



Digging Out

9 Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are convinced of better things in your case—the things that have to do with salvation. 10 God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. 11 We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. Hebrews 6:9-11



This is our 17th winter in Alaska, (not counting the three I spent in Fairbanks in elementary school), but the snow this year is offering a slightly different challenge. In Wasilla and Willow, we were in the woods, and when we got more snow, we simply pushed or blew it deeper into the trees. In Unalaska, there was normally so much wind that the snow wouldn't stick around long enough to be a problem. But here in Anchorage, we really only have the option of going up. Added to that is the fact that we currently have had over 103" of snow, a record that has only been met 3 times in recorded history – and never this early.

As I trudged out into the snow yesterday, ready to fire up the snowblower and wield the shovels, I thought – this is part of the way I say, I love you. It has become a bit of a mantra to me when I do things I know will benefit the family – like chores, or cooking, or even holding a little one when energy and emotion runneth over, and they just need to quiet down.

As we move into the month when we celebrate Valentines Day, we tend to be bombarded with hearts and pink and chocolate. We hear and see multiple explanations for 'what love is.' None of them seem to be emptying the dishwasher or changing a diaper – or shoveling snow.

Loving one another is working together and for each other – frequently doing tasks that may seem to be difficult or mundane. They still say, I love you. How will you find ways to say "I love you" this month? Even if you don't use words.

Blessings,
Pastor Dan

Quilt Retreat XLIII
/ Quilts Are Like Friends,
A Great Source of Comfort
February 29-March 3rd

Start time Thursday 3:30pm

At Laverne Griffin Youth Camp Wasilla

Sponsored by the United Women in Faith (UWiF)

Snow and cold, a great reason to stay inside and sew. Through the years, our sisterhood of quilters are our source of comfort and strength. Join us, bring fabric, stories, smiles and let's create. Laverne Griffin Camp is nestled on 58 acres beside Kalmbach Lake in Wasilla. If you are not familiar with the camp visit the website to see facilities: Web: Lgyrc.Org

Registrations must be received by February 19, 2024

Make checks payable to Anchor Park United Women in Faith

Thursday -Sunday \$240 Friday -Sunday \$187

Questions contact: Susan: 317-0406 Beth: 349-9026 Nancy: 301-8789



Anchor Park Quilting Group

Monthly meeting Saturday, February 10, 10am-4pm

All are welcome Bring your project, sewing machine, and food to share for our potluck lunch.

Questions contact Susan 907-317-0406

Adopt a Families

A note of appreciation received from our adopted Roger's Park family. "Thank you all so much. You have saved Christmas for me and my kiddos. I was so stressed out I didn't know what I was going to do."

MISSION GIVING 2023

Christmas Offering– Food Bank	\$ 1,542.00
Missions	\$ 270.00
Backpack Buddies	\$ 5,319.90
FISH	\$ 1,445.00
Blessing Box	\$ 1,550.85
Youth Mission Trip Savings	\$ 15,000.99
Human Relations Day	\$ 100.00
UMCOR	\$ 2,136.00
Native American Ministries	\$ 170.00
World Communion	\$ 516.00
Nicaragua	\$ 4,765.00
	\$ 33,339.74



APUMC EPIC YOUTH

DATE NIGHT

FEBRUARY 10, 2024

OUR EPIC YOUTH WILL BE HOLDING
A DATE NIGHT WHERE PARENTS
CAN DROP OFF THEIR CHILDREN
FOR A CHILD FREE NIGHT OUT

AGE: 1 YEARS OLD - 6TH GRADE
FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED
ACTIVITIES WILL BE PLANNED
STARTING AT 5 TO 9 O'CLOCK
20\$ PER CHILD DONATION IS ALSO AN
OPTION

