



Prayer for Lent

Each Thursday, the conference office puts out a prayer from one of our churches, as a means to keep us connected in the far sprung communities where we are present throughout the state. It happens that this last week of February and first week of March is our week at Anchor Park. I share here the prayer that has been sent to the conference. May we continue to keep each other in prayer as we move through Lent.

Lord,

As we continue this Lenten Journey,

We hope to hear you clearly,

To see you readily,

And, to know you deeply.

Forgive us the inability to look beyond ourselves.

Even as we want to come close to you,

We cannot escape the draw of ME.

How do I pray?

How do I fast?

How do I serve?

How, Lord, do I get past myself and on to you?

Allow our hearts to reimagine

A community knotted to your Spirit,

Mirroring your face.

Transform us by your love.

Where our desire for change encompasses

Our neighbor as deeply as ourselves.

Defined not by geography,

But by your image

Where the intention of your creation,

Might be made whole in all.

Amen.

Blessings,

Pastor Dan





We invite you to join us in our prayers . . .

On-Line

Our prayer sessions last from 20 to 30 minutes.

Our voices gather from across the planet (Alaska, Australia, Washington state, and...). We encourage you to adjust the time for wherever you are, set an alarm, and join us. Check this out for yourself! Judy Pendleton, call her at (907) 250-8464 or email her at judyp.alaska@gmail.com. You can find us at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88936069552pwd=ZDQwNFJpMnVJMnFPbW8zTjlybFNaUT09>

A quiet space Or a contemplative journey . . .



Our beautiful prayer room is open to you any time the church office is opened (9am to 2pm Monday thru Thursday). If you would like another to pray with you, please call the church office to set up meeting with a prayer buddy.

Someone will work with you and arrange to meet you there. Praying for and with others is a sacred honor...



When you're stopping in we welcome you to donate items. The Blessing Box, the food bank, etc...take a personal journey. Our Prayer Labyrinth is a peaceful (and peace promoting) walk of faith, designed to help you focus your thoughts. From the start in the center to the final step, allow the journey to take its own time - as long as your prayers to heaven.

Fiber Fellowship

In March, Fiber Fellowship will be meeting twice during the month, on the 4th as was again on the 18th. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting or other hand crafts, consider joining us as all are welcome. We begin at 6:30 pm and wrap up by 8 pm, gathering in person in the Lawhorn Room while also offering a Zoom connection. For those choosing to connect via Zoom, here is the needed connecting information:

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/225718367> Meeting ID: 225 718 367

Call In/Audio Only: 301-715-8592.

The link typically is activated by 6:25 pm.



United
Women
in Faith



Western Jurisdiction United Women in Faith Quadrennial Event May 9-11, 2024

Hotel Captain Cook Anchorage, Alaska Registration ends – April 15, 2024

United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith's Potlatch Lunch will be held on Sunday, March 17th immediately following worship, downstairs in Wesley Hall. Plan now to join us for Lemon Thyme Chicken, Roasted Red Potatoes, and Carrot Cake followed by a program based on our denomination's upcoming General Conference which will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina from April 23rd through May 3rd. Jo Anne Hayden and Pastor Dan will share an overview of the upcoming meeting with the intent of helping you understand more about how this piece of our structure plays into who we are as a denomination. If you plan on attending, please let Jo Anne Hayden know at 907-903-5025 – text or phone, by 3/13 so that we know how many to prepare food for (a donation of \$10/meal is welcomed to help defray the cost of the meal, though not required). Thanks!

UMM Retreat with Pastor Dave Beckett

“Becoming your true self” will be focus of a 24-hour-overnight retreat at the Hope Retreat Center, Friday, March 8th and Saturday, March 9th for the United Methodist of South-Central Alaska.

Dave Beckett currently serving as an interim pastor at Soldotna will lead men on a journey of who we thought we were and who God may be shaping us to become. Dave will share his story of hiding his true self behind a mask. The death of his son Jeremy has forced Dave to face the reality of the masks he has worn.

This will be a time of sharing. Participants are asked to bring an item they have created— a photo, wood, or pottery art, a poem, prayer, or a song or a tangible item they have kept that is a symbol of their faith journey, plus a notebook and a bible with both the Old and New Testaments.

