

Phil's Thoughts

*Ideas for summer sermon topics?
Let me know*

Returning from an April trip down South, I sat next to a man heading to Juneau for his summer job in the tourism industry. He lives here six months a year, working in one of the locally owned jewelry stores, and he hopes someday to live full time in our community. Our conversation was a wakeup call for me. Summer is almost here! Most communities have differing rhythms in various seasons, but it is more pronounced in Juneau than in many locales. Juneau bustles with the state legislature from January to April (or longer), and May brings the arrival of cruise ships and seasonal workers in both tourism and the fishing industry. The extended hours of daylight mean long days of work for many.

At church, our schedule changes in the summer as well. Worship is moved an hour earlier so that both workers and fun seekers will have more time to pursue their various endeavors and to enjoy the glory of Southeast summers. We trade study for fellowship as our Sunday School classes take a break, and volunteers sign up to cook and serve breakfast/brunch after the worship service. This year, **our last 11 a.m. service will be June 7 followed by a cookout for the congregation and neighborhood** on 11th Street in front of the church. **Beginning June 14,**

we will worship at 10 a.m. followed by breakfast and we will maintain this schedule through Labor Day.

One of the things that has not changed much in the summer is the worship service, and particularly my preaching. I typically (although not always) preach from one of the lectionary passages. The lectionary is a set of scripture readings assigned for each Sunday. Lectionary topics follow the seasons of the church year (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost), and the readings have been agreed upon by a wide range of Christian denominations. In the "free church" tradition of both the Presbyterian and United Methodist churches, preachers are not required to preach from the lectionary, but I find it a valuable discipline and a testimony to the universality of the church. There is something profound about knowing that the same text is being addressed on the same Sunday in many and varied congregations across the globe.

There is also something to be said for acknowledging the differing rhythms of the year! Some of my colleagues depart from their more usual preaching practices in the summer and this year, I am thinking about giving it a try. My idea is to **preach** (sometimes at least) **on topics suggested by you.** Do you have a subject, theme, question, or idea that you would like me to address in a sermon? If so,

send it to me! The best way to get it to me is by email, nlucpastor@ak.net, but you can also drop off a note in the church office, or call me with your idea, 586-3131. I can't promise I will feel qualified or comfortable addressing every suggestion. And, although I will prayerfully prepare for those sermons I will preach, I won't be offering a definitive word or "correct answer." I will seek to faithfully address the issues you propose. Some of them at least :-). As summer beckons, may God be with us in all the pursuits the season offers. May the light of God's presence enhance our use and enjoyment of the daylight of our summer days, and shine on our faith journeys along the way.

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Youth Corner

Graduating Senior Spotlight: Jamie Barnhill



Jamie Barnhill, the son of Mike and Peggy Barnhill, is graduating from Thunder Mountain High School on Sunday, May 24, 2015. Jamie has been in youth group at Northern Light United Church and the Cooperative Youth Group since 6th grade. He shared that his favorite memory of youth group was the 2014 Summer Mission Trip to the Henderson Settlement in Kentucky. He will be heading to Davidson College in Davidson, NC in the fall.

Youth News: We are, indeed, the Cooperative Youth Group. The name is clear and to the point—no need for frills. We are entering an exciting time of discernment for our 2016 Summer Mission Trip open to all young people finishing grades 8-12 by summer 2016! Without knowing the location, the young people collectively decided that they would like to work directly with kids this time. They have also shown interest in being immersed in a foreign culture (to us) and are open to the possibility of a language barrier (and learning some of the language before we go). Wow! Our young people are ambitious!! We will see what God has in store for us as we continue to prayerfully discern where we are being called.

Important Note: We will not meet regularly over the summer, but when there are events that come up, I will send out an e-mail blast (an e-newsletter) to keep everyone in the loop. If you are interested in receiving this newsletter, please send a note of interest to Melissa at Pastor.Engel.AK@gmail.com. Please note my new email address.

As for me, I get commissioned as a Provisional Elder (a Resident in Ministry) in the Rocky Mountain Conference on June 14, 2015 in Estes Park, CO. Then, on July 1, 2015, I start in full-time ministry as the Pastor of Douglas Community United Methodist Church and the Pastor of the Cooperative Youth Group. Exciting times! Please pray for me, the congregation at Douglas, and the youth group as we navigate this transition and re-navigate rhythms of work and life.

Thanks and many blessings this summer! Have a good one!

Melissa

May Schedule:

May 3	Aldersgate UMC	5:15-7:17
May 10	NLUC	5:15-7:17
May 17	Douglas UMC	5:15-7:17
May 24	St. Brendan's	5:15-7:17
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Bread for the World

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. For more than 40 years, BFW's members have helped win bipartisan support for measures that address the causes of hunger. Each year, thousands of churches from many faith traditions take part in the Offering of Letters.

