presbyterian Church with Alaska Natives of Juneau, was mailed to former Memorial Presbyterian Church members and/or their descendants along with the apology statements from Presbyterian Church (USA) and others. I have received several requests for the booklet from other descendants who were not on the mailing list.

I will be making a presentation to the Western Jurisdiction United Women in Faith Quadrennial Event in Anchorage on May 11 on KHNLUC's work in bringing forth the apologies and reparations to the late Dr Rev. Soboleff, his family, former members of Memorial Presbyterian Church and the Native community. United Women in Faith's work on eliminating institutional racism sees our church's work as a real-life example of repairing the harms caused in Institutional racism. I am fortunate to have Jane Ginter assisting in my presentation as she has done from the beginning of our overture.

April was a busy month with Spring cleanup, repairs to the church, movie on the "Common Ground," discussions on helping the Glory Hall, non-violent communications training, new bibles, visioning discussions and more.

The Council will be making a decision on Worship Time at their May 2 meeting following a survey that went out to all congregation.

Maxine Richert, Moderator Folk Festival Singers from years past

Singers from our church represented at the Alaska Folk Festival a few years back:

Bob Wolfe on the guitar, Erika Galadriel Partlow, Rev. Tom Dahl, Nancy Lehnhart, Gail O'Dell, Linda McCargar, Jean Ann Alter, George Partlow, and probably Linda Miller.

Phil Campbell singing "AMEN"

Some others singers: Tom Perkins, Dick Haight, Jo Anne Hayden, Eve Reckley, Jacque Farnsworth, Linda McCargar, Margaret MacKinnon, Gail O'Dell, Peggy Metcalf, Linda Miller.





We enjoyed KHNLUC members performing at this year's Folk Fest: Kelly Henriksen, Martha DeFreest, and Jacque Farnsworth. Don Rudolph returned from Montana to play.

Tlingit & Haida Receives \$100,000 in Reparations Towards Community Healing

JUNEAU, AK (April 17, 2024) - The Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska is honored to receive \$100,000 from Kuneix Hidi Northern Light United Church (KHNLUC) congregation of Juneau, AK. The Native Ministries Committee presented the donation on day one of the 89th Tribal Assembly.



The donation is to help support and uplift healing programs within the Community &

Behavioral Services Healing Center. The funds are part of a commitment of \$1 million in reparations from the congregation to repair the harm and pain the Juneau community experienced at the racist closure, more than 60 years ago, of the once predominantly Tlingit church.

President Chalyee Éesh Richard Peterson worked with the KHNLUC in fulfilling a formal apology to the family of Rev. Dr. Walter Soboleff, former members of Memorial Presbyterian Church and the Tlingit people, for the devastating closure of the Memorial Presbyterian Church. The Presbyterian Church (USA), Northwest Coast Presbytery and Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church delivered the formal apology on Indigenous Peoples' Day, October 9, 2023.

Rev. Dr. Walter Soboleff, Tlingit of the Raven, L'eeneidí clan, was one of the first Alaska Native ordained ministers and began his calling as a beloved pastor at the age of 32 in 1940 at the Memorial Presbyterian Church. At the time, only two Presbyterian churches existed in Juneau: a Native and a non-Native one, the latter named Northern Light. Upon the abrupt closure of the Memorial church in favor of the non-Native congregation, he urged members to join Northern Light, despite not being consulted on the closure or offered a pastor position. Only a few made the move, many ceasing their affiliation with ministry.

It would take decades before any wrongdoings were publicly acknowledged, and the Native Ministries Committee of the KHNLUC was formed to guide the denomination to start to reconcile and recognize the harm done to Indigenous peoples by organized religion. Part of their work included drafting and adopting the Overture to include reparations. Tribal citizen Barbara Searls, Chair of the Native Ministries Committee, shared their mission of, "celebrating and sharing the ministry, healing, unity, diversity, music, and languages of Alaska's First People."

Dr. Tina Woods, Sr. Director of Community and Behavioral Services, was present to accept the donation on behalf of Tlingit & Haida. She expressed gratitude and the power of healing wounds of those who experienced trauma, "when you heal yourself, it's infectious energy around you, it's healing those around you."

Sharing Our Knowledge 2024 Conference

https://www.sharingourknowledge.org/

An excellent conference will be held in Sitka in September: "Sharing Our Knowledge."