Dave is well known to the Alaska United Methodist Church, serving over 20 years as a pastor in Soldotna, St. John UMC (Anchorage) and as Conference Superintendent, Dave’s last appointment prior to retirement as a Sr Pastor of First UMC, Bend OR.



Participants will meet at 5pm to carpool from St. John UMC on Friday, March 7th . The retreat will end at 3pm on Saturday with closing worship.

Cost for the weekend is \$45.00, which includes Friday dinner , Saturday breakfast, lunch and snacks. 15 men can be accommodated at the Hope Center.

To Register Email: stjohn@stjohnanchorage.org. A registration form with payment options will be forwarded to you.





Sunday	Monday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
						
3. Pot Luck Adult Sunday School 9 :30 Worship 11 am Confirmation Classes	4.Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room Fiber Fellowship @ 6:30 pm	5.Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room 6:30 PM Charge Conference Weekly Prayer	6.Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room Lenten Soup & Bread	7.Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room	8.	9. Quilting Group Meeting
10Worship 11 am. Lay Servant Class Adult Sunday School Youth Meeting 4pm	11.Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room	12.Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room 6:30 PM Finance Meeting Weekly Prayer	13.Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room Potlatch Lenten Soup & Bread	14.Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room	15.	16.
17 Worship 11 am Confirmation Classes Adult Sunday School United Women in Faith's Potlatch Lunch	18.Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room Fiber Fellowship @ 6:30 pm	19.Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room 6:30 PM Church Council Weekly Prayer	20.Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room Lenten Soup & Bread	21.Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room	22.	23.Easter Event Wesley Hall 1-3pm
24. Confirmation Classes Adult Sunday School 31.	25.Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room	26.Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room Weekly Prayer	27.Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room Lenten Soup & Bread	28. Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room	29.	30.



My given name is Kai Jie, and the family name is Thoo. I'm 25 years old and I come from Kulai, located in Malaysia. I just graduated from Universiti Sains Malaysia in November 2023, and came here to Anchorage, Alaska to join the Work and Travel program, it's a student exchange program.

I was born in a Christian family. My parents brought me to the church since I was a child. We attended a local traditional church, Sedenak Gospel Hall, which we have Holy Communion every Sunday, and we'd still practice head covering for women.

When I arrived in Alaska, I started to look for a local and traditional church to attend Sunday service, as what God commanded. (Hebrew 10:25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.)

I'm so grateful that God sends his little angels to me. I met David and Marilyn, who are so loving, they are always willing to give me a ride to church. Truly I'm warmed by their concerns, loves and cares. They are one of the greatest blessings I have here.

My last working date would be March 15th, then I'll be travelling around the USA with my friends, after we will return to our country on April 10th.

We worship in person on Sundays at 11:00am
streamed on Facebook Live

<https://www.facebook.com/anchorparkumc>

Visit our website: www.anchorpark.org
Uploaded early in the week to <https://tinyurl.com/svcxjaq>

Our Sunday sermons and prayers:
Audio only Call (907) 302-2795
no codes required



 YouTube



We Welcome:

We are a welcoming, loving, and serving church! WELCOMING ALL PEOPLE, as we experience and share God's love.

We Serve:

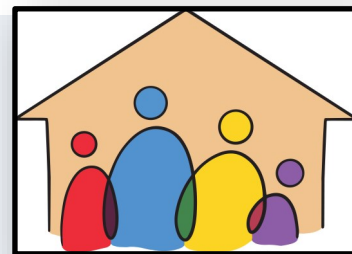
our community and beyond in
hope and love



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We Love:

God and neighbor, knowing that love will
encourage diversity and span
differences



Anchor Park provides one meal a month for **Clare House**, a mission of Catholic Social services.
Please consider signing up to provide part of the meal. Sign up is online at
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084dacad2cabfb6-clare>

Refreshment Hour

Speak to Susan Williams
or add your name to a date!



Lay Reader

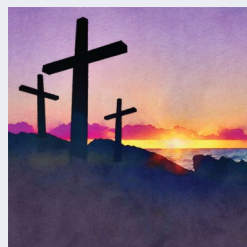
Speak to the Pastors
or add your name to a date!
The sign-up sheet is on the
table at the entrance

Pot Luck

Potluck March 3rd Directly after
service
Please join
after service



All youth ages 11 thru 18
are welcome!



Worship with Us!! Visit www.anchorpark.org for available in person, on-line, and smart-phone options.

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