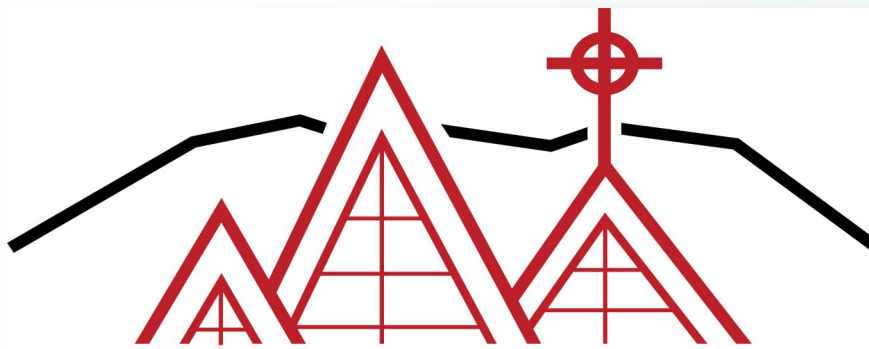


August
2026



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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You May Be Right

Some years ago, I was in a conversation with someone I didn't know well during which a conflicting opinion arose regarding something a mutual friend of ours had said. I said that the remark was made at one location while the other person said it took place at a different location. We went back and forth for a polite few minutes. After a while, I said, "Well, I could be wrong." To which the other person responded, "Well, you are."

Conciliatory remarks sometimes miss the mark when there is the insistence on being completely right or completely wrong. I did not say that I *was* wrong, just that I *could* be. I had hoped that the other person might allow for the same possibility. They did not. My "admission" of the possibility of my being incorrect was, in their opinion, proof that I was, in fact, wrong.

I could have been wrong. So could the other person. Or we could have *both* been wrong. Our conversation got hung up on one of us needing to be right. That can stifle conversation pretty quickly.

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August 30
- Bible Study resumes in September
- Help Us Raise a Barn and pay
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Sermon Series

8/2 Pastor Charles out of town

8/9 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
The Showoff

8/16 Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Gathering In

8/23 Romans 12:1-8
Outsiders

8/30 Psalm 26:1-8
Beware of Darkness

Annual End of Summer Picnic - August 30

We celebrate the end of summer with a church picnic after worship service at the log cabin at Sandy Beach, complete with lots of food, beach walks, and an all-around good time. This year's picnic will be Sunday, August 30 after worship. Please bring a dish to share (no glass).

You May Be Right, continued

I took a class on experimental psychology in college. During one class, one of the mathematical computations we had to make was put on the screen. We began to work it out as a class while the professor worked it out on the screen. When we finished, there were two different answers. One was the one that the class calculated and the other was the one the professor calculated. As the discussion went on it became clear that the *professor* was wrong. He had missed a step in the process. However, the more the class tried to demonstrate the missed step, the more upset the professor became. We all went back and forth for a while until the professor, very red in the face, threw the whole class out threatening to fail us if we ever challenged him like that again.

None of us like to be embarrassed and none of us like to be wrong (or to be called out as being wrong). Yet we seem to have moved to a place within society where no one is wrong and everyone is wrong. I mean, that seems to be the case when it comes to social media: someone puts an idea out there and then defends it no matter what while another site comes along and works to tear that idea down no matter what.

In one class in seminary, I had a professor who put forward an opinion that didn't set well with some in the class. After

some back and forth, the professor asked, "Is it objectionable to just *consider* the idea? I'm not asking you to believe it, but can you not even *consider* it?"

Right now, I think the answer to his question seems to be a collective "No. We will *not* consider different ideas." But insisting on being right doesn't mean that you are. And insisting on everyone else getting in line doesn't mean that they are any more right than you are. Truth isn't established by popularity or polls. More to the point, *wisdom* is more than being right. Wisdom comes from being right *and* being wrong. Knowing you made a mistake and learning from that is crucial.

Solomon, for all his foibles and conflicting representations within the book of 1st Kings, is noted for his request of wisdom from God. God, pleased that Solomon did not ask "for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right" grants him wisdom. Wisdom isn't being right. Wisdom is seeking to be *wise*.

Theologian Reinhold Niebuhr wrote it this way: *God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.*

You May Be Right, continued

Wisdom is being aware of our own shortcomings and striving to be better. May our goal as a people of God, then, not to be “right” so much as we seek to be wise.

And that may mean admitting that we might be wrong.

Peace.

Pastor Charles

Old Timers returning to camp

Duane McEwen has been worshipping with us this summer and last summer. He lived in Juneau in the 1960s and was a member of Juneau Methodist Church. He's moved back to Juneau to spend the summer.

