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The family of Morgan Apatiki in his passing on 2/5

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Delta Presbyterian Church, Delta Junction

Delta Presbyterian and Faith Lutheran are "churches in partnership" in Delta Junction. We gather together and alternate orders of worship each week. Other participants have not joined either congregation but come fairly regularly.

Once again, local volunteers have been "love in action" and shared Project Christmas with the community. 110 gifts of toys and gift



cards were distributed to the families as Christmas presents for their children when they came by to pick up their box of food. Almost 90 boxes of food have been distributed. Volunteers from Seventh Day Adventist Church organized the gifts. Volunteers from Delta Presbyterian - Faith Lutheran Church organized the food boxes.

The GriefShare program was first presented in 2014 and the newer special holiday program was presented in 2015. Scheduling for the 13-week program is in the planning.

Our annual outreach Spaghetti Dinner has been scheduled for Saturday, March 12 this year. This is another event that brings our members together as everyone helps prepare the meal and welcomes visitors to our church.

The ongoing work on the church building has made our worship space warmer by adding wall and ceiling/roof insulation and new windows. Old fluorescent and incandescent lighting will be replaced with newer, more

efficient lighting.



Chapel in the Mountains, Anaktuvuk Pass

Last Sunday night the congregation of Chapel in the Mountains in Anaktuvuk Pass gathered to give thanks to God. On January 2nd, a Wright Air Service Cessna 208 Caravan crashed six miles south of AKP. Miraculously, all eight people on board survived, although with serious injuries. Still, many Anaktuvuk Pass residents remember a similar plane crash in almost the same place in the 1970s. No one survived that crash. The fact that



everyone survived this crash, despite icy conditions and other possible contributing factors, seemed miraculous, indeed.

At this gathering, church members noted that those moments when God's grace is so obvious call for a faith response from the people who witness it. Together they took time to offer prayers of thanks. In the end, though the evening turned into a conversation on how they might respond as a whole church.

At least one of the responses the church is looking forward to will be a community Service of Thanksgiving to be held as soon as all the passengers have returned from the hospital. The church members want everyone who was in the crash to have an opportunity to be present when this special worship service is held.

Some of the responses the church plans are to strengthen the congregation's ability to build up a fellowship of believers. The conversation revealed that an afternoon worship time would better serve a much wider range of people, allowing more people to gather in united worship and fellowship. The group also identified groups of people, who are missing from church activities. They then began thinking of ways to reach out to these groups, beginning with a "tailgate party" on Superbowl Sunday.

Finally, the conversation revealed a need to build relationships between generations. Older people struggle with English; younger people never learned the Iñupiaq that their elders speak. Further, the church and the community recognize that the language provides a way of looking at the world that is unique to the Iñupiat people. They therefore decided to begin offering Iñupiaq language classes for any who wish to come.

Please pray for the Chapel in the Mountains, and for their efforts to revive their congregation in its efforts to serve our Lord, Jesus Christ.





Upcoming Presbytery Meeting

The next presbytery meeting will be held on February 26th & 27th, 2016 at the First Presbyterian Church in Anchorage. If you are planning to attend and have not done so already, please download a registration form from our website at <u>www.pbyukon.org/meetings/spring2016.html</u> and submit it to the presbytery office. All documents pertaining to the meeting will also be posted on the website as they become available.

Presbyterian Mission Yearbook

As of January 1, 2016, the 120-year old Presbyterian Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study is available exclusively online. You can visit the website daily at <u>www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/</u> or choose to receive the yearbook day by day via email or RSS feed.

Special Offer from the Presbyterian Outlook

This year the 222nd General Assembly will be held in Portland, Oregon. The *Presbyterian Outlook* has a long history of telling the entire GA story - before, during and after each assembly - providing the most comprehensive, balanced reporting and analysis.

Commissioners and delegates to GA will be tackling difficult and complicated issues. The *Outlook* is gearing up to help you understand everything coming to Portland - whether you are a delegate or commissioner yourself, involved in orienting and training your presbytery's commissioners to carry out their duties effectively, or following the assembly and interpreting the actions taken.

