From the Pastor

Alaska and Summer – it’s a time of play, travel, being outside, slowing down life to enjoy all of the beautiful that is around and speeding things up so you can do everything you want to do! If you find yourself doing these things, I especially encourage you to cut out Flat Jesus, [back page of the newsletter], color him, laminate him (if you can, this is really helpful for our sometimes-unpredictable weather and travels), and take him with you on your adventures. Take pictures and share them with us, either by email: (office@anchorpark.org or pastorautumn17@gmail.com) or post to the Anchor Park UMC Facebook page. Let us know where Flat Jesus has gone and any special stories you have from bringing Jesus with you on your adventures!

I will be bringing Flat Jesus with me throughout this summer and will be sure to snap pictures of him on my adventures to share with you all. This is one way to be connected to our community when we are away and adventuring. And a fantastic visual of Jesus’ statement in Matthew 28:20b – “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age”.

I hope you will join me in bringing Jesus with you. Let Flat Jesus be a reminder of Jesus’ real presence in every place we find ourselves and a fun reminder to help others encounter God and God’s love everywhere we go!

Peace and blessings
Pastor Autumn
**Monday, May 1**
- 10am Sunday School
- 9:45am Worship
- 11am Worship
- 12pm Potluck
- 1pm Tongan Worship

**Tuesday, May 2**
- 10am Strong Women Exercise
- 9am Chess Club
- 1pm Strong Women Exercise
- 3pm Real About Addiction
- 5:30pm Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, May 3**
- 10am Sunday School
- 9:45am Worship
- 11am Worship
- 1pm Tongan Worship
- 3pm Real About Addiction

**Thursday, May 4**
- 10am Quilting Group
- 6pm Tongan Choir practice
- 8am to 4pm Church Spring Sale
- 10am Strong Women Exercise
- 1pm Strong Women Exercise

**Friday, May 5**
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11am Worship
- 1pm Tongan Worship
- 3pm Real About Addiction
- 6pm Tongan Choir practice

**Saturday, May 6**
- 10am Strong Women Exercise
- 1pm Strong Women Exercise
- 4pm Neighborhood Yoga
- 5:30pm Boy Scouts
- 2pm Mother's Day

**Sunday, May 7**
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11am Worship
- 12pm Potluck
- 1pm Tongan Worship
- 5:30pm Church Council

**Monday, May 8**
- 10am Strong Women Exercise
- 9am Chess Club
- 1pm Strong Women Exercise
- 4pm Neighborhood Yoga
- 6:30pm Finance Meeting

**Tuesday, May 9**
- 10am Sunday School
- 9:45am Worship
- 11am Worship
- 1pm Tongan Worship
- 3pm Real About Addiction

**Wednesday, May 10**
- 10am Quilting Group
- 6pm Tongan Choir practice
- 8am to 4pm Church Spring Sale
- 10am Strong Women Exercise
- 1pm Strong Women Exercise

**Thursday, May 11**
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11am Worship
- 1pm Tongan Worship
- 3pm Real About Addiction
- 5:30pm Boy Scouts

**Friday, May 12**
- 9am Chess Club
- 1pm Strong Women Exercise
- 4pm Neighborhood Yoga
- 6:30pm Church Council

**Saturday, May 13**
- 10am Strong Women Exercise
- 1pm Strong Women Exercise
- 8pm Men's AA

**Sunday, May 14**
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11am Worship
- 1pm Tongan Worship
- 3pm Real About Addiction
- 5:30pm Youth Group Potluck @ Pastor's House
Thank you to everyone for all that you did to help with the overall success of Sunday’s Baby Shower. The event was awesome because everyone pitched in to help. Thank you’s go to:

- Susan for planning an awesome menu, shopping for needed ingredients, overseeing meal preparation to help make it happen.
- Rosemary connected with Crossroads, doing the needed shopping.
- Nancy Mattson for purchasing diapers.
- Church members who adopted individual students’ wish lists.
- Jan Sant who searched Craigslist for larger furniture items.
- Jenn Miller who made the beautiful cake.
- Kathryn Miller for being the event photographer.
- Vicki Packer who spent the year collecting many gifts, books, decorative items.
- Decoration crew: Jenn, Katie, Amanda K, Ginny, and Yee.
- Wrapping and gifts organization crew: Crystal, Rita, and Latu.
- Sandra Woods for organizing baby shower games.
- Anchor Park quilters who provided homemade/quilted items.
- Those who financially supported the event. Everything on the students lists were provided.
- Everyone else who helped make the day special.

The global church celebrates Heritage Sunday each May in conjunction with Aldersgate Day and this year the theme for May 19th is "Bold Women, Audacious Faith".

The 150th Anniversary of United Methodist Women. Susan Williams, Jo Anne Hayden, Mary Lou Lawhorn and many other women from Anchor Park have made an impact on the state and national level dealing with issues and concerns of the UMW. Resource information can be found at the General Commission link at:

www.gcah.org/resources/heritage-sunday-2019
### Birthdays

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### From our Historian

This month marks the **65th Anniversary** of Anchor Park United Methodist Church.