Wooshteen Kanaxtulaneegi Haa At Wuskóowu

Sharing Our Knowledge:

A Conference about Tlingit, Haida & Tsimshian Tribes & Clans

2024 CONFERENCE: Please mark your calendars for the next conference to be held in Sitka on September 11-15, 2024, at Sitka Fine Arts (the former Sheldon Jackson School campus).

2024 CONFERENCE THEME:

Wilgoosgit das Łukda'ayntgm (Sm'algyax) Haa Dachxánx'i Yán at Wuskóowu Yís (Lingít) Íitl' t'ak'ánlang k'adáang an (Xaad Kíl) For Our Grandchildren's Wisdom (English)

About the SOK Conference

"These conferences are built on the notion we hold dear as Native people — that we listen to our elders." Lt. Gov. Byron Mallott, SOK 2015 (see video # 29).

This unique biennial symposium is open to anyone with an interest in the Indigenous peoples of Southeast Alaska and their Canadian First Nations neighbors. Since the first Sharing Our Knowledge conference (then known as the "Clan Conference") at Haines/Klukwan in 1993, this multi-day symposium has brought together Alaska Native and First Nations tradition bearers, elders, and fluent speakers of indigenous languages with artists, academics, researchers, students and other learners.

Subjects presented include language retention, linguistics, archaeology, art and music, Alaska Native history, museum studies, cultural anthropology, indigenous law and clan protocols, fisheries, traditional ecological knowledge, and others.

Each conference day begins with a plenary session followed by concurrent workshops, and on occasion, field trips. Evenings are devoted to cultural activities that include a Warming of the Hands (welcoming by host Clans) on the evening immediately prior to the conference, with other evenings available for Raven and Eagle/Wolf ceremonies, poetry readings, and other creative presentations. Weavers of Chilkat and Raven's Tail blankets and other artisans gather to work on and present their creations throughout the conference. Alaska Native art sales are also presented.

For more about the conferences, see the article by Joaqlin Estus about the SOK conferences and the 2019 "Sculpin Hat Revival" in the Alaska Humanities Forum magazine, pages 10-16, Winter 2020.

Check out the web site for information on lodging options. You might want to reserve a spot.

The schedule for 2024 is not our yet, but here's the program for the 2022 event in Wrangell: https://www.sharingourknowledge.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/SOK-Wrangell-2022 -program.pdf

Eagle River United Methodist Camp and TREES!

Cal Richert, son of Maxine Richert, is a professional logger. He took care of several trees at the camp this winter. Here's a picture of a very large and old tree near the Maier Cabin.

Our Camp Manager, Libby, is standing next to the downed tree. Libby counted the rings and figured the tree was ~140 years old. It is at least 4' in diameter judging by this picture. Nice wood!

One lesson Libby told me that they learned is to cut trees in the winter, much less water content. They are burning this wood in the Maier cabin and their sauna.

- Nico Bus



Sermons for May

One of the elements of Christian life that can be overlooked is that of spiritual growth. In 1981, Dr. James Fowler of Emory University wrote a book called *Stages of Faith* in which he suggested that there are six stages that religious people may experience in their spiritual and psychological development. Granted, no one system works all the time, but his ideas were grounded in research and his conclusions were profound. If nothing else, his thesis remains a helpful way to think about the changes in our faith that can take place over time.

The issue for most of us, though, is that spiritual growth is *not* something we think about and tend to be stuck in a way of thinking, likely, without even realizing it. So, for the next several weeks, I want to present the idea of spiritual growth (and its challenges) as we travel through the month of May and through three special Sundays: Ascension, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday.

May 5 th	The Journey of Faith	1 st Corinthians 3:1-4
May 12 th	The Crisis of "Next"	Luke 24:44-53
May 19 th	Renew	Ezekiel 37:1-14
May 26 th	Connection	1 st Corinthians 15:51-57

KHNLUC Block Party on 11th Street

Sunday June 2 after worship

Think about how you can help!



YouTube channel

www.youtube.com/@northernlightunitedchurch2978

Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/khnluc

Current Newsletter

https://khnluc.org/newsletter-archive/

Statement on the Middle East Conflict



As a church whose roots are found in both the United Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church (USA), we, the congregation of Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church, decry the violence occurring in the Middle East, both the attack on Israel in October, the bombardment of Gaza, and the subsequent humanitarian crisis of hunger, lack of shelter, and the spread of disease.

With the United Methodist Church, we say that the current military strategy in Gaza by Israel and supported by the United States "will lead to the destruction of the entire Gaza Strip, an unconscionable death toll that grows daily, the perpetuation of one of the world's longest conflicts and the proliferation of increased enmity between Israelis and Palestinians, which has historically led to an increase in the militarization on both sides."