He and his wife, Kathy, actually met at a Family Camp at Eagle River United Methodist Camp on Labor Day weekend, 59 years ago! Kathy and Duane wanted to show their daughter and son-in-law where they met, so Jane took them out to the camp. The picture of the two of them together was in the exact place where they met. Duane was interested in taking a close look at the stone chimney that was built by Frank Maier. He said Frank took a long time collecting just the right stones that he wanted to build the chimney. He wandered the beaches and woods looking for interesting stones. Be sure to take a look at the chimney next time you are at camp and take in the beauty of Frank's architecture.



Bible Study resumes in September

We will resume our Bible Study program in September – both in person and online. We will begin our in-person study on Sunday, September 6th at 4:00 pm and our zoom study on Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 pm.

Our topic of discussion is the book of Revelation – the strange and wonderful (or just strange for some) concluding book to the Christian New Testament. We are looking forward to a great time together in conversation this fall!

Special birthday lunch at Summer Lunch Program

Kelly made up a special birthday lunch for a young lady, complete with yummy chicken and mashed potatoes!



Summer Lunch Program

Kelly Kuiken has been running the Summer Lunch program at Geneva Woods—through rainy, cloudy, drizzling and SUNNY! weather.

The kids love her meals and they love interacting with her.

It's been a great summer!



Date	# of kids	# of adults	Community Room	Take out	Weather
6/1	LHT LHT LHT		LHT LHT		Beautiful! Sunny
6/2					Sunny
6/3					partly cloudy CELEBRATION
6/4			LHT	LHT	Rainy CELEBRATION
6/5	LHT				drizzling CELEBRATION
6/6	LHT LHT LHT		LHT	LHT LHT	Partly sunny
6/7		3	LHT LHT LHT	LHT LHT	very sunny!
6/8	14	3	LHT LHT	LHT LHT	partly cloudy/sun is out though
6/9	16	4	LHT	LHT LHT	partly cloudy
6/10	19	3	LHT	LHT	partly cloudy
6/11	10	4	LHT	LHT	drizzly
6/12	10	3		LHT LHT	drizzly
6/13	13	2		LHT LHT	cloudy
6/14	16	3	LHT	LHT LHT	
6/15	11	1		LHT LHT	SUNNY!
6/16	11	3	LHT	LHT	cloudy
6/17	12	3	LHT	LHT	cloudy
6/18	17	3	LHT LHT	LHT	warm Sunny

Pastor Charles traveled to Ketchikan to lead a combined church service with Ketchikan Presbyterian Church. KPC has been worshipping with KHNLC for several months via Zoom. Sunday, July 19, Pastor Charles was able to lead a service live at KPC and KHNLC joined in via Zoom. It was a success! The sound system was great, and both churches were able to participate fully in the worship service. Thanks to all who made this possible.



Youth Service Learning Camp

In July a teen and Bob Coghill from K̓unéix̓ Hídi Northern Light United Church attended a Youth Service Learning Camp in Homer, Alaska. With teens and parents from St. John's United Methodist and **Ola Toe Futaína** United Methodist churches. Led by Pastor Autumn Krueger of St. John's, the teens assisted Homer's Foodbank distribution and gardening. There were learning opportunities in natural history, addiction treatment, and "tide pooling." We worshiped with Pas-

tor Blake Langston of Homer United Methodist Church and learned from a "Turn Alone with God" curriculum.

Thanks to KHNLC Council and a member of the congregation for providing tuition and mileage the youth to attend.

"Peace be with you."
Bob Coghill

Thanks to Patsy for helping to sell some surplus items from a Committee on Property Management project that went in a different direction. If you'd like one of these mats, let Christina in the office know!



South East Youth Event

At the Presbytery meeting last year, there was a conversation concerning the youth in the S.E. Presbyterian churches. There was concern that these youth didn't have a dedicated event that would allow them to get together and meet other youth from around the area.

So, after a long and vibrant conversation between representatives of the Presbyterian Churches in S.E., we came up with a rough idea for an event.

Now, after a lot of conversation, we have a plan!

On September 25th and 26th at Eagle River United Methodist Camp, there will be an (as yet unnamed) event for the youth of the Presbyterian Churches and local United Methodist Churches that will focus on the idea of strengthening relationships with God, with family, faith, and with friends.

Beginning on Friday evening and continuing through the whole of Saturday, the event will have several programs designed to encourage reflection and conversation. There will be singing, dancing, and free time for games, hikes, conversations, and a variety of other activities. Ending on Saturday night with a service of Holy Communion, the event will, we hope, be the first of an annual gathering.

While the event will end on Saturday and some groups will be traveling home on Sunday morning, all present will be invited to come and participate in worship at KHNLUC (perhaps with a pot luck meal after service?).

Don Washburn, recently retired director of Camp Lookout, a UMC camp in the Holston Conference, will be here to facilitate the event as our speaker and music leader.

We are setting a goal of hosting 50 people (youth, chaperones, youth pastors, etc.) for our first outing.

Over the coming weeks, we will be asking for help in the following areas:

- Food preparation
- Transportation
- Travel coordination
- Promotion
- People to help on site

We are looking forward to creating something new for our youth in S.E. Alaska. I hope you will be supporting the event with your prayer and your enthusiasm!

