



## What Would A Lost Video of Your Life Reveal?

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Recently, a young man began receiving messages regarding a video of him on Facebook. People were asking, “Hey is this you?”, with a link to the video. You may have received similar questions and links to videos, but this was different. Turns out that it WAS him and they were videos from six years before that were found on the GoPro video camera he had lost on a trip to Hawaii!

How would you feel if you got word of an old video of parts of your life? Nervous? Excited? Happy? I’m sure these and other emotions might pop up! Growing up, I often heard at youth retreats that God would show us a video of our life when we stood before “the judgement.” I can say, as a teenager, that idea was a very scary thing to think about.

It is also one of many misinterpretations, I think, of the message God came to give us in Jesus Christ. This year as we walk with Jesus, it seems to me we need to walk all the more with the idea of *God’s grace given to us!* During Communion, I try to always remember and share the word of grace from 1 John 1:9 that tells us, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Those are good words full of good news!

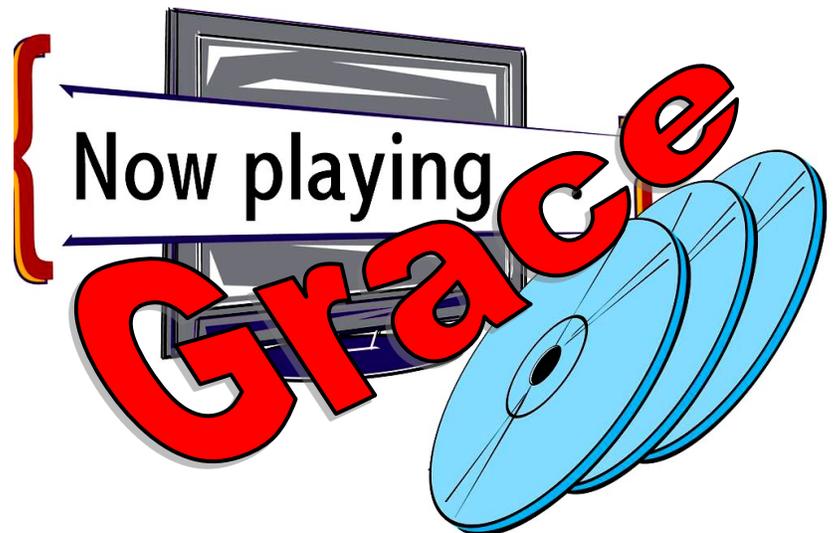
In February, we are moving from “Walking with Jesus” in our sermon series to “Messy” during Lent. We will have a special drive-thru Ash Wednesday service as we reflect on the message and meaning of Lent for us. We are called to remember that Jesus came to walk with us in the midst of our mess. Most of those folks in the Bible had messy lives and we’re going to look at how God’s grace is sufficient for us all!

Don’t live worried about what some video may reveal.

### God’s Good News Is:

There is not a record being kept of the messes we make. Instead, there is a hope and a future we have to look forward to in the days ahead!

Be Safe and Stay Well!  
Pastor Ken





Sunday mornings at 11:15am on YouTube

@ <https://tinyurl.com/svcxjaq>

For audio only Call (301) 715 8592 and enter Meeting ID 335 775 663# when prompted.

## We are a Praying Church

**Thursdays in February**

(4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>)

@ 5pm Hosted by Judy Pendleton

**A time to share our prayers with one another.**

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## 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.

First Sundays in 2021 are  
Communion Sundays at APUMC  
February 7<sup>th</sup> 12:15 to 1:15pm



## Drive-by Style

Elements are individually packaged for your protection and convenience.



Ash  
WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 17th, APUMC will offer a drive-thru dispensation of ashes. The 'ashes' are a temporary cross tattoo which you can apply. Please check with our weekly Mini-Links in February for upcoming details.

## APUMC Fiber Fellowship

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 at any time. We connect via zoom from the comfort of our own homes, yet we are in connection with each other through electronic means.

Continuing with our typical pattern of meeting on the first and third Monday evenings of each month, we'll be starting the month of February off right, meeting on **February 1<sup>st</sup> and again on the 15<sup>th</sup>**, starting each evening at 6:30 pm and ending by 8 pm. Feel free to join us!

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.



Newsletter  
Submissions

The  
Newsletter  
needs  
YOU!  
Your input is  
appreciated.



THE LINK

Send Me Your  
STORIES

SUBMIT  
YOUR  
PHOTOS

TO: [office@anchorpark.org](mailto:office@anchorpark.org)

## An Update to the Pandemic Re-opening Plan

In early November, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky released her guidance for congregations to be able to have gatherings and non-singing worship for up to 25 people.

The guidance allows for congregations to use local COVID infection data to determine whether it was safe to gather again. This new guidance, allowed for a phase between 2 and 3: Phase 2.1. We are currently in Phase 2 allows which allows for 10 people to be in the building at once. Phase 3 allows for 50 people for non-singing worship. Phase 2.1 allows for 25 people. The requirement for distance between families and face masks does not change, but it does allow for the in-person Bible study and prayer that some in the congregation may be needing.

