

February
2022
2023

THE LINK

AnchorPark
United Methodist Church



When was the last time you are so many sounds around sounds of vehicles driving by. of geese, the sound of their calls to one another to stay in formation. Some of our homes are filled with the sounds of kids, for others the whining of a faithful dog or chirping bird keep us company. On quiet mornings or evenings when the snow is falling, there is a nuance to that silence different from other silent moments.

took time to stop and listen? There us. In my office, I can hear the In season, I hear the of migration

The church, since its ancient beginnings, has found silence to be an important aspect and practice for one's soul and the spiritual journey. Termed "The Great Silence," I have been on retreats through the Upper Room Academy of Spiritual Formation, the Maresa House of Retreats in Louisiana and visited monasteries where this silence is honored. In silence, we hear God in ways we cannot otherwise.

Alaskans have an understanding of hibernation, for not only the bears do it, we all hibernate in the winter in certain ways. Maybe we we're better equipped for this pandemic because of our winters. But did we come to listen in the silence?

In the month of February, I will be turning our attention to the message of Hearing God. As we grow eager for things to return to normal, for the days to grow longer and temperatures to warm, we are eager to rush out. But have you stopped to hear God? Consider reading 1 Samuel 3:1-14 and God's call to the boy, Samuel. God calls as things are silent and he is dozing off. Look at how many times God calls. How many times would God have to call you to get your attention? How would you feel if the Lord called your name? How do you know God isn't? How are you communicating with God now? Are you doing most of the talking or are you giving God time to speak? And maybe the harder question...do you know how to hear God?

This is a time when we, God's people, need to be listening and hearing God. When we think of our mantra to Welcome - Love - Serve, we are to do these as the Church - as the PEOPLE of God. WE are called to welcome. We are called to love. We are called to serve. This is Methodism. This is Wesleyan. This is Christian. This is Biblical. Make time to listen and learn how to live and hear God! Join us in-person at 11am, on Facebook LIVE or Sermon-By-Phone.

Remember: Do no harm, do good, and keep to the guidelines of God!

Pastor Ken



Remembering Anchor Park
circa 2001
(notice the landscaping and van)



Fiber Fellowship February 7 & 21

Anchor Park Activities

Let's Pray Together Thursdays at 5pm

The first and third Monday evenings of the month – February 7th and 21st will be when Fiber Fellowship will be gathering during the month of February.

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 (or find it more convenient) are also welcome as we always have that option available as well.

Sharing a devotional is an important part of each evening we gather together along with enjoying 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 in person to let Jo Anne know so that you are kept updated on current information for that evening.

Zoom information: **The link should be live by 6:25pm**
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#

Tongan Island Relief Aid



Anchor Park United Methodist Church is a Tonga Relief Collection Point for the city of Anchorage.

Tangible donations will be collected for aid and relief to our Tongan brothers and sisters

affected by the Pacific Ocean volcano. As these donations will be shipped to the islands, there are the specific items we encourage for this collection. Currently the list includes:

Pop-up shelters, water, large bags of rice, blankets, canned goods

**Collection hours: 9am to 2pm Monday—Thursday
Sunday: 10am to 1pm**

Monetary donations are very needed and welcomed. Contributions pay for the costs of delivering and distribution of this aid in addition to purchasing needed supplies. Donations can be made through the United Methodist Missions Disaster Relief.

Code **Advance# 982450**

<https://umcmmission.org>

Our prayer sessions last from 20 to 30 minutes. Our voices 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.

You can join us at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88936069552pwd=ZDQwNFJpMnVJMnFPbW8zTjlybFNaUT09>

We have a most beautiful prayer room at church. It 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...



Judy Pendleton is our Prayer Leader. Please contact Judy @ 907-337-5023 for more information regarding this ministry.

Fellowship of Quilters February 5

**10am to 4pm
at APUMC**

Come join the fellowship of quilters. We're skipping the first Saturday - we are meeting on January 8th.

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**



Children's Valentine's Party

**games, make valentines, crafts
February 12, 10:30 to 12:30
Brings your children and enjoy the fun.**

Masks Required

Lunch provided!

We have done it again!