**TO SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT PLEASE CONTACT PASTER DAN AT
danielpwilcox@gmail.com
DEAD LINE IS FEBRUARY 4, 2024**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1. Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room	2.	3.
4. Pot Luck Adult Sunday School	5. Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room Fiber Fellowship @ 6:30 pm	6. Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room 6:30 PM Charge Conference Weekly Prayer	7. Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room	8. Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room	9.	10. Date Night Epic Youth Quilting Group Meeting
11. Lay Servant Class Adult Sunday School	12. Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room	13. Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room 6:30 PM Finance Meeting Weekly Prayer	14. Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room Potlatch	15. Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room	16.	17.
18. Lay Servant Class Confirmation Classes Adult Sunday School Pot Latch Meeting	19. Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room Fiber Fellowship @ 6:30 pm Quilting Registration Due	20. Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room 6:30 PM Church Council Weekly Prayer	21. Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room	22. Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room	23.	24.
25. Lay Servant Class Confirmation Classes Adult Sunday School	26. Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room	27. Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room Weekly Prayer	28. Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room	29. Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room		

Adult Sunday School Book Study- Come Join Us

Beginning Sunday February 4th, the adult Sunday School gathering will begin reading Richard Foster's *Celebration of Discipline*.

A newly repackaged and updated 40th anniversary edition of the timeless guide that has helped numerous seekers discover a richer spiritual life infused with joy, peace, and a deeper understanding of God. *Celebration of Discipline* explores the "classic Disciplines," or central spiritual practices, of the Christian faith. Dividing the Disciplines into three movements of the Spirit, Foster shows how each of these areas contribute to a balanced spiritual life. The inward Disciplines of meditation, prayer, fasting, and study offer avenues of personal examination and change. The outward Disciplines of simplicity, solitude, submission, and service help prepare us to make the world a better place. The corporate Disciplines of confession, worship, guidance, and celebration bring us nearer to one another and to God. Foster offers crucial new insights on simplicity, demonstrating how the biblical view of simplicity, properly understood and applied, brings joy and balance to our inward and outward lives and "sets us free to enjoy the provision of God as a gift that can be shared with others."

The book is available on Amazon, Thrift Books, and as an e-book.

The group meets at 9:30am on Sundays in the Lawhorn Room.

Financial Review 2023

Dear Anchor Park UMC,

We entered 2024 in good financial standing. Our 2023 budget was \$251, 333.40. We gave \$226,476.79, and an additional \$32, 813 to dedicated mission accounts. We ended 2023 with \$8,000.00 in our checking account, which among other things means we spent less than we budgeted for.

Church Council supported the Finance Committee's recommendation to move our checking account to Interfaith Federal Credit Union from Wells Fargo Bank as a tangible sign of our commitment to standing in solidarity with credit unions. The Finance Committee expects to save about \$1500.00 in bank fees.

The Finance Committee finalized the establishment of an endowment to secure the long-term financial viability of Anchor Park. The balance at the end of 2023 was \$14,958.66.

We are also growing as a congregation. In 2019 there were 145 people/families that have financially on a regular basis. During COVID the number of regular givers dropped to below 100. In 2023 there were 119 that gave on a regular basis.

We are a thriving, mission-driven congregation. I can't wait to see what happens in 2024.

Sandra Woods

Finance Committee, Chair



We invite you to join us in our prayers . . .

On-Line

Our prayer sessions last from 20 to 30 minutes.

Our voices gather from across the planet (Alaska, Australia, Washington state, and...). We encourage you to adjust the time for wherever you are, set an alarm, and join us. Check this out for yourself! Judy Pendleton, call her at (907) 250-8464 or email her at judyp.alaska@gmail.com. You can find us at this link:

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



IT'S LEAP YEAR!

FEBRUARY

Birthdays

Latu Tu'uholoaki	01
Dean Hyatt	07
Iiliane Vea	07
Don Hadley	10
Macy Whitaker	12
Khloie Vea	13
Judy Pendleton	14
Kaylin Kirkham	16
Maria Davis	17
Brian Hayden	19
Dina Russ	21
Deb Warner	21
Jo Michalski	25
Sione Tu'uholoaki	25
Carolyn Downie	27

FEBRUARY

Anniversaries

Dan & KrissAnn Wilcox 05/2000 24yrs



A quiet space Or a contemplative journey . . .

Our beautiful prayer room 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...

When you're stopping in to donate items for the upcoming yard sale. The Blessing Box, the food bank, etc...take a personal journey. Our Prayer Labyrinth is a peaceful (and peace promoting) walk of faith, designed to help you focus your thoughts. From the start in the center to the final step, allow the journey to take its own time - as long as your prayers to heaven.