NLUC is joining this effort by holding an "Offering of

Letters" after church on Sunday, May 24. This year's focus is a renewal of and improvement of the federal government's major child nutrition programs, including those for school meals, summer feeding, and WIC. Thanks to the leadership of BFW and its partner churches, the 2010 "Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act" expanded and improved these programs.

Every five years these programs must be re-authorized. Now is the time. NLUC is working hard locally. This is an opportunity to show support on a national level.

Please plan to join us after church on May 24 for a few minutes. All materials will be provided.

For more information call Linda Miller, 789-2501; or better still, check BFW's website (www.bread.org)

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Safe Sanctuary Training May 16

As a church, we are committed to providing a healthy and safe environment for everyone and especially for children, youth and vulnerable adults. To that end, we have adopted "safe sanctuary" policies and procedures. This entails matters such as always providing adequate supervision, meeting in open and observable settings, following the "rule of three" (not being alone with a child or youth),

transportation safety for outings, recognizing and reporting abuse and more. We provide **training in our Safe Sanctuary policy and procedures**, and you are invited to attend! **Over coffee, tea, and a light brunch, on Saturday, May 16, 10-11:30**, we will explore together how we commit to keeping our sanctuary safe for children, youth, vulnerable adults, and all members and visitors of our

congregation. If you volunteer for the summer lunch program, teach Sunday School, volunteer with youth, or may now or in the future work with children, youth, or vulnerable adults, or just want to know more about the "why" and the "how" of our congregation's Safe Sanctuary commitment, this session is for you! Questions? Call Joy Lyon, 321-5887.

Nepal Earthquake Relief

On April 25, a devastating earthquake hit the Himalayan country of Nepal leaving thousands dead and causing widespread injury and damage. Both our denominations are active participants in the international relief effort that is underway. The One Great

Hour of Sharing offering we received on Palm Sunday helps fund the response by the United Methodist Committee on Relief and Presbyterian Disaster Ministries. Our churches' efforts are high impact, low overhead, efficient and effective ways to

deliver help. If you would like to make an additional donation for the disaster response, you may write a check to NLUC and mark it "Nepal" in the memo line. Donations to our church will be sent in equal portions to our denominations.

Mother's Day is a wonderful opportunity to support mothers in need

The current initiative of the United Methodist Church is "Imagine No Malaria." Mosquitoes in Sub-Saharan Africa attack a disproportionate amount of expectant mothers and young children under the age of 5. A child dies from malaria every single minute. The good news is that since the UMC started this campaign in 2010, the overall malaria death rate has been cut in half. There is a chance to eradicate the disease for good!

Please consider making a donation to help eradicate malaria by buying a Mother's Day card for or in honor of a mother you love. Mother's Day cards will be available to pick-up at the church on Mother's Day, May 10th. If you will not be available to pick up your card or your loved one is out of town, please make sure to let us know when ordering and we can arrange to have it mailed for you in time. In lieu of a card to give, you may also make a donation "In Honor Of _____" and we will print the names in the Worship Bulletin on Mother's Day.

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You may buy your card for any amount, but here's an idea of what your donation can do:

- \$10 Purchases one insecticide-treated mosquito net.
- \$20 Pays for the cost of food & treatment of anemia in a pregnant woman with malaria.
- \$30 Provides 15 Rapid Diagnostic Test Kits for malaria.
- \$50 Delivers 2 Impact Messages on health, education & faith on UMC radio stations in Africa.
- \$60 Sends a solar-powered radio to a woman in a rural community.
- \$75 Provides medication to treat 15 patients sick with malaria.
- \$100 Covers the expenses for an anti-malaria campaign in a local school.
- \$200 Supports 1 hour of programming on UMC radio stations on topics such as disease prevention and peace & reconciliation.
Trains Traditional Birth Attendants in malaria prevention & treatment.
- \$500 Provides all the expenses for a one day community leader training for 35-40 people on malaria prevention.
- \$28/Month Impacts 100 lives in Africa and saves 100 children from dying of a preventable disease.

The youth will have a table in the sanctuary after service on May 3rd and 10th. There will also be bulletin inserts during those services that you can fill out and drop into the offering plate. You can also contact me directly and I'd be happy to see that your card for your loved one is made and delivered and that your donation is sent to Imagine No Malaria. Checks should be made out to Northern Light United Church (NLUC) with Imagine No Malaria in the memo line.

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Mother's Day Tea and Tips—Saturday, May 9 at NLUC

10 – 11am

Future Moms (and current moms too!)

Is a baby in your life, or in your future? You are probably aware there is extremely limited child care for infants and toddlers in Juneau. Come learn and discuss how to plan ahead for balancing work, family, and creative options for child care. Free children's books and resource

guides. Guest speaker.