Anchor Park Activities



The Downtown Hope Center staff was very grateful for our gifts of socks, warm inner and outer clothing, foot ware, towels, toiletries and more! And they got it all just before the next severe cold weather front arrived. Timing could not have been better! Because of your heeding of our Savior to reach out to and take care of his people in need, some will receive warm clothing and boots to help sustain them this winter. I am quite sure that every item we gave them has already

found its way into the needy hands of our brothers and sisters in Him. The outpouring of love and compassion coming from within our church body, is in itself, a grand reflection of the meaning of HOPE. We keep one another uplifted as we uplift so many others! I feel so privileged to be a part of APUMC. Hope is a necessity in this life, not an option.



Thank you again for all that you have done for not only the Downtown Hope Center, Nicaragua, FISH, Backpack Buddies, Beans, and Willow food Pantry, but I am also grateful for the opportunity to participate in the Airport Heights Adopt-A Family, the Epic Youth's Blessing Box and so much more. We are truly a church of missions!

Happy New Year to all, Peace, Pam



Join the virtual Choir !!
Fresh voices Wanted



Check the following link
for information!

<https://wardlawbaily.com/stjohnchoir/>

Your Anchor Park Family

Happy Anniversary

Cupid's arrow missed
it's mark this moth at
APUMC



Happy Birthday to:

Latu Tu'uholoaki	01
Jobe Berry	02
Sue Gaston	07
Dean Hyatt	07
Mikayla Mader	07
Liliane Vea	07
Don Hadley	10
Deanna Platner	10
Macy Whitaker	12
Raven Hamilton	13
Khloie Vea	13
Judy Pendleton	14

Happy Birthday to:

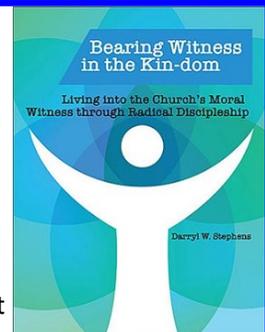
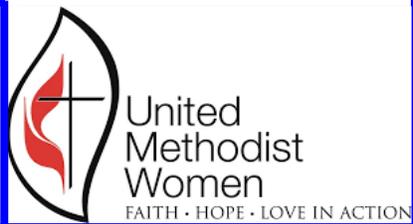
Kaylin Kirkham	16
Maria Davis	17
Brian Hayden	19
Tsuguo Arai	86
Dina Russ	21
Debbie Warner	21
Jo Michalski	25
Sione Tu'uholoaki	25
Les Sheppard	26
Carolyn Downie	27
Viliani Malupo	27



Linn Schmidt's service will be held at Immanuel Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 5th at 2 pm and Jo Anne Hayden has link information if you are interested in watching it via zoom, just reach out to her at hayden@alaskan.net or 907-903-5025.

Book Study- Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living Into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship

Written by Darryl W. Stephens.



Anchor Park UMW is sponsoring a four-week book study. The study is open to all. The study will start February 13 and continue for four consecutive weeks- Feb. 20, 27 and Mar. 6. We will gather at 12:20pm with touching base with each other, and the module will start at 12:30pm until 2pm. We will meet in person and via Zoom.

Book Summary: Imagine God's Justice and Lead with Compassion Love. Justice. Solidarity. Living as siblings in the "kin-dom" of God requires bold faith. Women in the United Methodist tradition have courageously led ministries in race relations, creation care, substance abuse, sexual orientation and inclusion, poverty, relationships with indigenous nations, and other concerns. However, The United Methodist Church and its predecessors have a sometimes-uneven history of resisting the evil and violence that damage the world. This book explores this history, empowering us to imagine God's justice and to lead with compassion. Together, we bear witness to God's gracious presence in ways that make a material difference to all of creation, all persons, especially victims of injustice and those who are most vulnerable. This is the moral witness of the church.

The book contains 4 modules:

- Module 1 Grounded Being: Explores Prevenient grace, Living into God's Moral wisdom.
- Module 2 Attentive Presence: God's wisdom, Justifying grace, from Love to Justice.
- Module 3 Historical Clarity: The grace of doing nothing, Navigating Grief, Repentance as an Act of Justice.
- Module 4 Meaningful Participation: Prayerful transformation, threshold of hope.

