



2021

How Could Mom Do It?

How often do you watch someone's child misbehave in public and think, "Mom or Dad would never put up with that!" We watch court cases or read the news and see parents defend children for crimes and think, "That parent must know they are guilty!"

I remember a few occasions (maybe more than a few) where something got back to my parents. They always began with the phrase, "I was talking to . . . and they mentioned something I'd like to ask you about." I knew at that moment; I — was — BUSTED!

A young man was tired of the monotony and restrictions of home decided to leave, to go where he could do what he wanted. He had had enough and let fly with his thoughts and opinions to his mom and left home,

After a number of years of doing what he wanted, when he wanted and how he wanted, things had not turned out as he planned. He decided to write to his mother and tell her that he was going to take the bus back home. He told her that if she would like to see him, she should hang a white handkerchief on top of the tree in their yard which could easily be seen before the bus stopped at the little home-town station. As the young man neared his house, everyone began to move to one side of the bus and began pointing out the window. There, the tree was covered in white handkerchiefs, enough so that the tree appeared covered in snow.

The son could not understand after all he had said and done that his mother would be willing to take him back into her home and her life. How could she do it?

In a disposable world, we simply toss out the DVD player or the toaster, never taking time to repair it because it is cheaper to replace it. Then, when someone mis-communicates or misunderstands an e-mail, a phrase, or a raised eye-brow, we get hurt. A relationship breaks because we fail to read between the lines and so we dispose of it or toss it aside.

When the crisis is not fixed in the same time frame as our favorite movie, it seems so easy to toy with the thought of tossing aside a relationship that does not work to our design or advantage. We assume that because we feel a certain way, the other party must feel the same way.

It was a mystery to me as a child just as it was a mystery to the young man. It remains a mystery to me even as a parent, that my love for my children can increase in difficulties, yet, I find it does.

A similar mystery exists with God when his love increases even when we wander. Know this: "When sin increased, God's grace increased much more (Romans 5:20)." How could mom do it? She knew grace. So can you.

Grace

Pastor Ken





Sunday mornings at 11:15am on YouTube

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

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

Worship Guides

Weekly Worship Guides are linked on the homepage of the church website (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. A hardcopy of the MiniLINK is sent with requests for a Worship Guide.



Celebrate the Lord's table

We celebrate Communion on the First Sunday of the month. Join us on

May 2nd outside. The elements are self-contained and social distancing and masks are required and observed.

APUMC Fiber Fellowship

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.

Fiber Fellowship has chosen to continue meeting as a group even as we transition from our spring and into summer. 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 anytime. Two options for connecting with this group will now be available, either joining those that choose to meet in person at church or connect via zoom from the comfort of your own home. However we each individually choose to participate, the important thing is that we are connecting with each other. Continuing with our regular pattern of meeting on the first and third Monday evenings of each month, in May we'll be meeting on **May 3rd** and again on the **17th**, starting each evening at **6:30pm and ending by 8pm.**

We are a Praying Church

Thursdays in May (6th, 13th, 20th, 27th)

@ 5pm Hosted by Judy Pendleton

A time to share our prayers with one another.

Computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88936069552?pwd=ZDQwNFJpMnVJMnFPbW8zTjIybnFNUT09>

Smart Device/App: Meeting ID: 889 3606 9552

Dial by your location Passcode: 753268

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdFrHFSf52>



QUILTING GROUP

Sat. May 8th
10am to 4pm

Come join the fellowship of quilters as we social distance. 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**

THE LINK



SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS



office@anchorpark.org





When we think of **puzzles**, we usually think of a **hobby**, a way to pass time and relax. The truth is that, in addition to having fun for a while, they also have numerous **health benefits**. From helping children in their skills development, through improving your memory and mood, to preventing major illnesses in the elderly.

Benefits of Puzzles*



Since Covid pandemic started people have dealt with isolation by solving puzzles. Puzzles can be expensive. The bible teaches us to be good stewards of all that is given to us. What a fun activity to share with our community. A puzzle lending library has been set up in the Lawhorn room. Feel free to borrow a puzzle. Most of the puzzles are 500 to 750 pieces. If your family has puzzles you would like to contribute to this effort just bring them to church and place them on the shelf.

*Taken from-<https://www.cronicaspuzzler.com/en/10-surprising-benefits-of-doing-jigsaw-puzzles/>

Saturday, June 12

Your junk ...