Chartered on May 16, 1954. (it became United in 1968)

There is a 4 volume history available to review those years upon request.

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### Join Alaska United Methodist Women at Mission u!

Registration will be open soon. Should you have questions, comments, or would like to help out on the Mission u planning team in your area, contact: Dean of Mission Education Jennifer Miller at: Alaskan_miller_girl@yahoo.com or (H) 907-338-1434 / (C) 907-351-0274

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Be inspired! Be challenged! Respond to God’s call! Continue the powerful legacy of compassionate service and passionate advocacy! All are welcome!

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### LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN

**Annual Gathering 2019**

September 20-22

@ Solid Rock Bible Camp, Soldotna, AK
MANY THANKS to all of you who have renewed your Fred Meyer Community Rewards for FISH, and everyone who chose FISH in the Pick.Click.Give. campaign. (You can still modify your PFD donations if you forgot!).

FISH has some important events coming up this spring
** Friday May 10** we need help to wave signs reminding commuters to leave food at their mail box for the Stamp Out Hunger food drive sponsored by the Nat'l Assn of Letter Carriers! This food drive brings more than 3500 pounds of food to FISH each year!!
** Friday June 14** is the 27th Annual FISH Charity Golf Tournament. We need golfers, sponsors, prizes and volunteers!! Register your teams at [www.fishcharity.org](http://www.fishcharity.org). Look for flyers and forms in the lobby soon. This is our ONE BIG fundraiser of the year. Last June we raised $25,000 all for food purchases.

Please spread the word and help FISH fight hunger in our community.

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**Donations Wanted!! And Your Help Needed!**
We want this sale to be a blessing to the community and APUMC
Below is a list of ways YOU can help!
Contact Vicki Packer or use the Connect Card:

- Publicity & advertising
- Putting out signs & balloons
- Help on Fri. May 17th to set up Wesley Hall & the Robinson Room
- Help day of sale (shifts) May 18th
- Help with boxing/bagging left overs at end of sale
- Deliver left overs to Value Village & Good Will
- Help where needed!

**“To Mars and Beyond”**
Voyagers of all ages are invited on a space travel adventure to explore where God’s power can take them. This year’s Puppet is a cute robot named EP3-20.

**Potlatch Circle**
May 19

The Potlatch circle will meet May 19 following the worship service. The program will explore the school to prison pipeline. A light lunch is provided. Childcare available upon reservation. All women are welcome.

**Church Sale**
May 18

We will be honoring graduates of all ages during and after our morning Worship Service. If you would like to recognize a graduate, please refer to the Connect Card or call the church office for more information.

**Graduate Sunday**
May 19

**Church Work/Cleaning Day**
May 11
10am to 2pm  *Lunch provided*

Let’s clean up, and then invite our community and friends to:
Update on the Perry Award

The Perry Award is finalized and the process is now open for nominations! The Church Council discussed the draft version of The Perry Award that was printed in the April LINK, at the April monthly Church Council Meeting. The award was approved by the Council with just a couple minor changes. Copies of the award process are available in the church office now, so feel free to nominate a deserving person that you would like to see recognized for their exceptional Welcome-Love-Service to Anchor Park UMC.

THE PERRY AWARD

WHO: Any member, regular attender or current Pastor may nominate or be nominated for this award.

WHAT: An honor awarded to an individual, couple or group that embodies an exceptional spirit of Welcoming-Loving-Serving in Christian faith and action within Anchor Park United Methodist Church or in mission outreach.

WHEN: Awarded when qualifying nominees are confirmed, but not more than annually unless there are exceptional circumstances; there may be gaps in years between recognitions.

WHERE: This is exclusively an Anchor Park United Methodist Church award. (Outside groups have their own awards.)

WHY: To express the recognition and gratitude of the congregation to the recipient(s) that has/have gone above and beyond the usual level and/or length of time of loving service to Anchor Park.

HOW: 1. A letter of nomination is sent to the Church Council Chair stating who is being nominated and the reason(s) for the nomination. Examples and stories relating to the service should be included in the nomination.

2. Church Council will review and discuss the merits of the nomination at the next scheduled meeting and will vote on confirming the nomination.

3. When Church Council affirms the nomination, the person who nominated the recipient will be invited to participate in setting the date for giving the award and to participate in the presentation of the award, along with the Pastor and Church Council Chair, during regular Sunday Worship Service. (The person nominating the recipient may choose to host a time of celebration during Coffee Fellowship following worship service.)

4. An engraved plate with the recipient’s name and date of award presentation will be added to a wall display for each recipient of the Perry Award.

May 5th is Volunteer Sunday Work Day at Birchwood Camp, 1pm to 5pm

www.birchwoodcamp.org/camps
Welcome
all races, class or lifestyle to experience God’s love through all ministries of our church.

Love
God and neighbors knowing that love will encourage our diversity and span our differences.

Serve
our community and world through serving the poor, homeless, orphaned, addicted and imprisoned.

At APUMC we . . .

May 26
5:30-8pm
Youth Group
End of School Party
Potluck
Bring a dish to share.

May 12
Happy Mother’s Day!