The guidance directs congregations to use the website COVID Act Now ([www.covidactnow.com](http://www.covidactnow.com)) and search for their city and state. The community's COVID Risk Level needs to be at the Yellow Level for the congregation to move to Phase 2.1. Moving to Phase 2.1 also means check the website weekly (on Monday) for the current Risk Level. If the Risk Level advances to Orange, the congregation must move back to Phase 2 (limit of 10 people).

Back in November when the Bishop issued her guidance Anchorage was at the Orange Level. Within a week Anchorage had progressed to Red and by Christmas a "color" "worse than red" (maroon) was added to the website. By the second week in January, Anchorage had moved back to "Regular Red." On January 19, Church Council meeting night, Anchorage was still at Red. I thought it would be several weeks before any progress was made on reducing the COVID Risk Level. When I looked today, January 25, 2021, I was surprised to see that Anchorage was down to Orange.

The Bishop's plan does not mention the community vaccination status, but that will certainly slow the rate of COVID infections even more. We will still have to wear a mask and keep 6 feet of distance and refrain from singing when we move to Phase 2.1. But I am more hopeful now that Anchorage is being vaccinated that we won't be separated much longer. The Re-Opening Task Force still needs to meet and submit a plan to District Superintendent Carlo Rapanut. Until then, I will meet you on Zoom.

**You All Remain in my Prayers,  
Sandra Woods, Chair, Re-Opening Task Force**



Monday, February 15,  
EPIC volunteers at the  
Food Bank from  
4:45pm to 7pm.

Bring your own gear  
if you have it. Jade  
does have some to  
lend if needed.



Dress WARM  
We'll also be walking  
the Campbell Creek  
Trail—gotta train for  
our 5K! (details to  
come)



**02/21/2021  
APUMC  
2pm-4pm  
(Please wear a face  
mask)**

## Anniversaries

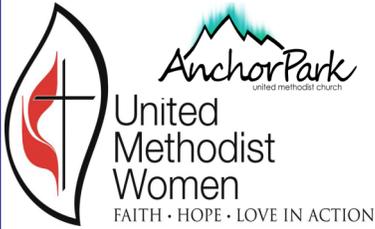
**Jim & Bobbie Allen  
Feb 03**



## Birthdays

Latu Tu'uholoaki	01
Jobe Berry	02
Sue Gaston	07
Dean Hyatt	07
Mikayla Mader	07
Liliane Vea	07
Donald Hadley	10
Deanna Platner	10
Macy Whitaker	12
Raven Hamilton	13
Khloie Vea	13
Judy Pendleton	14
Kaylin Kirkham	16
Maria Davis	17
Brian Hayden	19
Tsuguo Arai	21
Dina Russ	21
Debbie Warner	21
Jo Michalski	25
Sione Tu'uholoaki	25
Les Sheppard	26
Carolyn Downie	27
Viliani Malupo	27





### GOD IS GOOD!

I wanted to express the thankfulness and gratefulness I felt and still feel from your generous caring hearts. GOD knew what was coming. I say that because our house was broken into 2 weeks before Christmas, I was devastated. Not only did our house get destroyed, but we were staying in a safe home due to domestic violence. BUT GOD knew. HE BROUGHT Mrs. Marti to us and then THE WHOLE Anchor Park UMC. So, what was meant to destroy our holiday actually came out to be a blessing for our family. Thanks to EVERYONE AT ANCHOR PARK!



**Cindy Johnson** sent a thank you note for our donation to the **Texas/Mexican border Migrant ministry**. She states “Thank you for gifts and funds. The funds sent from Anchor Park paid for a whole week of Medicine. You all ROCK!!! Love Cindy A Johnson”

# THANKS!

Follow her work on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/cindy.johnson.94695>

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14 12:30PM



What is privilege? - The unearned access to social power based on membership in a dominant social group. Why is understanding our privilege important? “Becoming aware of privilege should not be viewed as a burden or source of guilt, but rather, an opportunity to learn and be responsible so that we may work toward a more just and inclusive world.” (University San Francisco website). God’s greatest commandment is “Love your neighbor as yourself.” How do we live into that commandment in America in 2021?

**Deaconess Kelly Marciales** will be our guest facilitator. Kelly works as Program Coordinator for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She has a Master of Theology and Mission from Fuller Theological Seminary and BA from California State Polytechnic University Pomona.

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

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### BOOK STUDY FOR LENT OPPORTUNITY

Debra Gerrish, UMW state spiritual Growth Coordinator

Debra will be leading a book study in March going into April for Lent. She invites you to explore with women across the state. She is asking members to help decide which book will be studied. The group will chose between four different books.

