



Two boys stood at the edge of a frozen pond. One of them said to the other, "Billy, I believe it will bear our weight."  
"Do you?" asked the other.

"Yes."

"Then get on it."

"No," said he, "I don't want to."

"Then," said the other, "you don't believe it will hold you."

I wouldn't call my faith great. But I've been out on the ice enough times, sometimes by choice, and other times, I've been thrown out there by life. Certain words keep coming to mind that have shaped my faith, words that seem to always keep me moving farther out on the ice. . .

**NINE WORDS THAT SHAPE FAITH**  
by Ken Hagler

**1. TRANSPARENT**

Why do we use transparent tape? So the tape doesn't get in the way. Often following Jesus Christ gets confused with "spirituality." It isn't. Jim Wallis has often said, "Faith is personal but it isn't private." Jesus didn't spend all day in Bible studies, he lived life and taught from what he experienced and confronted each day. People could see God through his life. Can people see Jesus in yours?

**2. OBEDIENCE**

Someone once said to me, "it isn't faith if you know the outcome." One reason people don't grow in their faith is they choose not to obey. Faith is lived out in obedience.

**3. TENACIOUS**

It is a stick-to-it-iveness that goes beyond what is most often seen in lives. Who do you know who really sticks with it? Let me ask you, do you want a patient faith or a tenacious faith?

**4. INTEGRITY**

Let your yes be yes and your no be no. (Matthew 5:37) When you tell the truth, you never have to remember everything you've said.

**5. SACRED**

Honor what God has set aside as important. You don't know all that God knows and neither do I.

**6. TRADITION**

Honor what holy people say. Those who have gone before are like coaches. Tom Landry, Chuck Noll, Bill Walsh, and Jimmy Johnson accounted for 11 of the 19 Super Bowl victories from 1974 to 1993. They also share the distinction of having the worst record of first-season head coaches in NFL history – they didn't win a single game. Based on experience, who would you listen to on the field?

**7. SABBATH**

Growing in faith isn't about just getting in touch with oneself. It is about spending time with God.

**8. SPONTANEOUS**

God is unpredictable so why do we feel we have to be so predicable?

**9. GENEROUS**

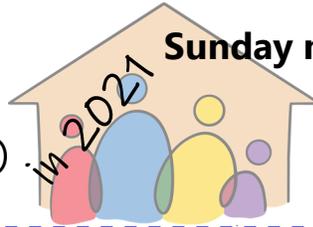
When I was 16, I was convinced that 50 cents a day could help a child. When Eduardo wrote to me as his "parent", I didn't know how meaningful that was. When I had kids – then I knew. If you want to really change the world, be generous, not powerful.

**MAY I ASK?**

What words have shaped your faith? How have you acted on them?

**MAY I SUGGEST?**

Pick a word and focus on it for a week. Learn about it and live it. Step on the ice!



Sunday mornings at 11:15am on YouTube

@ <https://tinyurl.com/svcxjaq>  
For audio only Call (907) 302-2795  
no codes required

### We are a Praying Church

**Thursdays in April**  
(1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>)

@ 5pm Hosted by Judy Pendleton  
A time to share our prayers with one another.

Computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88936069552?pwd=ZDQwNFJpMnVJMnFPbW8zTjlybFNhUT09>

Smart Device/App: Meeting ID: 889 3606 9552

Dial by your location Passcode: 753268

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdFrHFSf52>

April 4th @ 12:15

### Celebrate Communion



We will be gathered outside in the sunshine (hopefully), maintaining social distancing and wearing masks.

### APUMC Fiber Fellowship

Fiber Fellowship continues meeting as a group which seeks to know God better through devotions, prayer, and the sharing of God's comfort and love through the making and giving of hand-crafted items. We welcome others to join us anytime. Connecting via zoom from the comfort of our own homes, we are appreciative of our connection with each other through this electronic means. Continuing with our regular pattern of meeting on the first and third Monday evenings of each month, in April we'll be meeting **on April 5<sup>th</sup>** and again on the **19<sup>th</sup>**, starting each evening at **6:30 pm and ending by 8 pm.**

Zoom connecting information is as follows:

Computer – <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/225718367>

Small devise/app – meeting ID: 225 718 367

Call in/Audio only – 301-715-8592

Meeting ID – 225 718 367#

The connection should be active by 6:25 pm.

### Worship Guides



are available on the homepage of the church website ([anchorpark.org](http://anchorpark.org))

If you would like to receive a hard copy, please let the church office know and we will add you to the mailing list.

### The Mini-LINK

Keep current with the weekly activities being offered for fellowship and service. Go to [anchorpark.org](http://anchorpark.org).

A hardcopy of the MiniLINK is sent with requests for a Worship Guide.



