

## REPORT TO PRESBYTERY FROM

Northern Light United Church    October 2011

Northern Light United Church (NLUC) is the union of the old Juneau Methodist and Northern Light Presbyterian Churches. Because of the union, NLUC works with both denominations.

Worship attendance has been up the last six months compared to attendance one year ago.

A successful vision and planning retreat was held in May, which was a well attended highlight for the year.

One Sunday in August was: "Bring a friend to church". It was rather fun with members of the church introducing their friend/s to the congregation.

Three singing groups at NLUC are the Tlingit Gospel Singers, Song For The Journey, and Chancel Choir. The sermon one Sunday was entitled, "Message in Music" and all three groups plus the congregation presented the sermon in song.

Members of NLUC provide the dinner at the Glory Hole twice each month.

Following the fire at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, members of Holy Trinity began their traditional Wednesday dinners at NLUC. They were joined by adults and youth from NLUC and a close friendship developed between our two churches. Their new church building has been dedicated, but they continue to hold their Wednesday dinners at NLUC and the youth from both churches continue to meet at Northern Light. We were guests at the dedication ceremony at the new Episcopal Church.

Each year on December 24, people from several churches gather at NLUC to pack Christmas bags for the residents at Lemon Creek Correctional Center. The bags are distributed the evening (Christmas Eve).

Members of NLUC are much involved with the Eagle River United Methodist Camp, Juneau. They help maintain the camp's buildings and develop programs at the camp. Potlucks are a fun way to get together, especially on Thanksgiving Day.

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