There is no peace to be found in this.

With the Presbyterian Church (USA), we say that the Israeli government must honor the Palestinian people with the same freedom they offer their own citizens and continue to do so amid this crisis. We also urge Hamas to release the hostages and refrain from additional violence. Regardless of our differences and strong views on matters of human rights, bombing innocent people, killing, and kidnapping children are never acceptable.

We recognize that this is a very difficult and painful matter that generates strong emotions and reactions. As such, we wish to be clear that we seek an end to this conflict. We are condemning policies, not people. We are not condemning Jews, Muslims, Americans, Saudis, or any people. We recognize that the path to peace means we must see people as people – as human beings of divine worth and dignity. We recognize that it will be the people who must work to change existing policies, especially those that cause, further, and expect violence.

The lack of meaningful negotiations and cooperation of nations has prevented the aid organizations from around the world from providing much needed assistance for those caught in the terror and strife of continual violence. The lack of a cease-fire continues to call us to speak out on behalf of those caught in the conflict, those fearing for their lives, and those who have died from the violence. The catastrophic levels of deprivation and starvation cannot be condoned by those who seek justice and strive to follow the example of the Prince of Peace.

Therefore, we would call upon the leaders of all sides to call for a cease-fire and the beginning of a sincere engagement with the purpose of a solution that ends the current occupation and violence. We urge all leaders to immediately put an end to the bloodshed, release those who are captured and held hostage, end the fighting, and open humanitarian corridors to get medical attention to everyone who is in need.

Statement continued

Further, we call upon our own country to recognize that we have provided many of the weapons of war and destruction that continue to fuel the conflagration. We call for a commitment from all involved parties, including Israel, Palestinians, surrounding Middle East countries, the U.S., and others to pursue a lasting peace.

The people of Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church Rev. Dr. Charles Ensminger, Pastor

Summer Job Opportunity

We will be hiring a Site Coordinator to oversee our Summer Hot Lunch Program operated by Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church. The program will provide a hot lunch to children at the Geneva Woods Housing Complex in Douglas, Monday through Friday, from June 3, 2024 to August 16, 2024. This is a temporary part-time position, approximately 25 hours per week. There will be occasional extra hours in late May and mid-August for orientation, preparation and follow up paperwork. Pay is \$20-24 per hour, depending on experience, plus mileage reimbursement for work related activities. Minimum requirements: valid driver's license and personal vehicle plus ability to pass a background check. The successful candidate will be required to complete training to acquire a Food Workers Card.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, coordinating the Summer Lunch program and planning and shopping for food and assuring food safety requirements are being followed. The Site Supervisor will organize food prep, help transport meals to Geneva Woods and be

onsite during food service. This is a great opportunity for someone who enjoys interacting with children.

To apply, email a letter of interest and a resume to Christina Maddox, <u>Kunéix</u> Hídi Northern Light United Church, office@khnluc.org or call 907-586-3131 for more information. This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

My proposal for a 10:00 a.m. worship start time year round

The office shared the survey results with the congregation this past week. While these results showed charts, it wasn't clear what the actual numbers were. I went ahead and created a document that shows the numbers as well as the percentages. you'd like to talk to me about this, please send me an email or give me a call or text: 907 209-8185

My proposal for a 10:00 a.m. worship start time year round

10:00 a.m. was the first choice selected by the most respondents in our survey. The 10:00 a.m. start time was first choice preference for 54.5% of respondents. This is a majority of those surveyed.

2. Please rank your preference for the following start times, most preferred to least preferred. [FIRST CHOICE (MOST PREFERRED)]					
Answer Number Percent					
10 a.m.	36	54.5%			
10:30 a.m.	9	13.6%			
11:00 a.m.	21	31.8%			
COUNT	66				

Having worship at 10:00 a.m. meets requests of meeting earlier year round so that worshipers can do other activities in the afternoon, especially outdoor activities, such as skiing in the winter, hiking or fishing the rest of the year.

A family in our church with children requested meeting for worship even as early as 9:00 a.m. so as to accommodate other activities. Groups who are interested in Sunday School or other small groups could decide if they wished to meet before church from 9-10 or after church from 11- noon. Another benefit is it offers more flexibility for community building after church. I propose we restart our "Sunday Brunch" activity, but hold it once a month year round, such as on the second Sunday. We would encourage folks to work together to prepare food. Once a month only requires 12 groups to volunteer and is less than a burden than every Sunday. Our "Sunday Brunch" we had pre-Covid during the summer was a great way to build community and get to know each other.