**Church
Yard
Sale**

2/3 of the proceeds will go to the EPIC Youth Kodiak mission trip.
1/3 goes to church missions.

We are accepting donations now!
Mon. thru Thur. 9am to 2pm here at APUMC

our
treasure ...

Anniversaries

Steve & Lisa Deckert	15
Russell & Cindy Kirkham	22
Ken & Jeanette Cornell	24

May

Birthdays

Kevin Mader	06
Ken Cornell	07
Norman Walker	07
Forest Hayden	10
Sage Hayden	10
Kevin Downie	12
Adam Hash	12
Joe Rocha	20
Jo Anne Hayden	23
Virginia Niusini-Dixson	23
Shawn Miller	29
Rieta Rule	30
Ann Jache	31

Join us for a
Celebration of Life honoring Gail Phillips

2:00 Memorial Service
3:00 Open House

In lieu of flowers, please consider honoring Gail with a donation to
The Gail Phillips, Alaskan, Leader Scholarship

UAF Development
PO Box 757530
Fairbanks, AK 99775-7530

Please sign our virtual guest book and share your favorite memories of Gail at www.GailPhillipsAlaska.com

Kincaid Chalet Thursday, June 3rd 2:00-6:00pm





AKCHILD & FAMILY

April 8, 2021

Anchor Park United Methodist Church
Attn: EPIC Youth
2300 Oak Street
Anchorage, AK 99508

Dear Fabulous EPIC Youth!

Thank you for the wonderful Easter baskets! Your gift of love and care is a beautiful witness to God's grace. As you know, young people who are living here have not always been well cared for. To be served in the way you did was a real treat. 45 young hearts were touched by your generosity Easter morning! Many thanks for the perfect assortment of goodies!

I'm grateful for your willingness to serve the students and staff of AK Child & Family. Your amazing gifts are appreciated as is your support of our mission! We are blessed by your caring and that you are partners in our ministry. Your work makes you a part of the great cloud of witnesses here at AK Child & Family. God's blessings to you and yours. He is RISEN!

In Gratitude & Service,

Kelli Williams
Director of Spiritual Life

EPIC YOUTH INVITES YOU TO
JOIN AN END OF THE SCHOOL
YEAR FUN FRIDAY

Where: Anchor Park UMC's parking lot
2300 Oak Dr. Anchorage, AK 99508

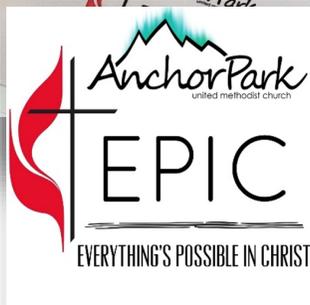
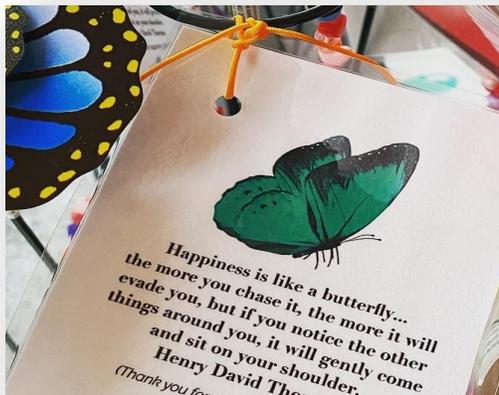
When: May 28th 2021 - Friday

Time: 1pm-4pm

(Please wear a face mask & practice social distancing)

Free food, activities, volleyball,
basketball, and so much more!

SCHOOL IS ENDING AND WE
INVITE YOU TO COME
HAVE SOME FUN! THIS
EVENT IS FOR ALL AGES 10
AND UP! FEEL FREE TO
BRING A FRIEND!



Beautiful
butterflies
everywhere
Thank you EPIC
Youth for such a
creative fundraiser.



EPIC APUMC YOUTH

CAR
WASH

May 15th 2021

11am-3:30pm

Anchor Park UMC

2300 Oak Dr. Anchorage, AK 99508

Donations will support Youth Mission



**Volunteer
May 1st
Please meet at Anchor
Park UMC
9am**



**American
Foundation
for Suicide
Prevention**



Musubi in the making



Working at the Foodbank yea!



