



THE LINK

August 2021

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Doing it My Way!

I like to do things my way. I like to eat my cereal with a tablespoon, not a teaspoon. I like to mow my grass in a routine way. When I clean the bathrooms, I have my routine and cleaners that I like to use. I like my week's schedule to go just so. When I get up in the mornings, I have my routine and the same when I go to bed at night. I really like to do things my way.

The lion liked things his way too. One day he met a monkey in the jungle. The lion pounced on the poor monkey and said, "Who is king of the jungle?" The frightened monkey replied, "You are, O mighty lion." So the lion let him go. The next animal the lion met was a zebra. He pounced on it and roared, "Who is king of the jungle?" "You are, O mighty lion." So the lion let him go. The lion next met an elephant and asked the same question. The elephant grabbed the lion, twirled him around then threw him 50 feet. The lion picked himself up and huffed, "Just because you don't know the answer is no reason to get so rough."

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15 tells the story of Naaman, someone who also liked things his way. As general over the armies of Aram, Naaman had plenty of power and knew how to use it, but he had one flaw. He was a leper and his leprosy was taking its toll on his health. From a slave girl he learned of the prophet Elisha in Israel and so journeyed to seek healing. When he arrived at Elisha's house, Elisha's servant came out to Naaman and told him to wash in the river Jordan seven times and he would be healed.

But Naaman wanted more! He wanted a show and a ritual! He didn't want to wash in the nasty, dirty Jordan River! (5:13) *But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you have not done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?"* (5:14) *So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.* (5:15c) *then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."*

Do not be confused with the idea that God's way is easier. God's way is for our best, not for our comfort or to sooth our pride. This coming fall, take time to consider all the ways God has led you, and thank him for his guidance, even those times when you did not get your way, but God's.

Ken Hagler

**Do No Harm, Do Good,
Stay in Love With God**

Our EPIC Youth ...

... follow along in pictures



We're worshipping in-person on Sundays at

Our Sunday sermon and prayers

Sundays @11:15am on  **YouTube**

<https://tinyurl.com/svcxjaq>



**For audio only Call (907) 302-2795
no codes required**

And we're on



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

visit our website: www.anchorpark.org



The sun & rain have caused the abundance of **WEEDS!** If anyone has an hour or so to eliminate the weeds in the gravel area along Lake Otis, the parking lot and the playground in back, it would be greatly appreciated.

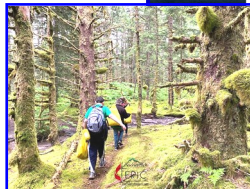
Sign up Sheets

Coffee Service

Our church is open, our congregation is gathering and people are greeting one-another. Extending the hospitality of the church (and Christ) has always been an Anchor Park strongpoint. Let's renew the service. Volunteer to host an after-service Coffee Fellowship. Susan Williams can clue you in on the particulars. A sign-up sheet is available.

Lay Readers

Not afraid of a podium? Want to conquer the fear? We are recruiting readers for Sunday morning services. Volunteers commit to reading each Sunday for one month. Talk to Pastor Ken for details. A sign-up sheet is available.



Anchor Park's Staff Parish Relations Committee will be meeting on **Wednesday, August 4th** as we consider our Anchor Park transition from summer into fall.

EPIC APUMC YOUTH

**"COME AS YOU ARE
RETREAT"**

**HOPE, ALASKA
AUGUST 6-8 2021**

FOOD, MINGLING, WORSHIP, ACTIVITIES, AND SO MUCH MORE



**August 21, meet at
10:30am at APUMC**



and Anniversaries



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| Sione & Liliane Vea | 06 |
| Peter & Jo Michalski | 09 |
| Ben & Rosemary Fish | 15 |
| Siaosi & Lesieli Ulukivaiola | 29 |
| Norman & Jeannette Walker | 30 |



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| Charlie Kratochvil | 01 |
| Ziel Gatriek | 04 |
| Sherri Criley | 05 |
| Marianne Robinson | 06 |
| Tatiani Vea | 07 |
| Henry Knapp | 10 |
| Norman Preston | 10 |
| Shirley Preston | 10 |
| Jeannette Walker | 11 |
| Bruce Gierke | 15 |
| Sue Shaffer | 15 |
| Kim Whitaker | 15 |
| Moleni Tu'uholoaki | 18 |
| Riek Gatriek | 20 |
| Jane Mangus | 21 |
| Owen Berry | 22 |
| Billy Todd | 29 |
| J.W. Terrill | 30 |
| Lesieli Ulukivaiola | 31 |

Fiber Fellowship

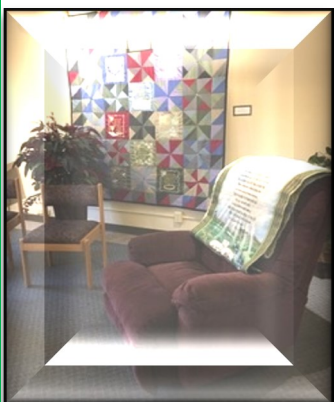
As we begin to wind down our summer and think about the approach of fall, will continue to meet on the first and third Monday evenings in the month of **August: the 2nd and 16th at 6:30pm.** Those who feel comfortable gathering in person with masks and social distancing are welcome to gather at Anchor Park while others who prefer to gather by zoom are also welcome, as we always have that option available. During our time together we typically share a devotional and enjoy each other's company as we work on projects of love and warmth to be shared with others as an expression of God's love. This group is open to anyone who may be interested, so consider joining us.

Have questions?

