

## Kenai United Methodist Church Church Profile Summary

### Mission Statement:

The mission of the people of this congregation is to be a Christ-centered fellowship in this time and place by worshiping God through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.

### Summary:

Kenai United Methodist Church is a warm and welcoming congregation dedicated to community service and Christian fellowship. Despite challenges, the church remains committed to worship, outreach, and fostering a spirit of inclusivity. Moving forward, leadership and congregation efforts will focus on growth, music enrichment, and community impact.

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## General Information

- **Church Name:** Kenai United Methodist Church
  - **Address:** 607 Frontage Road, Kenai, Alaska 99611
  - **Pastor:** Pastor Neicey Carlton – retiring June 30<sup>th</sup> 2025
  - **Date Organized:** Estimated November 1956
  - **SPRC Chairperson:** Matthew Dura
  - **Church Council Contact:** mj dura@gmail.com | (907) 252-8639
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## Membership & Community Engagement

- **Total Members:** 23
  - **Average Worship Attendance:** 15 (Winter) / 25 (Summer)
  - **Sunday School:** Irregular attendance (0-6 participants)
  - **Non-Member Participation:** 18 individuals
  - **Community Served:** Approx. 31,000 people across the Central Kenai Peninsula
  - **Demographics:**
    - **Age Distribution:** 10% child/teen, 10% (20-40), 15% (40-60), 65% (60+)
    - **Occupations:** Retired, education, homemakers, miscellaneous
    - **Ethnicity:** Reflects local community (82% White)
    - **Language:** 100% English
  - **Community Trends:** Aging population, rising senior demographic, teen unemployment, opioid crisis
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## Financial Overview

- **2023 Financials:**
  - **Total Budget:** \$80,627

- **Operating Budget:** \$39,550
  - **Giving Received:** \$139,622
  - **Expenses:** \$114,225
  - **Apportionments Paid:** 100%
  - **Pastoral Compensation:** \$32,074 (half-time salary, newly renovated parsonage provided)
  - **Staff:** Ministry Assistant (Rachael Craig) assists with music, guest speakers, and pastoral support
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## Key Church Ministries & Community Outreach

- **Food Pantry:** Provides meals, clothing, and resources to low-income families and homeless individuals
  - **AA Program:** Hosts local Alcoholics Anonymous meetings
  - **School Supply Drive:** Distributes backpacks and supplies to children in need
  - **Community Partnerships:** Works closely with "Love INC" to support the homeless and struggling families
  - **Facility Use:** Provides space for a daycare serving the local community
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## Church Goals

- **Future Goals (1-5 years):**
    - Expand community engagement and church attendance
    - Strengthen music ministry as part of worship
    - Maintain and enhance existing outreach programs
    - Ensure a welcoming, inclusive atmosphere for all
    - Engage multigenerational participation with new programming
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## Pastoral Leadership Needs

- **Desired Strengths:**
    - Strong preaching and teaching with real-life application
    - Relationship-building, home visits, and pastoral care
    - Outreach and community connections
    - Modern approaches to worship, music, and Bible study
    - Social media and technology skills for wider engagement
    - Theological education and fundraising experience
  - **Community Involvement:** Encouraged but balanced with church leadership duties
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Kenai Beach, walking distance from the KUMC Parsonage



Fishing on the Kenai River



Skiing in the Kenai City Limits



KUMC Parsonage