



## Are we ready? Congregational Singing

As I approach a second Christmas with COVID, I'm ready to get back to some of the traditions that have meant so much over the years.

Growing up, my family attended Christmas Eve services complete with singing *Silent Night* by candle-light. But until I was stationed with the US Army in Germany and attended midnight mass in Bavaria and sang this song in German by candle light, it was just a song for me. Since that year I have not been able to make it through *Silent Night* without crying. Last year, my family and I attended a "drive-up" Christmas Eve service where everyone stayed in their car and tuned the radio to the broadcast frequency. We used flashlights (usually on our phones) as we sang *Silent Night*.

There are other Christmas hymns that I love as well, but I have to sing along with a video or the radio, not with a chorus of other believers. In anticipation of a second Christmas with COVID, the Greater Northwest COVID Response Team has published updated congregational singing guidelines. For the Anchor Park team to put the recommendation safety measures in place, we need to know what the congregations wants.

No matter what the congregations wants as far as singing, or your comfort level for being in-person at church, Pastor Ken will continue to put the service on Face Book Live, You Tube and Sermon by Phone.

Please take a couple of minutes and let us know about your readiness for Congregational Singing.

<https://forms.gle/ihFTsWWSZWKpS2Um6>

Blessings,

Sandra Woods, Chair, Safe Re-Opening Chair

## Keeping You Connected



In Person worship at 11am

Live streaming on Facebook 11am  
<http://www.facebook.com/anchorparkumc>



<https://tinyurl.com/svcxjaq> uploaded during the same week

Hear the latest sermon and prayers from any phone, no codes or passwords required.

Our Office hours are 9am to 2pm Mon – Thur  
Office # 907-277-0152



Come on—you know you want to!

## Ready to sing in worship?



We'd love to have you as part of the Virtual Choir. In partnership, each week choir parts are available to sing with and record for each Sunday. We'll be playing the Anthem part in our worship and it will feature the faces and voices of everyone who can join!

<http://wardlawbailey.com/stjohnchoir/>

## We pray for each other Thursdays at 5pm via ZOOM



Join us this Thursday at:

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

With all the hustle of the holiday season—take a moment to focus on the reason for the season—and pray with us, for us, and those we know and love.



## All The Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas

Bible Study with Pastor Ken Hagler  
Wednesdays on Zoom and at church from

5:15-6:15pm Lawhorn Room

Join Pastor Ken for a special Bible Study exploring the message of the Advent season each Wednesday during Advent. The Sermon Series and study during Advent is based on the book of the same title available on Amazon on Kindle and paperback but the book is not required for the weekly Bible study. Join the reading and conversation!

Topic: ALL THE GOOD BIBLE STUDY

Time: Dec 15, 2021 05:00 PM Dec 22, 2021 05:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/91950538886>

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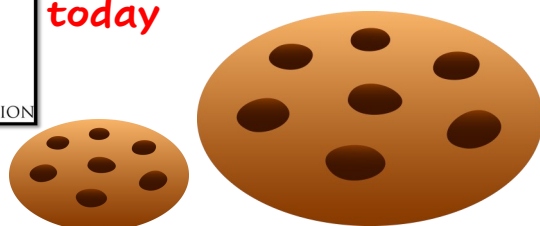
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The COOKIE EXCHANGE IS today



## Fiber Fellowship: is not meeting on Dec 20th

Fiber Fellowship has decided NOT to meet on December 20th. We WILL be meeting again on the first Monday of the new year, January 3rd.

This group is open to anyone who may be interested, so consider joining us in the new year. Have questions? Feel free to reach out to Jo Anne Hayden at [hayden@alaskan.net](mailto:hayden@alaskan.net) or 903-5025.



## Blessing Box Needs

Please consider blessing the Blessing Box. You can bring a food donation for the pantry to distribute daily, or place your contribution in the box as you drive by!

Thank you for the faithful who have restocked the cupboard



<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks>

Anchor Park UMC has been donating food to children in need at Airport Heights Elementary School for over 5



Helping meet the needs of hungry children throughout our community

years. The school is in the neighborhood of our church. We are able to supplement meals that many families cannot provide.

Rita Spencer has been coordinating with the school nurse to ascertain their needs. She shops for the food and then delivers it to the school. The Anchorage school district and the Food Bank provide food for the children Monday - Friday. The Backpack Buddies program will help supply food for Saturday and Sunday. There is an increased need for this giving now because of Covid. Please consider marking a part of your giving to this worthwhile program this school year.