### QUILTING GROUP

First Saturday of each month at Anchor Park  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10am to 4pm

Come join the fellowship of quilters as we social distance. Bring your own project, machine, and tools needed. Tables, ironing boards, irons and cutting mats provided. All Anchor Park Covid protocols will be followed. Masks are required. Bring your own bag lunch.

Questions? Contact **Susan Williams at 317-0406**

### Office Equipment Needed



We are looking for a 4 drawer locking file cabinet for the Finance team. If you see one for cheap at a garage sale, or have one sitting around at your home or office, consider donating it to APUMC.

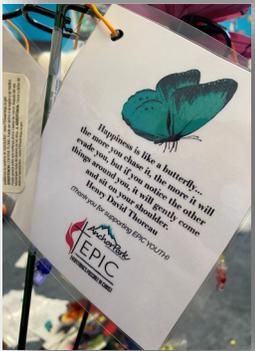
Please note: the lock must work.





## Handmade Butterfly Garden Decorations

**2 for \$5.00**  
 Your purchases support our  
 APUMC EPIC Youth Mission projects.  
 Butterflies can be delivered or picked up at  
 Anchor Park UMC on April 18, 2021  
 To order contact  
**epicapumc@gmail.com**



**Your choice!**  
**There will be a variety to choose from!**

EPIC APUMC YOUTH  
**CAR WASH**  
 May 15th 2021  
 11am-3:30pm  
 Anchor Park UMC  
 2300 Oak Dr. Anchorage, AK 99508  
 Donations will support Youth Mission

**EPIC Musubi Fundraiser**  
 Made fresh with white rice, a slice of spam, soy sauce, & seaweed  
 Choose one of the following flavors:  
 •Regular  
 •Jalapeños  
 •Hickory smoke  
 Musubi are \$5.00 dollars each  
 Please place your order before April 11th 2021  
 Email [epicapumc@gmail.com](mailto:epicapumc@gmail.com) or call/text 907-444-0951  
 Pick up will be April 18 at Anchor Park UMC  
 2300 Oak Dr. Anchorage, AK 99508  
 From 1:00pm-4:00pm (Please wear a face mask)  
 Funds raised will support the Youth mission trip.



**Your overwhelming response to our Blessing Box Drive!**



<b>Birthdays</b>		<b>Anniversaries</b>	
Sherri Poling	01	Finau & Hevaha Malupo	09
Janet Ulukivaiola	04	Lant & Deanna Platner	12
Andrew Roche	06	Judy & Ken Pendleton	16
Davina Vea	07	Norman & Shirley Preston	20
Peter Michalski	13	Tom & Vicki Packer	24
Rita Spencer	13	Loleini & Lupe Saafi	29
Hevaha Malupo	15		
Norma Stichick	17		
James Gaston	21		
Tali Vea	22		
Nyabony Gatriek	27		
Sheri Whitethorn	28		

## UMW 21st Assembly

will take place in beautiful Orlando, Florida,

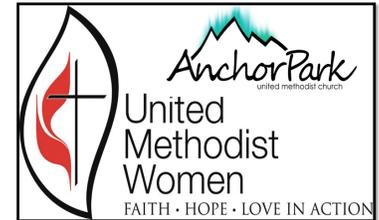
**May 20-22, 2022** where we will celebrate our theme: **TURN IT UP!**



By the time we gather in 2022, we hope and believe that we will be looking back on parts of our current crises, moving forward strategically and building new ways of connecting and serving women, children and youth. For such a time as this we need to TURN IT UP! We will leave Assembly inspired to:

- TURN IT UP! for spiritual healing and renewal
- TURN IT UP! for rebirth in a new time
- TURN IT UP! for women leaders

TURN IT UP! for justice for women, children and youth



## Saturday, June 12

Your junk . . .



our treasure . .

## Church Yard Sale

Spring is around the corner and it's time to organize and bring in your donations!



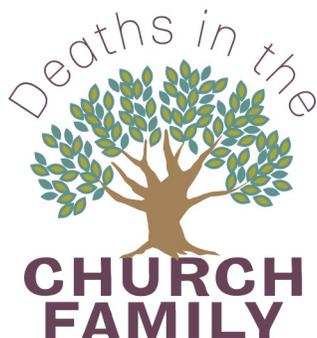
**We** are accepting your donations now!  
Mon. thru Thur. 9am to 2pm  
here at APUMC

### Member Events

#### *In Remembrance:*

Robert Mitchell, March 4

Gail Phillips, March 25



#### **Welcome the Miller Family to APUMC**

Rick & Jenn with  
Kathrine, Alexander, JayJay  
and Shawn

Marc and Delia  
Tunstall  
March 29

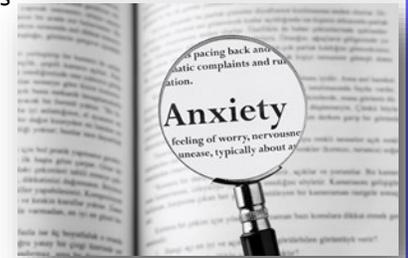


*United in Marriage*



## Managing Anxiety April 11, 12:30pm

We will explore the normal yet powerful, challenging emotion: Anxiety. We will discuss how anxiety shows up in our lives and explore some practical techniques to manage it. Based on the UMW Mission study by Dr. Trudy Corry Rankin and Dr. Faye Wilson. The session will include a bible study focused on Hannah's story in 1 Samuel 1.