1:30-2:30

Above and Beyond Moms

Are you caring for a friend, relative, or neighbor's children, or thinking about it? Come meet some other "super moms" and learn and discuss ideas for safe, fun, learning activities in your home, as well as different financial supports

available if you choose to grow in the future. Free safety kit and children book. Guest speaker.

Come to either or both times! Call **321-5887** or **586-1002** for more info. Free child care provided, with scones, fresh fruits, teas, and coffees. Sponsored by the Juneau Community of Christian Women of NLUC.

April Giving Report

Operational giving by the congregation during April lagged behind the amount budgeted for the month. Nevertheless, for the first 4 months of the year the total given for operations still significantly exceeds the budgeted amount

Thank you for your support of Northern Light's financial needs.

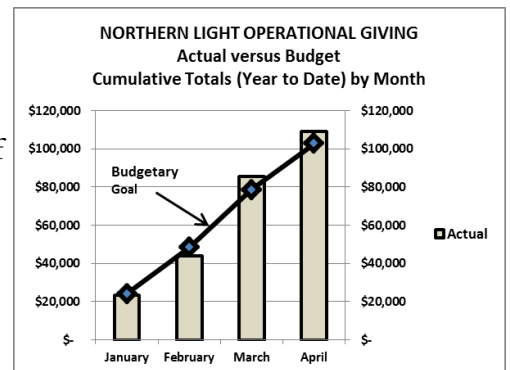
April's giving was about \$1,000 under what one month's giving would be if the same amount was given every week of the year. However, over the

first 3 months of the year, Northern Light received \$7,000 more than budgeted (again assuming the giving over the year is the same each week). Therefore, April ended with about \$6200 more in receipts from congregational giving than budgeted.

A new initiative of Northern Light that has drawn especially strong congregational support during the first few months of the year is supplying weekend food for economically disadvantage students. Over \$3,500

has been given to help offset the costs associated with this initiative.

Congregation giving in support of other, non-operational initiatives, has also been strong. Since January 1: the youth have raised over \$1300 for various food and mobility initiatives; \$640 has been raised for the Imagine-No-Malaria campaign; and over \$1350 was given in support of the One-Great-Hour-of-Sharing special offering.



Birthdays



2	Percy Hope	10	Judy Wygant	21	Logan Shaul-Jensen
	Ernest Joseph		Nancy Decherney	23	Reggie Marvin
3	Carol Barril	11	Paul Spangler		Junetta Peterson
4	James Duncan	15	Alan Akiyama	25	George Partlow
	Nick Miller		Monica Yost		Taylor Lehnhart
	Marc Wheeler	17	Anne Standerwick	26	Phil Montgomery
6	Jeremiah Blankenship		Ariel Childers	27	Vincenzo Veliz
				29	Fred Shuler

Thank yous

Many people and groups are involved in making sure things happen at NLUC. Each month we would like to recognize some of those individuals and groups for their special services. Special thanks to:

*Liturgists for April: Tom Perkins, Jean Ann Alter, Betsy Brenneman, Linda McCargar

*Greeters/ushers for April: Karen and Olga Lipson, Carol Barril, Linda McCargar and George Partlow, Katherine Hope

*Tom Perkins and Don & Janet Kussart who assembled the April newsletter

*Refreshment hosts for April: Margaret MacKinnon, Denise Carroll, Esther Millea, Judith Maier, Jan Kussart

Summer Lunch Jobs

Our church and Douglas United Methodist are again teaming up this summer to provide lunch for children who do not have access to free lunches after the school year ends. This year we will again serve at the Geneva Woods housing complex and also serve at Cedar Park. Both locations are on Douglas Island. This year, in addition to the many volunteers who will help cook, serve, and interact with the young people, **we hiring for 6 part-time positions!** There will be a site coordinator, food transporter/kitchen cleaner, and activities leader for each site. **The site and food jobs are 20 hours a week and the activities position is 10 hours. The lunch program begins June 1 and runs to the middle of August.** To apply, contact Sharon Lowe, Slowe58616@aol.com. Job descriptions are posted on the bulletin board in our Fellowship Hall; they can also be obtained via email from the church office, nluc@ak.net.

Camp Get Ready.....Saturday, May 23rd is **“Camp Get Ready!”** We will get Eagle River United Methodist Camp in shape for the summer season. Cleaning and repairs inside and out. For a list of jobs, see the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall and plan to join us (mile 28 out the road) to lend a hand. Lunch will be provided to all the workers.

Building Access

A lockbox has been installed near the A Street entrance that contains a church entrance key. Those who need to access the building for church meetings or other scheduled use may contact the church office to obtain the lockbox code.

MAY 2015

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Sunday Schedule

10:00am Christian Education

11:00am Worship

*No matter who you are,
no matter where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*