Feel free to reach out to Jo Anne Hayden at hayden@alaskan.net or 907-903-5025. It is helpful if you plan to join us to let Jo Anne know so that you are kept updated on information for that evening. Zoom information:
Computer: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/225718367>
Smart Device/App Meeting ID: 225 718 367
Call In/Audio only: 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 225 718 367#
The link should be live by 6:25 pm.



Let's Pray Together: August 5, 12, 19, 26 at 5:00pm



We are honored and blessed to pray for each other. This is my experience and my invitation to you to consider making your prayer time an intentional appointment with God...
by *Judy Pendleton*

For the past 15 months a faithful group of prayerful souls have gathered to pray on Thursdays at 5:00 pm Alaska time in a virtual Zoom prayer room. Coming together in this sacred prayer time has been one of the blessings from the COVID 19 year of isolation. It seems to last 20 or 30 minutes, and we gather from across the planet (Alaska, Australia, Washington state, and...). I encourage you to adjust the time for wherever you are, set an alarm, and join us to check this out for yourself. And even if you miss the time of prayers, perhaps your intention has enhanced your presence among us. You can join us at this link:

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

For whatever we pray, we affirm our openness to receive of the miracles of God's Holy Spirit touching us. We align with and pray for the highest God good for all involved. Sometimes we understand what is God's good; sometimes we surrender and confess our small vision. In all things we commit to holding in the light of Spirit, and hence our prayer time is a sacred time of heightened awareness of God's presence.

And NOW as our church is reopening to us all we can go to church to pray. We have a most beautiful prayer room at church. It is open to you any time the church is occupied. 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...

For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers. — Romans 1:9



"Where Do We Go From Here?"

We, as your Alaska Leadership Team, are so excited as we anticipate spending time with you at

Alaska United Methodist Women's Annual Gathering 2021 on **September 24 and 25 via ZOOM**. To many of us, it feels as if we have spent the past year and a half wandering through unknown settings, missing the familiar and lamenting and longing for sightings of our "normal" lives and our "normal" community, seeking the "You are here" location on our life's map.



Hamburgers and Hotdogs

Clare House



August 15th

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>



Quilt Retreat #48

September 23-26, 2021

At Laverne Griffin Youth Camp Wasilla

Start time Thursday 3:30pm

Sponsored by the Anchor Park United Methodist Women (UMW)

Re-connect with the quilting community. Come out of the shutdown and surround yourself with the warmth of friends. Smiling faces we haven't seen in a year will greet you. The camp is located on a lovely lake. Bring your own projects to work on in a big, light-filled room. You can sew as much or as little as you choose. If you choose to sleep, participants share heated rustic cabins equipped with bunk beds and mattresses. The bathroom/shower house is in a separate location.

Registrations must be received by September 9, 2021

Make checks payable to UMW

Thursday -Sunday \$248 Friday -Sunday \$192

Contact Susan Williams @ 317-0406 for information and registration forms.

ASSEMBLY 2022

MAY 20 - 22, 2022
ORLANDO CONVENTION CENTER

WWW.ASSEMBLY2022.ORG



Come join the fellowship of quilters. 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
907 317-0406

Sat. Aug 7
10am to 4pm





2021 WOMEN'S GET AWAY WEEKEND

in Girdwood

Thursday after 4 pm, Sept. 2 until 2ish Sunday, Sept. 5th

The Ashlock family has offered use of their place located on 120 Kitzuhel Rd in Girdwood. This "cabin" is a wonderful fun environment for our gathering. The cabin has a full kitchen, 5 bedrooms, living room, and 4 bathrooms. Treat yourself to a relaxing weekend get away! There is no planned program. Attendees can do what they want when they want.

Spend time with other women from Anchor Park; hiking...crafting...reading...playing games...sharing good food...enjoying the outdoors...or just hanging out. We'll try our hand at making pizza again. We will strive adhere to Covid guidance in effect in September, but be aware we will be in close quarters.

Transportation can be coordinated for those needing a ride. Cost for the weekend is \$35/person. Meals provided Thursday dinner, three meals on Friday, Saturday-brunch, dinner, Sunday brunch. Don't let finances keep you away, you can contribute what you can, no questions asked. Can't come for the whole weekend?... come for the day or two. Babies under the age of 1 are welcome, please plan to provide all the baby food.

Plan to bring:

Slippers to wear inside

Toiletries with a washcloth/towel/ear plugs/eye mask

Flashlight

Your own personal beverage/coffee

A craft to work on, a game to play, an instrument, a book, etc.

Please register me!

Name: _____ I plan to arrive on: _____

Best Phone #: _____

Please make checks payable to "Anchor Park UMW" Send to: Anchor Park UMC 2300 Oak Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508

- ☐ Yes, I can be a driver and can carry ____ additional passengers
- ☐ I will need a ride.
- ☐ I have enclosed my \$35 fee for the entire weekend.
- ☐ I will pay my \$35 fee when I arrive.

Special dietary needs: _____

If you have questions contact :

JoAnne Hayden @ 907 903-5025 or Susan Williams @ 907 317-0406



We Welcome

all races, class or lifestyle to experience God's love through all ministries of our church.

We Love

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

We Serve

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

With the increase in activity and awareness of the many on-line resources available to us, we are asking an important question:

Do you want to continue receiving a hard copy of the LINK mailed to you?

If so, please send a quick message either through **email**:

office@anchorpark.org

post mail: 2300 Oak Drive, ANC, AK 99508

call: 907-277-0152

If you have not responded to the questionnaire previously printed in the LINK and we do not hear from you, this will be the last LINK you receive in the mail. (if you HAVE responded - your preference has been noted)

Thank you.



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