I think holding a "Sunday Brunch" activity after a 10:30 a.m. worship time is not as appealing as it would go past 12:30 p.m. or so.

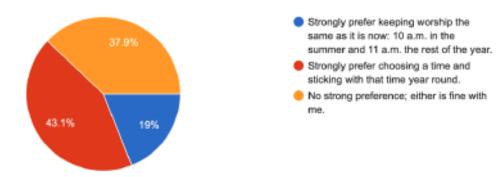
A 10:00 a.m. start time allows a lot of flexibility for children/youth and adult education. Recently, several youth requested Bible study from interim Pastor Laura, and they met regularly before church. Pastor Charles held a class before worship for those who were interested in learning about joining the church.

It'd be easy to schedule a short-term new members class, a special study to go along with the sermons, an education time for all on a variety of topics. It allows a lot of flexibility to have these gatherings either before or after worship.

- Jane Ginter

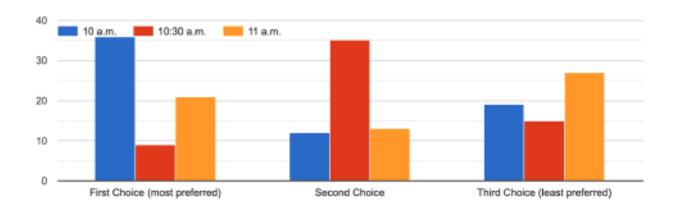
Summary of Survey about WHEN SHOULD WE WORSHIP?

Please choose from this drop-down list to explain how you feel about the worship times:
 58 responses



1. Please choose from this drop-down list to explain how you feel about the worship times:				
Answer	Number	Percent		
No strong preference; either is fine with me	22	37.9%		
Strongly prefer choosing a time and sticking with that time year round	25	43.1%		
Strongly prefer keeping worship the same as it is now: 10 a.m. in the summer				
and 11 a.m. the rest of the year.	11	19.0%		
	58			

2. Please rank your preference for the following start times, most preferred to least preferred.



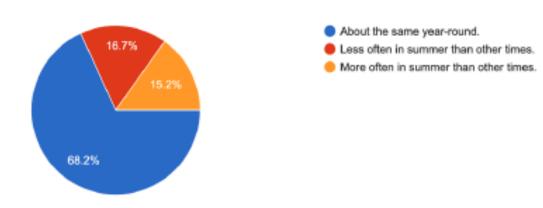
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10 a.m.	36	54.5%		
10:30 a.m.	9	13.6%		
11:00 a.m.	21	31.8%		
COUNT	66			

2. Please rank your preference for the following start times, most preferred to least preferred. [SECOND CHOICE] Answer Number Percent 10 a.m. 12 20.0% 10:30 a.m. 35 58.3% 11:00 a.m. 13 21.7% COUNT 60

2. Please rank your preference for the following start times, most preferred to least preferred. [THIRD CHOICE (LEAST PREFERRED)]				
Answer	Number	Percent		
10 a.m.	19	31.1%		
10:30 a.m.	15	24.6%		
11:00 a.m.	27	44.3%		
COUNT	61			

Please select the statement that reflects how often you would attend worship with a year-round 10 a.m. start time:

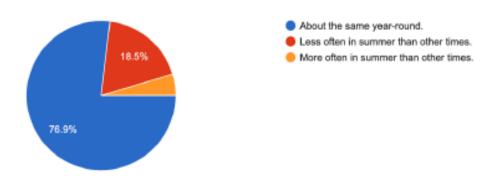
66 responses



Please select the statement that reflects how often you would attend worship with a year- round 10 A.M. START TIME:					
Answer Number Percent					
About the same year-round.	45	68.2%			
Less often in summer than other times.	11	16.7%			
More often in summer than other times.	10	15.2%			
COUNT	66				

4. Please select the statement that reflects how often you would attend worship with a year-round 10:30 a.m. start time:

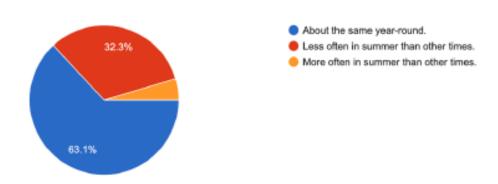
65 responses



4. Please select the statement that reflects how often you would attend worship with a year- round 10:30 A.M. START TIME:				
Answer Number Percent				
About the same year-round.	50	76.9%		
Less often in summer than other times.	12	18.5%		
More often in summer than other times.	3	4.6%		
COUNT	65			