They are offering a <u>special</u>, <u>short-term</u>, <u>deeply discounted</u>

<u>subscription</u> on this year's GA-themed magazines. In the past, this offer has only been available to commissioners and delegates, but this year, they are making it available to anyone interested in following along with the GA actions.

You will receive print and digital magazine March - August (featuring premium content not available for free online) so you can get ready for GA, read a summary of actions taken and be given tools to interpret those actions to others.

That's 10 issues of the *Outlook* for just \$9.95 - a \$50.00 value.

If you are interested in this special offer, please follow the link above or contact the presbytery office at <u>office@pbyukon.org</u>.

Whitworth University Enrichment Opportunity



Minds & Hearts Set on Christ:

Spiritual Formation and Preaching Enrichment for Pastors

The Presbytery of the Inland Northwest (PIN), working in covenant partnership with the Office of Church Engagement (OCE) at Whitworth University, is pleased to announce the receipt of a denominational grant for \$153,551 designed to support the integration of spiritual formation with the pastoral task of preaching and teaching the Bible for pastors of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. The grant supports the creation of presbytery-specific cohorts of pastors who will engage in ongoing conversation with each other about their preaching and teaching and will discuss the ways in which those ministry responsibilities influence their Christian spiritual development. The grant also supports the attendance of cohort participants at the Whitworth Institute of Ministry (WIM), where they will receive training and encouragement from the team of pastoral/spiritual mentors who will guide the work of the grant. These mentors will provide ongoing support for the cohort leaders in each presbytery as well as provide contact with cohort participants.

Click here for complete information on the program.

If you are interested in participating and have questions, please contact the presbytery office at <u>office@pbyukon.org</u>.

2016 Bingle Summer Camps



Bingle Camp is excited to announce that their 2016 Summer schedule is now online! Check it out at: <u>http://binglecamp.org/</u>

Get registered early (by March 15) and pay your deposit, and take advantage of the \$15 early bird discount. And if you pay your fees by April 30 you will receive a free Bingle Camp t-shirt.

There are some exciting new additions to the schedule and they are adding new services, such as one-way transportation TO camp for the first 25 campers for each week, who sign up and pay the \$20 fee (parents will still be responsible to pick campers up after camp)

Camp times have been extended this year to start at 4:30 on Sunday and end at 4:30 on Friday. They are also offering daytime or 1 over-night weekend retreats to churches who agree to hold services in our Chapel, that are open to the local community, either Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

Email or call 479-0562 to reserve your weekend!

2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium

	COOPERation of the world into the world and make disciples
	It's time to register for the 2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium!
	What: The Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a five day event focused on equipping young people to be transformational Christian leaders and seeks to join the home churches of the attendees to help call young people into deeper discipleship in Jesus Christ. The Youth Triennium is a high energy, biblically infused and focused, youth friendly conference.
	Who: 8th - 12 graders (currently in these grades)
	When: July 19-23 (with Yukon Presbytery Pre-Event in Anc. July 17-18)
	Where: Purdue University
	Go to <u>www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org</u> to learn more about the conference and see a video from the 2013 conference.
	Yukon Presbytery will be sending a delegation. Click on the links below to find out more about the details of the Yukon Presbytery delegation and registration forms: - <u>2016 Youth Triennium Information Sheet</u> - <u>Participant Registration Form</u> - <u>Participant Medical Release Form</u>
	If you have questions please contact Danna Larson (Yukon Presbytery Registrar) at <u>dllsitka@gmail.com</u> or (907) 538-7313.
Mark Your Calendars	
Feb. 26-27, 2016	Our Next Presbytery Meeting Location: First Presbyterian Church in Anchorage

February 29 -	Stewardship Kaleidoscope
March 2, 2016	"Giving not Getting is the Way" Mark 4: 21-25
	San Antonio, Texas
	Go to www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org for more info

July 19-23, 2016 2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium

Purdue University Who: Youth grades 8 - 12 For more information: www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/

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