Books can be purchased through: UMW e-Store Cost \$10 plus shipping
http://www.umwmissionresources.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=53499

Or Kindle edition: Amazon \$5.95

<https://www.amazon.com/Bearing-Witness-Kin-dom-Churchs-Discipleship-ebook/dp/B08TT7TRCY>

Feb 13 Bearing Witness to the Kin'dom (book study continues weekly Feb 20 and 27 and Mar 6)

Mar 13 The Alaska Innocence Project

Apr 10 Climate Justice Faith Talk

May 15 BBQ Social Gathering

Meetings may be at Anchor Park UNC, virtual, or a combination of the two. Check future LINKs & Mini-LINKs for updates.



ASSEMBLY 2022
May 20 – 22, 2022 at the
Orlando Convention Center.

It's coming soon!

It's Taco Sunday, February 20th



February
 20th



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>

THE LINK

Do you read the articles in the LINK?. Do you think they are the same every month? YOUR contributions can make our newsletter more interesting. Vacation Pictures, fun activities from your stay-at-home adventures. Lessons learned. If you would like to read about it, others will also.

Send them in!

office@anchorpark.org

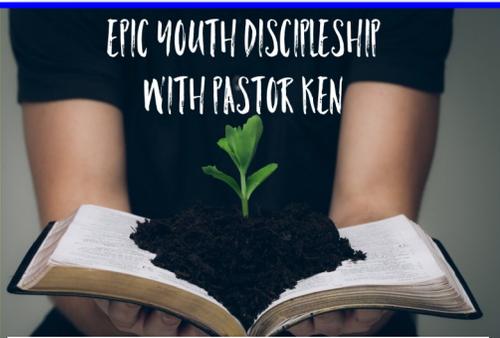


Feb 6th 2022

Discipleship with Pastor Ken
after church service 12pm.
We will be meeting in the
Youth room.
All youth are welcome!

EPIC Youth

We're raising funds



First Sunday of every month



Blessing Box
Please remember
the Blessing Box



EPIC YOUTH AUCTION

COME & SUPPORT OUR YOUTH
AS THEY FUNDRAISE FOR
MISSION WORK, SERVE OUR
COMMUNITY, AND ATTENDING
YOUTH IN 2023 FLORIDA!

Thanks to our donors:

Sweet Caribou, Double Shovel Cider, Tastee Freeze, Wild Scoop, Dear Tuesday, Alaska Live Steamers, Putters Wild, AK Starfish Co., Alaska Sea Life Center, Aurora Chocolate, Vines & Branches, Spotted Heart AK, Alaska Aviation Museum, Cathy Vang Makeup, Alaska Dinner Factory, Ozarks, and so much more!

Feb 4-6 2022

charityauction.bid/EPICYouth

Thank you for supporting our
Anchor Park's EPIC YOUTH!

Do you need a date night?

Parent Valentine's Dates Night

OUR EPIC YOUTH WILL BE BABYSITTING TO
HELP FUNDRAISE FOR MISSION & YOUTH
2023 IN FLORIDA

WHERE: ANCHOR PARK UMC
2300 OAK DR. ANCHORAGE, AK 99508

WHEN: 2/12/2022

TIME: 4:30PM-8:30PM

Food will be provided, activities, & Rated G movie

Ages: 0 - 10

*Reserve your spot any Sunday at Valentine's grams table in
Robinson room or contact Youth Leader Jade*

epicapumc@gmail.com

PRICE: \$10.00 PER CHILD OR \$30.00 FAMILY



EPIC YOUTH VOLUNTEER AT DOWNTOWN HOPE

CENTER

PLEASE MEET AT

240 E 3RD AVE

ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

FEB 20TH, 2022

FROM 5PM-7PM

We will be serving dinner

Please wear a face mask



EPIC Youth



EPIC YOUTH LOCK IN!



Coming up next month

**MARCH 11-12
6PM-6AM**

**FOOD . GAMES. MOVIES . We're raising Funds
PRIZES. NO SLEEP for next year's trip**

ANCHOR PARK UMC
2300 OAK DR. ANCHORAGE ALASKA 99508



EPIC'S SPRING BAKE SALE

Anchor Park EPIC
EVERYTHING'S POSSIBLE IN CHRIST

COME & SUPPORT OUR EPIC YOUTH BAKE SALE!
PLEASE ORDER YOUR HOMEMADE GOODIES NOW UNTIL
MARCH 6TH 12PM.
PICK UP WILL BE ON MARCH 13TH FROM
12:00PM-2:30PM
ANCHOR PARK UMC
2300 OAK DR. ANCHORAGE, AK 99508
TO ORDER PLEASE EMAIL EPICAPUMC@GMAIL.COM OR
CALL/TEXT 907-444-0951

