



New Plantings

My new potato bags arrived today. I've never grown potato's this way before, but you put dirt in the bag, put the seed potatoes in, and then let them grow. I always dug long furrows and mounds, planting the seed potatoes and filling in the furrows as they grow. It is a little more labor intensive, but it has always helped me feel more connected to the garden.

This year will be different. They will grow in bags. As we have in each place we've moved, we need to adjust our gardening to the location. Sometimes we've had a lot of space where we can plant a large garden plus have plants in containers. Other times we've had only space for a few plants on the porch. In each place, we've had to decide how best to use the space we have.

While gardening connects me to the ground, it also connects me to the generations who taught me gardening. Grandparents and parents who had large gardens and fruit trees and other plants showed me the joy of growing the food we eat. Part of their legacy is the gardens we grow.

And yet, we can't do it the way they did. Aside from a few years in Fairbanks, none of our parents or grandparents ever gardened in Alaska. The climate and soil and seasons were totally different. And yet the principals are similar. Our connection to the land may be different, but work still gives us food.



As I think about our gardening, I'm reminded how much these truths are reflected in other areas of life. As we learn new ways of doing things and expand our understanding of creation, our approach to life shifts. We can't always do things the way we've always done them. Yet, we learn and are enriched by the experiences, lives and histories of those who have gone before.

Every year as I prepare to garden, I realize how much has changed in just a year. I also see how much is the same. As we work through our lives together at Anchor Park, we sometime may get the sense that everything is always changing. When we dwell on the changes and miss the things that are common with the past, we tend to worry. When we only focus on the changes and ignore those common connections, we tend to become unrooted.

We need to celebrate who we have been, who has gone before, and how they inform who we are. But we also need to grasp the calling to engage the world around us in new and exciting ways. We build on the past while moving forward.

Blessings,
Pastor Dan



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 judy.p.alaska@gmail.com. You can find us at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88936069552pwd=ZDQwNFJpMnVJMnFPbW8zTjlybFNhUT09>

APRIL Birthdays

Janet Ulukivaiola	04
Peter Michalski	13
Rita Spencer	13
Hevaha Malupo	15
Fuetahi Pakileata	26



A quiet space Or a contemplative journey . . .

Our beautiful prayer room is open to you any time the church office is open (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 we welcome you to donate items. 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.

APRIL Anniversaries

Judy & Ken Pendleton	16
Vicki & Tom Packar	24

I am happy to announce that Alaska Native HOPE will be hosting "We Are More! (than the missionaries said we could be)." Due to potential funding schedules, the start date will now begin in July. We will host a panel of faith leaders that will share what they know about their institutions' participation and compliance in relationship with United States policies that led to the forced assimilation of Alaska Native people.

It is important that we do this because many institutions, like the United Methodist Church, have made beautiful statements that have acknowledged their participation and made steps toward healing and empowerment, but most Alaska Native people are not aware that any church has taken these steps. Anchor park will then host a training for Triumph Over Trauma healing circles (April 13) that will then take place at APU over the course of 4 months.

In October, we will host a listening summit that will offer a chance for survivors and descendants to share the truth of their experiences with church members that are committed to supporting further work of empowerment and healing. I welcome your prayers and support during this process. If anyone is interested in helping as a trauma healing circle facilitator or as a faith witness, please reach out to me. Happy Easter!

-Pastor Murray Crookes



United Women in Faith

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

Registration ends – April 15, 2024 "Find information about the event at: <https://www.wjumw.com/>"



Church Wide Yard Sale will be Sat., June 8th.

Spring is coming so if you are planning to clean out those closets, garage or sheds, donate all those items to the church sale. We can accept items from 9-2pm Mon. through Thursday. If another time is more convenient, call Vicki Packer at (907) 529-5942.

Pot Luck Update

There will be a Breakfast Pot luck immediately after the 7:30am Easter Sunrise service on Sunday, March 31st. Our monthly Pot Luck will be on Sunday, April 7th.

May Pot Luck

Vicki & Tom will be out of town for the May Pot Luck on May 5th. Could someone volunteer to take it on. There are written instructions in the kitchen or come to help on April 7th and find out more.

United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith's Potluck Lunch will be held on Sunday April 21st immediately following worship, downstairs in Wesley Hall. Plan now to join us for another delicious, prepared from scratch meal followed by a program focused on Violence Against Alaska Native Women. Kristie Traver from the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center will be our guest presenter and help us all increase our awareness and understanding of this critically important topic within the State of Alaska.

If you plan on attending, please confirm that intent by emailing Susan Williams at smwilliams@gci.net or text at 907-317-0406 by April 17th so that an appropriate amount of food can be prepared (a donation of \$10/meal is welcomed to help defray the cost of the meal, though not required). Thanks!

Fiber Fellowship

In April, Fiber Fellowship will be meeting twice during the month, on the 1st and again on the 15th. 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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7. Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Childrens Sunday School 10:00 am Pot Luck 12:00 pm	8. Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room Fiber Fellowship @ 6:30 pm	9. Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room	10. Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room ANHOPE Potluck and Bible Study @6:00 pm	11. Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room Bell Choir 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:15 pm	12. Pastor Dan Returns	13. 6. Quitting Group Meeting
14. Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Childrens Sunday School 10:00 am Youth Meeting @ 4:00 pm	15. Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room Fiber Fellowship @ 6:30 pm Western Jurisdiction United Women in Faith Quadrantal Event registration ends	16. Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room 6:30 PM Finance Meeting	17. Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room ANHOPE Potluck and Bible Study @6:00 pm	18. Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room Bell Choir 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:15 pm	19.	20. Lock-in for Youth Group Meeting Pastor Dan Leaves for General Conference
21. Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Childrens Sunday School 10:00 am Bake Sale for Youth Group United Women in Faith's Potluck Lunch	22. Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room	23. Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room 6:30 PM Church Council	24. Strong Women Strong Bones 10-11 AM Tongan Room ANHOPE Potluck and Bible Study @6:00 pm	25. Strong Women Strong Bones 1-2PM Tongan Room Bell Choir 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:15 pm	26.	27
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CONGRATULATIONS LARRY & JO ANNE HAYDEN!

Sunday, March 24th was a joyous occasion at Anchor Park as Larry & Jo Anne Hayden received the Perry Award for their more than forty years of dedicated and loving service to our church.

This is only the third time that this award has been given out since its inception, and like the previous awardees, the Haydens are very worthy recipients. They have both been involved in most church activities, have served in multiple roles in committees and leadership positions, they both regularly check in with various church members with calls and visits to see how they are doing and find out if they need any help, and are just always doing something for the church!

It seems almost impossible to list everything that they have done, whether it was something that we could see or the many things that they have done behind the scenes that contribute to the functioning and caring atmosphere of the church. They have always been there when they were needed, whether serving in a formal office or position or during the many other times they just stepped in when they saw the need.

The Church Council and congregation recognizes their contributions and expresses our gratitude to them by honoring them with the Perry Award for their dedication and long-term service at Anchor Park UMC.



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:

We are a welcoming, loving, and serving church! WELCOMING ALL PEOPLE, as we experience and share God's love.

We Love:

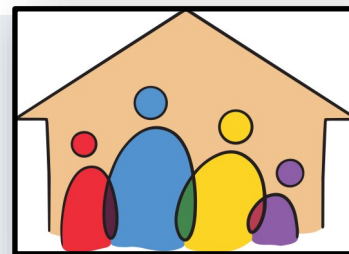
God and neighbor, knowing that love will encourage diversity and span differences

We Serve:

our community and beyond in hope and love



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

Pot Luck
Potluck April 7th 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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