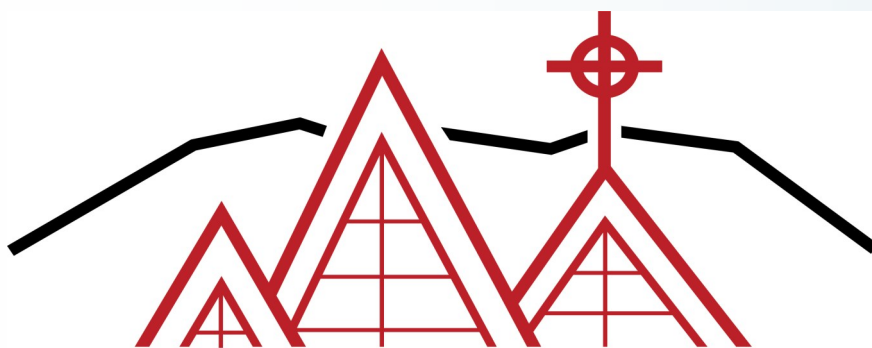


January
2025



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

10:00 am in person and via Zoom

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The Season of Epiphany

With Christmas officially behind us, Christians often turn their attention towards Easter. This, it seems, is a side effect of church planning: we need to start talking *now* about what we want to do for Easter – music, sermons, special services and so on. To do something well takes that kind of forethought. Unfortunately, that can sometimes mean that while focusing on Easter, we *miss* the sublime task begun on Christmas: allowing ourselves to *meet* Christ.

With the beginning of January, we enter the Season of Epiphany with Epiphany Sunday being celebrated either on January 6 or on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. Originally, Epiphany Sunday was the celebration of Jesus' baptism (Mark 1:9). Over time, that same day became associated with the Wedding Feast at Cana (see John 2:1-11) and then it became associated with the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12).

Each of those stories center around the idea of epiphany: epiphany meaning "to show forth," or, as we might put it, "revelation." Some might even call it an "aha" moment. Within the Christian

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Special points of interest

- Weekend Food Assemblers
- Fry Bread!
- Request for Proposals to Provide Music Education in Juneau
- Letter from Ketchikan congregant
- 2024 Poinsettias

Church Visioning

January is a busy month for us, and a great time to be thinking about the future! We will be having a visioning meeting after church on the 12th to hear some of the ideas presented from the previous meetings as well as hearing the beginning stages of how we will coalesce these ideas into long term plans for not only the remainder of 2025, but also for the coming year, three years, five years and on.

Please plan to join us for the conversation on Sunday the 12th (with a potluck lunch) after worship!

Bible Study

We will begin an in-person Bible Study on Sunday, February 2nd. Come and join us in Memorial Hall at 4:00 for a time of study, conversation, and fellowship. If you can't join us in person, a Zoom version of the study will take place on Wednesday nights at 5:30 beginning on February 5th. All are welcome!

The Season of Epiphany continued

community, though, the word has a bit more depth. In that regard, Epiphany begins to mean more than just an “aha” moment. It also means that, should we experience epiphany within the Christian context, we have encountered Christ in the world. Those moments can be subtle or grand, but they will all have power and have the potential to change your life.

The season of Epiphany can also be a great time to reflect, wrestle with the consequences of difficult decisions – faith based or otherwise – and ponder where we wish to be in our journey of faith, life, and disci-

pline in the coming year. As such, I want to use this Epiphany Season to wrestle with some difficult topics facing the Church in general. Hard questions, difficult introspection. Yet these can lead to new answers, new directions, and even allow us to find hope amid change.

Allow yourself this time of Epiphany. Allow yourself the time to journey with the Magi to find Christ and then to allow that discovery to change your life.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Charles

Upcoming Dates and Events

January 12th - Church Visioning Meeting after church (potluck)
January 19th - Church Congregational Meeting (potluck)

Be sure to check out the creative tissue paper Christmas montage the youth group created. It's located above the kitchen in the interior loft windows. Thank you, youths!

Items that need a new home are as follows:
White twin size sheets, flat only. Approx. 6 available
Home movie screens, remember those? On a stand with the rolled up screen.
Typewriter in case, vintage.

Contact Patsy Wright if interested.
Thank you!

Beware of SCAMS pretending to be the Pastor!

I received this text message:

“Hello Jane, How are you ?

Please let me know when you are available. There is an errand I need your help with. I am heading into a meeting now with limited phone calls, so kindly reply to my text.