April 25, 2021

Dear Church Family,

First, a big thank you EPIC Youth for giving us the opportunity to serve those in our own neighborhood by first coming up with the idea of the Blessing Box, then building it! Thank you church, again for your outpouring of generosity to assure we have some food stored to add to the Blessing Box as needed! We packed part of two shelves in our storage closet with various protein products, fruits, oatmeal, breads, soups, sanitary and hygiene products. We won't know to whom specifically most of our gifts go, but we do know that our gifts feed our brothers & sisters!



I also would like to take a minute to look at what you have offered up to others over this past year, during COVID. We donated 2,2950 pounds of food to the Willow Food Pantry!! We gathered badly needed paper products for both Beans Café and The Downtown Soup Kitchen & Hope Center and now food and supplies for the Blessing Box to help those in need in own church neighborhood. What a blessing it is to be able to reach outward and help others, especially during a pandemic.

Outreach Missions will continue to be in service to others. Stay tuned!

Matthew 25:

35 For I was hungry and you gave me food 36 I was naked and you clothed me 40 as you did it to one of the least of these my brother and sisters, you did it to me.

Serving others is our way of being the hands and feet of God! How joyous!

Pam Bell





May 16, @1pm Barbecue Luncheon



The Menu

- Barbecue Chicken
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Cole Slaw
- Corn Bread w/
honey butter
- AND
- Peach Cobbler

We will adhere to Covid policy and pre serve food in to-go containers. RSVP to the church office or Susan at smwilliams@gci.net.

We will gather outside the church, weather permitting, (if not Wesley Hall socially distanced) and share a meal together. We will catch up and play some fun games.



Summer Retreat

UMW hopes to have a summer retreat. The Ashlock family has offered their "Cabin" for our use. We will discuss potential dates at our May meeting.



May 16 is Clare House Sunday

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>

Clare House provides services that address the basic needs of clients entering the emergency shelter program. This includes safe, warm shelter, food, water and other necessities for both moms and their children.

While families are transitioning out of survival mode, Clare House offers 24-hour support and case management services to help guide families to permanent stability. This program provides our clients with stability, consistency and a positive support system, which works hand in hand in building trust and self-esteem. Moms and kids are often in compromised situations sleeping in a car or on the street with no where else to go before they find refuge at Clare House.



Are We There, Yet??

An Update from the Re-Opening Task Force

I find myself asking that question more and more since the end of March. In November the Bishop published updated guidelines for re-opening that depended heavily on the number of new COVID cases reported in our community. In February, with more people getting vaccinated the number started trending down. "We're almost there. Hurray!" And then the number of new cases jumped dramatically. As more were eligible for the vaccine, those unvaccinated took advantage of Anchorage opening up and "got a bit too close" to one another.

Here we are, having celebrated a second Easter without the songs and pageantry that helps us declare "Christ is Risen!" we are reserved in our expressions of hope. For indeed, we can't see a way out of the present circumstances of not being inside our sanctuary and singing our praises to God.

"Are we there, yet?" We can gather in groups of up to 10, and with the ideas from a worship workshop "BOTH/AND" Pastor Ken has reached out to help bring some of those options to life. These ideas include having 10 people in the Sanctuary to worship in a shorter service or join in watching the YouTube worship together. With the coming of summer, there will also be options for worship outside. All bring us back in contact with each other to worship our Risen Lord. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information about this.

In the meantime, the Re-Opening Task Force would like to hear if you are ready to be back so we can plan the timing and spacing needed to keep us all safe. **If you can and are willing, click on the link below and let us know when you will be ready to be back as an assembled member of the Body.**

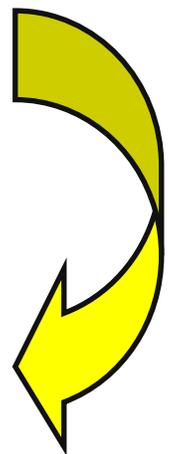
My fellow Siblings in Christ, I too am longing to be back together with you.

Blessings,

Sandra Woods

Chair, Re-opening Task Force

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Anyone remember taking Sunday School classes in the Camai House in the late 1980s? We had a need for extra space back then. Robbie Robinson was instrumental in acquiring the house and property and also eventually its removal so we could have the east parking lot.





On Sunday, May 16th, Anchor Park United Methodist Church will be 67 years celebrating the Gospel and helping others.

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


Anchor Park

United Methodist Church

2300 Oak Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

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

Office Phone: 907-277-0152 Email: 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.