The four books are **Reckless Love - Jesus Call To Love Our Neighbor** by Tom Berlin, **Neighboring** by Jorge Acevedo, **The Scandalous Message of James - Faith Without Works Is Dead** and **The Gifts of Imperfection - Let Go of Who You Think You’re Supposed To Be and Embrace Who You Are** by Brene Brown, Ph.D. All of them are about putting love into action. The first three books are more about putting love into action aimed at your neighbor. The one by Brown is more about love of self. If you want to participate please send your book selection- first choice and second choice to Debra by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Her e-mail address is [jdgerrish@alaska.net](mailto:jdgerrish@alaska.net) You can read about each book at Amazon.com.

The Anchor Park UMC Outreach folks would like to continue extra support during the COVID crisis. For the month of February, we are standing with the Downtown Hope Center and Beans Café. I have learned from our work in Nicaragua, that if you want to help people in need, you ask "What do you need". So we did just that. The answer was – paper products; toilet paper, paper plates and paper cups (no Styrofoam please).



We are collecting these paper products to benefit Beans Café and The Downtown Hope Center. Donated products will be collected in the coffee room on/under the table next to the kitchenette. I will collect the donated items on Feb 20, divide them and distribute them.

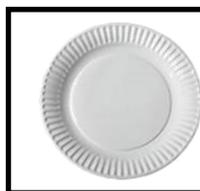
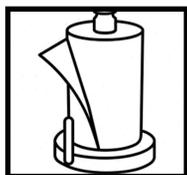


The people we walk with in the middle of their crisis are so very grateful. Thank you for your support, compassion and love!

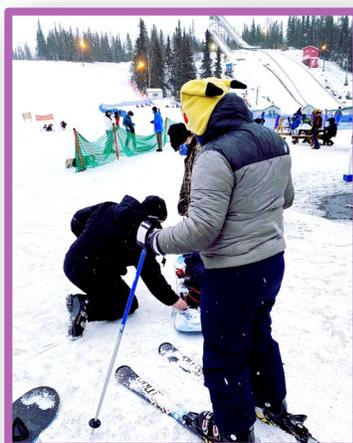
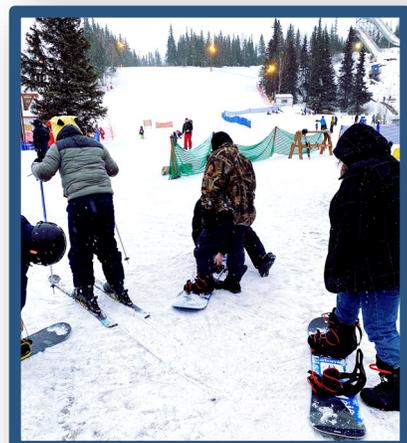
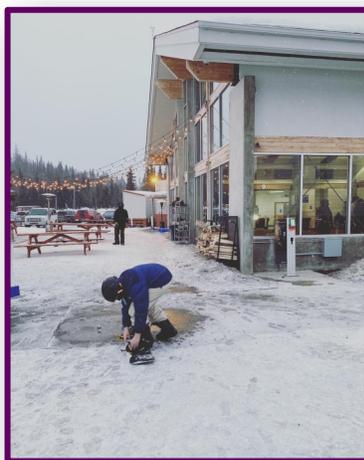
Your donations for both services can be dropped off at the church during office hours

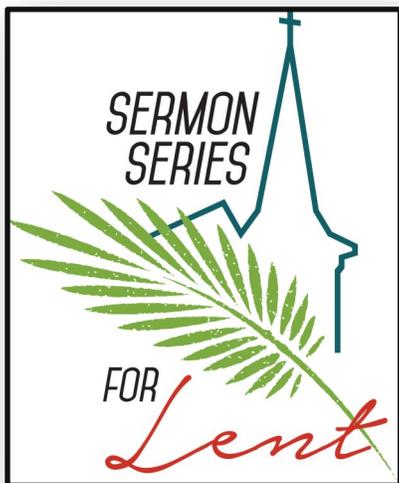
**Pam Owen, Outreach Chair**     *1 John 3:18 ESV*

*Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*



An  
**EPIC**  
day  
at  
Hilltop





## Messy . . . February 21 - March 28

Ever thought to yourself, "I can never be like those people in the Bible. They were so perfect!"? Then let me ask, have you really looked at `those people'? From the Old Testament to the New Testament, God used murderers, prostitutes, adulterers, thieves and liars. In other words, God uses the messiest lives to share the greatest truth; God doesn't give up on anyone and that includes me and you.

Join the journey as we get messy!

. . . A character study:

Feb 21: Abraham	The Liar	Genesis	12:1-9
Feb 28: Rahab	The Outcast	Joshua	2:1-5, 9, 12-15
Mar 07: Samson	The Thick Headed	Judges	13:1-5, 24-25
Mar 14: Gideon & Thomas	The Doubters	Judges	6:11-16 & John 20:25-29
Mar 21: Mary & Martha	The Odd Couple	Luke	10:38-42
Mar 28: Peter & Paul	The Dynamic Duo	Mark	8:31-33 & Acts 9:1-6

**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.

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



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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.