Glad to hear back from you Jane, Currently in a meeting and away from office, I would have called you instead of texting you like I've said earlier but phone calls are not allowed during meeting. I need to get apple gift cards today for some women battling cancer in the hospital but I can't do that right now because of my busy schedule. Can you get it from any nearby store now? I will repay in cash or check.

Blessings

Pastor Charles Ensminger”

The phone number, 907 205-8012, appeared to be an Alaskan number, but is not one used by Pastor Charles.

I've received many of these fake texts. **DO NOT RESPOND!** Almost all these messages tell you to respond by text and not by phone. They will often request that you purchase gift cards and give them the gift card passwords over the phone. **NO ONE** at church will ever contact you this way. **DON'T BE SCAMMED! JUST DELETE.**

- Jane Ginter

This is just some of the many people who help pack weekend food bags (124) for Kaḡdigoo-wu Héen Elementary. Come join us every Thursday at 10 a.m. (when school is in session).



Fry Bread!

Bob & Flora Beierly made Fry Bread at church for many years. The "secret" recipe has suddenly reappeared and we are again being offered delicious fresh, warm Fry Bread in Soboleff Memorial Hall after church. Thanks!



Sermon Series

As I mentioned in my article this month, January begins the Season of Epiphany which lasts until Ash Wednesday, which is March 5th.

During the season of Epiphany, (January and February) my focus will be on the challenge of Epiphany: what might it mean to come to a moment of profound realization personally or as the church? What can this season provide for us as we struggle to be a follower of Christ?

I would add that a book that influenced some of my thinking on these particular sermons was a book by Jacques Ellul called *The Subversion of Christianity*. Some of his ideas and themes have been utilized in the writing of these sermons.

January 5th Epiphany Sunday Matthew 2:1-12

The Burden of Epiphany

January 12th Galatians 5:1, 13-15

The Consequences of Epiphany

January 19th KHNLUC Annual Meeting

January 26th 1st Corinthians 1:1-9

The Breakdown

February 2nd Matthew 23:2-12

Pious Frauds

February 9th James 3:13-18

Eppur Si Muove!

February 16th Matthew 2:1-12

Another Way: The Magi Revisited

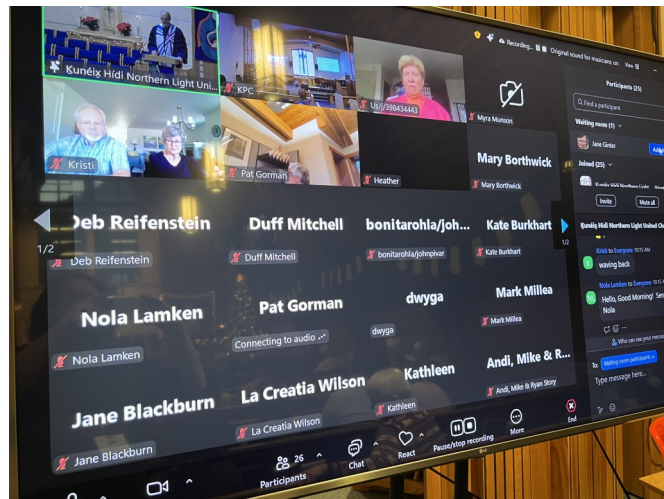
Lighting of the first and second Advent candles



We have worshippers join us every Sunday on Zoom!

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The choirs at Ƙunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church are growing! Come sing with us!

Chancel Choir: Rehearsal Wednesday nights 5:30 p.m.

Tlingit Gospel Singers: Rehearsal Wednesday nights, 6:30 p.m.

Come rehearse with either or both choirs!



To whom this may concern:

My name is Mary Henrikson,

I'm a member/deacon at Ketchikan Presbyterian Church. Although everyone would agree, I'm writing on my own. We are an aging congregation with few children in attendance. So...

The Christmas Pageant was just wonderful. Our Sunday would not have been so warm and wonderful without it. Sun was streaming in our sanctuary and hearts. The winged angels and wonderful camels were fabulous. The moderator a joy, please send my admiration for her control and thinking on her feet as the play progressed. I'd always want to be on her team. Mary giving birth was inspirational, oh poor Joseph. And the shepherds and wise men were also on the top of their game. I loved it as did the congregation.

God Bless us all this season.

Mary Ida Henrikson
Ketchikan Alaska

The Eagle River United Methodist Camp Board held their Annual Board Meeting at KHNLC in December.

Thanks to K̄unéix̄ Hídi Northern Light United Church for supporting the camp!