More information to come soon!



Help us Raise a Barn and Pay for a Pump!

Dear Friends of the Eagle River United Methodist Camp —

Here's what's happening at camp lately:

Thanks to your support, the record-breaking snowfall this year was manageable with our new tractor. Despite over 200 inches of snow, none of our sleeping cabins were structurally compromised. Our renovated manager's cabin stayed cozy and dry. Our lodge kitchen looks brand new with floors and windows installed by our Michigan volunteers. Our fabulous camp managers, Kevin and Nicola Voss, have put a lot of work into renovations, especially the Maier and Gotschall Cabins.

For the first time in a couple years, we offered Camp Champ, for youth who would otherwise not have the opportunity for a "camp" experience, led by Traci Almlie.

We encountered some excitement during Alaska Robotics Comics Camp when our 60-year-old water pump, installed by Frank Maier so many years ago, gave out at last. Artists from all around the world filled every bunk at camp and cheerfully endured outhouses and sponge baths until water was restored by John Doogan and manager Kevin Voss and friends of the camp on the final day. It was quite the challenge in still-deep snow!

Repairing the pump dug into our savings, and now we have to fundraise to help cover that emergency repair. But we're grateful for all the help and hard work of the staff, board, and volunteers who restored water to the camp.

This summer we have another exciting project in the works!

We're so grateful for your help in buying the tractor last year. The next step is to build secure dry storage for our new tractor, snowblowers, and other tools. We need a place where we can work on our equipment out of the elements. We need a storage barn!

We worked with architects and engineers in developing architectural plans and we have a building permit. We milled 20 logs into lumber which is now seasoning. We even have trusses donated for the roof!

A few families have already come forward, as well as the Juneau Community Foundation, and we have \$11,500 already pledged for the new barn – it will cost us about \$75,000 total. We are applying for grants to cover more than half, but we will also need community support – which is why I'm writing you!

Whether you can give \$500 or \$50 – every contribution will bring us closer.

All you have to do is click the donate link at methodistcamp.org or send a check to ERUMC and put "BARN" in the memo line – your gift can be deducted from your taxes! Alternative giving possibilities include a Required Monthly Distribution (RMD) from an eligible Traditional IRA, appreciated stock from an investment account, and in-kind donations.

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Help us Raise a Barn and Pay for a Pump! continued

The mailing address for your gift is:
Eagle River United Methodist Camp
PO Box 20272
Juneau, AK 99802

If you want your donation to support our new barn specifically, be sure to mark that in your letter or on your check.

Thanks so much!

Jane Ginter
Secretary
Eagle River United Methodist Camp

P.S. If you want to come out to the woods and help with the project we'd love to have you!



Take a look around the church!

More heat pumps installed



We've been taking care of fire alarms and replacing lighting in the church



Thanks to those beautifying the outside of our church!

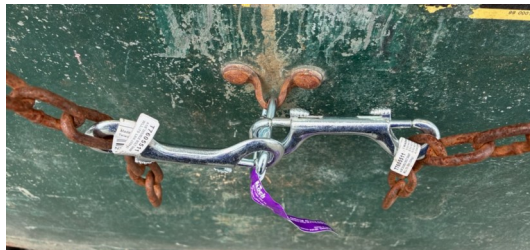


Jeremy from Plumbing & Heating Company installing the urinals in the Men's Restroom



Thanks to Patsy Wright and Christina Maddox for getting us a "new" dumpster to replace our old one. Patsy reports that the floor in the old dumpster was rotted out with huge holes, which kept getting bigger. Christina ordered it for the church.

However, this new dumpster is not BEAR proof like the previous one. Patsy fixed up some chains to help keep bears out. Lids are lighter, yeah!!





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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 served as Liturgists: Sharon Denton, George Partlow, Patsy Wright, Kristy Germain

*those who served as Greeters/ushers: Jane Ginter (X2), Janet Kussart, Natalie Norberg

*Those who provided flowers: Nancy Jones, Jane Ginter, Patsy Wright, Mary Becker

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Sign Up!

You can be apart of what makes our worship together a good experience.

Our web site, <https://khnuc.org/>, has a section to 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. Liturgists are sought for August and September. **You can serve as liturgist even 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.

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| 1 | Mike Story |
| 7 | Janet Kussart |
| 9 | Carissa Irwin |
| 12 | Mary Borthwick |
| | Jane Ginter |
| | Pat Gorman |
| 13 | Jennifer Lemen |
| | Sarah Ginter |
| 16 | Corey Wall |
| 17 | Emily Wall |
| 19 | Dominique Morley |
| 20 | Peggy Metcalf |
| | Frisco McGuire |
| 21 | Peggy Barnhill |
| | Lexi Hills |
| 25 | Sue Lium |
| 27 | Alex Pastorino |

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