Zoom link-Topic: Anchor Park UMW Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/270902432?pwd=Skt1bjFSbVkvWG5tZ2UrUWoyVDg1UT09>

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**May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm** we plan to gather outside at church for a barbeque as we hopefully enjoy the beginning of some of our great summer weather. Once again, watch for more specifics as we get closer to that time.

### United Methodist Women Mourns Lives Lost, Expresses Solidarity with Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities

Posted or updated: 3/18/2021 12:00:00 AM

NEW YORK – *United Methodist Women, the largest denominational organization for women, today mourned the lives lost during a shooting rampage targeting Asian American women in the Atlanta area. Emily Jones, executive for racial justice, today released the following statement on behalf of the organization:*

"Today, United Methodist Women mourns with the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. We mourn with the victims' families. We decry both the recent upsurge in attacks against Asian American communities and the racist myths upon which they're built. We lament the long-standing and lethal tradition of sexualized violence targeting Asian, Asian American and Pacific Islander women in the United States. Until the violence ends, we weep as Jesus weeps. We renew our commitment to fight for racial justice for all people while paying specific attention to the ways race and gender intersect to uniquely target women of color.

"We also see this situation for what it is: from the start of the global pandemic, Asian American and Pacific Islander communities have been unfairly targeted. They have been the undeserving recipients of escalating intimidation, profiling and hate crimes. Unfortunately, this process is distressingly familiar, recycling centuries-old racist stereotypes with a 21st century twist. There is a long history of anti-Asian racism in the United States. It has been expressed through institutional policies including the Chinese Exclusion Act and the internment of Japanese people, and through interpersonal acts of violence, including the murder of Vincent Chin, the targeting of South Asian communities in the early 2000s and most recently the surge in hate crimes during this period of pandemic. Behind this violence lies a series of damning lies, including the perpetual foreigner myth and the model minority myth. AAPI individuals and communities have often become national scapegoats in periods of economic and social hardship. The sexualized targeting of Asian American women, specifically, in this most recent act of murderous violence – race+gender violence with a long and horrifying history – highlights the intersectional nature of oppression and makes clear the need for an anti-racist response that is also gender-sensitive.

"As we process this moment and the incredible grief it brings to so many United Methodist Women members and friends, we once again challenge ourselves and the broader community to confront and defeat racism in all its manifestations, including violence against AAPI communities."



Kathleen Barry | UMNS

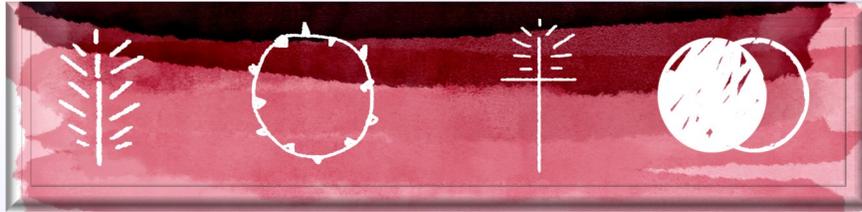
## Holy Week Prayer Vigil

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 9pm to April 4<sup>th</sup> Midnight

During the Lenten season, Christians are called to a time of reflection and prayer. Holy week is a time to walk the journey with Jesus, from triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the Garden of Gethsemane, to the Cross, to the tomb and finally to the joy on Easter morning.

Anchor Park is hosting a prayer vigil, starting 9pm on Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> through midnight Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sign ups will contain 1 hour time slots. Family units can chose to pray at home or come to the church. There will be an area in sanctuary or in the prayer room set up for prayer. We will follow all Covid protocol, cleaning areas after each use. When signing up, please indicate whether you plan to pray from home or at the church.

To sign up go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084DACAD2CABFB6-prayer>



We {  
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.



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Worship with Us!! Visit [www.anchorpark.org](http://www.anchorpark.org) for available on-line and smart-phone options.

Office Phone: 907-277-0152 Email: [office@anchorpark.org](mailto:office@anchorpark.org) Office Hours: 9-2 Mon-Thur.  
Cris will continue to monitor email and phone calls. The church building is closed until further notice.