BANANA BREAD MINI LOAF \$3.00, CHOC. CHIP
COOKIES 2 FOR \$1.00, MINI CAKES \$4.00
(VANILLA OR CHOCOLATE WITH BUTTER
CREAM FROSTING), GLUTEN FREE CHOCOLATE
CHIP MUFFIN \$1.00, & SPECIAL K BAR \$3.00



Odds & Ends

Have you linked your Fred Meyer card to Anchor Park United Methodist Church through their Community Rewards Program? No? Then now is the time. Go to the link here or Google Fred Meyer Community Rewards.

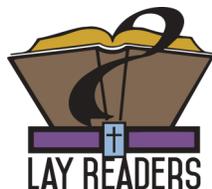
<https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>

You should see the picture above. The page will walk you through the process. You'll set up an "account" and then you search for Anchor Park United Methodist Church as an organization to benefit. Anchor Park's organization number is **JV359**. By linking your Fred Meyer card to Anchor Park UMC, Kroger sends money to Anchor Park at the end of each calendar year. Thank you for considering this opportunity to help Anchor Park continue its mission to the neighborhood and Anchorage community.

Sandra Woods and the Finance Team

**October 01 thru Dec 21 = \$35.52
21 households**

You should be a Lay Reader on Sunday Mornings!
It's not as scary as it sounds.....and you will certainly be appreciated!



Take advantage of the APUMC Puzzle Exchange. It's free and fun!



**We have entered 2022 and
despite COVID we will prevail.**

Finance Update

In December, Church Conference approved an annual budget of \$251,000. Through the Estimate of Giving cards we have \$231,000 toward that goal. That leave just \$20,000 to close the gap. I know there are some of you that give whether or not you have told us you plan to, and for that I am grateful.

Another way to look at what we need to carry out the missions and ministries of Anchor Park is to take that \$251,000 and divide it by the 12 months of the year. We need to have approximately \$21,000 coming in each month to carry on the ministries of this congregation: EPIC Youth, AA, Strong Women (exercise group), quilters, knitters, FISH, Backpack Buddies, Blessing Box and Downtown Hope Center. And then there's Sunday worship. If we all remember to bring our financial gifts on a regular basis, Anchor Park will be here for Airport Heights and Anchorage at large throughout 2022.

**Thank you,
Sandra Woods and the Finance Committee**

**YOUR
GIVING
MATTERS!**

Safe Reopening Task Force

Safe Re-opening

These last few months have been the hardest for me. Maybe because I was really expecting COVID to be over, and here comes Omicron. I'm so very tired of all the ups and downs. And I don't think I'm alone in that. One thing that is constant is Anchor Park and the love of this congregation.

We have implemented some processes to try to decrease our exposure to COVID. We are continuing to wear face masks, and encouraging everyone to get vaccinated if they can. We are asking you to physically distance in the pews. We have a HEPA filter running on Sundays as well as the ceiling fans and a fan in the choir loft to keep air filtered and moving out of the sanctuary. We haven't started congregational singing. And we are asking that if you are not feeling well, be it a cough, sore throat, a runny nose or fever (above 100) that you not come to church.

The CDC is also recommending that you wear the best face mask that you can, be it a 3-ply mask or a KN-95. Make sure it covers your nose and chin. We all have to work together to get through this.

Thank you for doing your part to keep Anchor Park healthy and vibrant.

**Sandra Woods
Safe Re-opening Task Force Chair**



Loose Change- It all Adds Up

- Have you ever wondered why your pockets or purse are so heavy? It's all that loose change you carry around.
- Think how much that weighs you down. You can lighten your load and bring that change to church and let us put it to good use.
- Bring your loose change to church and place it in the "mini-Church" up front or in the Change for Change can at the entrance to the sanctuary.

We're worshipping in person Sundays at 11:00am

Our Sunday sermon and prayers:

uploaded early in the week



<https://tinyurl.com/svcxjaq>



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

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



We're on



visit our website: www.anchorpark.org

We Welcome:

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

We Serve:

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

We Love:

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



United Methodist Church

2300 Oak Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

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

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