Request for Proposals

To Provide Music Education in Juneau

Proposals are eligible for up to \$8,000 in funding during 2025. Funding amounts granted will be determined on the basis of the reviewers' belief of the need for funding; the potential impact of the proposed program; and an \$8,000 cap on the total of all awarded grants.

A proposal, to be considered, must, minimally, provide:

- A brief description of the proposed project and its activities
- A description of the project's participants
- Qualifications of program staff
- An explanation of how participants will benefit from the project
- A detailed budget for the project.

To be considered: proposals must be received

- no later than January 31, 2025
- at either KHNLC, 400 West 11th Street, Juneau 99801 or office@khnuc.org.

For more information about this program and its funding possibilities, please contact the KHNLC Office at 907-586-3131, or at the above email, or US mail address.



MODERATOR'S NEWS LETTER REPORT

Happy Holidays. Our Christmas Eve Service was splendid. The church was beautifully decorated and filled with people from babies to elders. The music by the Tlingit Gospel Singers, Choir and the Aurora Strings was beautiful and full of the Christmas Spirit. Our Pastor's words and the scripture reading uplifted us and our guests and was apparent as we left the church stopping to greet each other. The offering taken in with approval by council will be sent 50% to Meals on Wheels Program and 50% to SE Alaska Food Bank.

Our elevator again failed that evening and folks were rescued by the pastor and church members in time to enjoy the music and service. Pastor and Committee on Property Management have spent much time on the elevator with the Alaska Stair Lift and Elevator and will continue to work to get the elevator in good working condition.

The congregation will continue to see CPM work and budget items approved by council this winter in 2025 for boiler repairs (\$28,000), audio system upgrade (\$1750 which enhances our worship service), \$2,000 for a new outdoor church sign, and \$2,000 for an indoor TV placed in the front window to be seen from the street announcing special events at the church. Also work will proceed on installing security lighting and electric car charging stations in the parking lot (\$20,000 was already budgeted but the work was not able to be completed in 2024). The office administrator posts the latest approved council minutes on the bulletin board for interested congregation to see committee reports and approved action items.

Next Council meeting is January 9, 2025. The Church Annual Meeting is January 19 following the Sunday Service. Notice and annual reports by Council, Pastor and Committees will be sent out 2 weeks before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Maxine Richert, 2024 Council Moderator



2024 Christmas Poinsettias

(My apologies for not getting these into Christmas Eve Bulletin - Christina)



Jane Ginter in Memory of Jay J.C. Ginter

In Memory of Dr. Henry I., Grace T., and Lisa A. Akiyama

In Honor of Allan, Mana and Henry Akiyama II

Steve White in Memory of Steven Ware

Pugh Family in Memory of John Pugh Jr.

Jeffrey Hartman in Memory of Sylvia Hartman (Wife)
and Lance Hartman (Brother)

Karen & Paul Dillon in Memory of Kathy Wilson and Shannon Sweeney

The Hills Family in Memory of Erling Oscar Olsen and Oscar Petr Olsen

Jim & Mary Becker in Memory of Dorothy Cucchiari (Mary's mother)
And Helen Becker (Jim's mother)

Rosemarie Alexander-Isett in Honor of Dick Isett

Paul & Philis Beran in Memory of our parents and siblings

John & Laura Doogan in Memory of Neil Patrick Doogan
and John & Delores Doogan
and in Honor of Tom & Verna Black

Monica Buettel in Memory of Aubrey and Ruth Buettel

Don & Marion Gotschall in Memory of Joe Alder, Charels & Elizabeth Skuse and Louis & Ruth Anderson

Margaret & Allan MacKinnon in Memory of Ronald & Edna Holder
And Donald & Maurine MacKinnon

Freda Westman and Family in Memory of Robert and Gabe Meachum
and George Lunda and Alaney Holland

Deb Reifenstein in Memory of George Reifenstein

Patsy Wright in loving Memory of The Schumacher Family

Jacque Farnsworth in Memory of Mother Susan and Aunt Dana

From Paul & Philis Beran

Natalie & Erik Norberg in Memory of Stella Fullam

Nico & Susan Bus in Memory of our parents

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: Laura Doogan, Patsy Wright, Frances Graham, Madeline Germain, Sherrie Myers, Ellie Wall

*those who served as Greeters/ushers: Jane Ginter, Hazel LeCount/Todd, Janet Kussart

*Those who provided flowers: Kate Burkhart

*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 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 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.



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| 21 | Nola Lamken |
| 22 | Neil Standerwick |
| 27 | Thea Brown |
| 29 | Margaret MacKinnon |
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| 31 | Roselina "LiJo" Wilson |

JANUARY 2025

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