Fiber Fellowship

Fiber Fellowship will be meeting twice during the month of February – on the 5th as well as again on the 19th. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting or other hand crafts, consider joining us as all are welcome. We begin at 6:30 pm and wrap up by 8 pm, gathering in person in the Lawhorn Room while also offering a Zoom connection. For those choosing to connect via Zoom, here is the needed connecting information:

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

Meeting ID: 225 718 367

Call In/Audio Only: 301-715-8592

The link typically is activated by 6:25 pm.

Fred Meyers Community Rewards Program

YOU CAN HELP ANCHOR PARK EARN DONATIONS JUST BY SHOPPING WITH YOUR FRED MEYER REWARDS CARD!

Fred Meyer is donating \$2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how the program works: Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Anchor Park United Methodist Church at: www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards

- You can search for us by name or by our non-profit number: **JV359**
- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Anchor Park UMC earn a donation!
- You still earn your personal Rewards Points, Rebates and Fuel Points
- Rewards Cards are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store

For more information please visit: www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards



United Women in Faith Auction Donations

During our January meeting, we decide which organizations would benefit from the profit from our Holiday auction. (See below) We wanted to help people with food insecurity, persons living in houseless situations, the conflict in the Middle east, and disasters. We hope our contributions will help women, children, and youth in need around the world.

- Doctors without Borders
- World Central Kitchen
- UMCOR International
- Lahaina United Methodist Church Fire support fund
- FISH-Friends in Serving Humanity
- Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness
- Children's Lunchbox
- Hope Center
- Beacon Hill
- Anchor Park Youth group mission trip fund



Potlatch Monthly meeting-

Our monthly meeting will take place February 18 following the worship service. The meal will be a pork dish. After lunch, the program will include reading a children's book off the United Women in Faith reading program list and discussion of issues addressed.



Western Jurisdiction United Women in Faith Quadrennial Event May 9-11, 2024 Hotel Captain Cook Anchorage, Alaska

Find information about the event at: <https://www.wjumw.com/>

Alaska UWIF Conference is offering a scholarship opportunity- Here is the link to the application: <https://forms.gle/qctXTi79QdPtYscK9>

We offer these scholarships to those who have never attended a regional United Women in Faith event before to encourage gaining firsthand knowledge of UWIF as a larger organization than just the local unit. We believe the knowledge gained and the relationships built during such events are worthwhile and valuable. They are valuable to the individuals who attend but their impact on local units is measurable in the terms of energy and activity that is spread and shared with local communities.

We worship in person on Sundays at 11:00am
streamed on Facebook Live

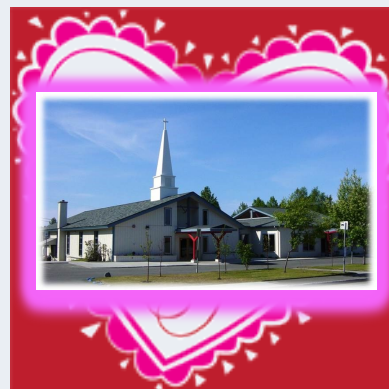
<https://www.facebook.com/anchorparkumc>

Visit our website: www.anchorpark.org
Uploaded early in the week to <https://tinyurl.com/svcxjaq>

Our Sunday sermons and prayers:
Audio only Call (907) 302-2795
no codes required



YouTube



We Welcome:

our community and beyond in hope and love

We Serve:

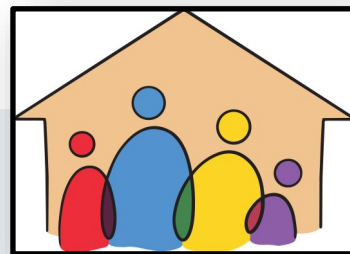
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We Love:

PEOPLE, as we experience and
share God's love. LOVING God and
neighbor, knowing that love will encour-
age diversity
and span
differences



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>

Refreshment Hour

Speak to Susan Williams
or add your name to a date!



Lay Reader

Speak to the new Pastors
or add your name to a date!
The sign-up sheet is on the
table at the entrance

Pot Luck

Potluck February 4th Directly
after service
Please join
after service



All youth ages 11 thru 18
are welcome!



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

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