Please select the statement that reflects how often you would attend worship with a year-round11 a.m. start time:

65 responses



5. Please select the statement that reflects how often you would attend worship with a year-					
round 11 A.M. START TIME:					
Answer Number Percent					
About the same year-round.	41	63.1%			
Less often in summer than other times.	21	32.3%			
More often in summer than other times.	3	4.6%			
COUNT	65				



of Juneau

Spring has arrived. The skunk cabbage and crocuses are in bloom. Summer can't be far off. And that means the time is fast approaching when Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church will be hosting one or more Family Promise families. The KHNLUC Council has again approved the use of our building for most of the summer in 2024. This allows the families a more stable environment for a longer period than usual.

Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church will host one or more families for 2 two-week periods this summer:

June 9 - 22, 2024 and July 28-August 1-10, 2024.

We will at that time, be needing your help. There are:

28 dinners to be prepared and served 16 overnight hosts required. (FPJ covers the other 12 nights.)

4 opportunities to launder sheets and blankets.

8 chances to prepare a special breakfast on the weekends.

Look for the Sign-up link on the SERVE page of the Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church website. Or you may contact Linda McCargar (contact info at the bottom of the next column). Financial contributions to the Kunéix Hidi 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

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 <u>PayPal Giving</u> <u>Fund</u>. 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

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

Assistant Coordinator position is vacant. Contact Linda if you would like to volunteer



Saturday, May 18, 2024 9 a.m. or any time during the day! Eagle River United Methodist Camp, Mile 28

We invite you to come out to volunteer at ERUMC to spruce up the property. We have jobs for everyone, ranging from garden clean-up to building maintenance. Volunteers will be offered a coupon for 50% off cabin rental during non-peak months. Volunteers interested in camping out Friday or Saturday night for free, are encouraged to email and reserve your cabin.

Seeking volunteers to:

- · clean and organize cabins
- garden spring cleaning and planting
- brush cutting and burning
- · various other building maintenance and construction projects
- tree felling. Looking for anyone with a chainsaw and the skills to fell or chop up trees

Saturday May 18 9 am

Make it a family event! We will gather in the lodge at 9 am, work for a few hours and lunch will be served around noon. You can keep working in the afternoon and even spend the night! This is a fantastic opportunity to help your community camp. Earn a coupon for a half-price cabin rental!

Donations designated "camp improvements" would be greatly appreciated and may be mailed to:

Eagle River United Methodist Camp, PO Box 20272, Juneau, AK 99802.

Can't stop by but would like to participate? Have an entire group? Please contact the managers, the work is endless and we would be happy to host anytime.

Please RSVP and direct all questions to manager@methodistcamp.org, https://www.methodistcamp.org

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: John Doogan, Freda Westman, Katie Rosson, Jean Ann Alter

*those who served as Greeters/ushers: Jane Ginter, Kristy Germain,

Nico Bus

*Those who provided flowers: Denise Carroll, Jean Ann Alter, Carol Barril

*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 <u>K</u>unéi<u>x</u> 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 a liturgist on the sign-up sheet in Memorial Hall or call the office.

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.



- 3 Carol Barril
- Marc WheelerAcey Wall
- 6 Jeremiah Blankenship
- 7 Jeffrey HartmanHarley Scott
- 8 Ellie Wall
- Judy WygantNancy DeCherneyCanon Cryderman
- 12 Faith McClellan
- 14 Sharon Johnston
- 15 Alan Akiyama
- 16 Kathleen Church
- 17 Anne Standerwick
- 21 Sidra Lash
- 23 Reggie Marvin
- 25 George PartlowKristi PeelTalia Eames
- 28 Elouise Scott

MAY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	WED	Тни	FRI	SAT
			1 5:30 Chancel Choir	 2 10:00 Weekend Food Bags 5:30 Church Council 5:30 Mendenhall Melodies Recital 	3 7:30 Men's Breakfast 12:00 Healing Task Force 3:00 Violin Lessons	4 8:30 Vets for Peace 10:00 Community of Christian Women Book Discussion
5 11:00 Worship via Zoom & in person 5:15 Youth Group	6	7 12:00 Al-Anon 2:30 Violin Lessons	8 5:30 Chancel Choir	9 10:00 Weekend Food Bags	10 7:30 Men's Breakfast 3:00 Violin Lessons	11
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