



# Presbytery of Yukon

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## As The Body of Christ We Pray Together

If you are coming to Anchorage for hospital treatment and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Presbytery office.

- Duke Morrow & family
- George & Lydia Agnasagga
- The family of Nancy Brace in her passing on February 25th
- The family of Judy Wolverton in her passing on March 5th
- The family of Harriet Williams in her passing on March 12th

And our military chaplains:

- Rev. Ted McGovern
- Rev. Kevin Wainwright
- Rev. John Kaiser

Hey! Did you know the Presbytery of Yukon is on Facebook? Check us out!



## Gambell Presbyterian Church

### New Building Project



You are invited to .....

- Join one of the mission teams going to Gambell: We need people to go from July to November to help finish the inside of the church building. Mission teams of 6-10 people are needed each week. Come alone or bring others with you.
- Donate Alaska Airline miles to send volunteers to Gambell: We hope that each church in the presbytery can send at least two volunteers. The cost of traveling from the villages is expensive so donation of Alaska airlines will help others with the expense of getting to Gambell.
- Contribute financially to help with mission team costs: Airline tickets Nome to Gambell - \$450; One of our villages to Anchorage is \$750. Food and construction material supplies are about \$400/person

Please pray about how you can help with the New Church Building Project in Gambell. Contact the presbytery office ([office@pbyukon.org](mailto:office@pbyukon.org)) or Danna Larson (Yukon Presbytery New Church Building Mission Team Coordinator) at [dllsitka@gmail.com](mailto:dllsitka@gmail.com) or 907.538-7313 to sign up to volunteer, donate miles and contribute financially.

### Gambell New Church Building Fundraiser at First Presbyterian Church - April 19th

First Presbyterian Church in Anchorage will be holding a fundraiser to support the mission team members going to Gambell to help with the construction project on Sunday, April 19 at 12:30 pm. The event will include a pasta meal and a live and silent auction. All are invited to come and help raise money to send volunteers to Gambell this summer. If you have something you would like to donate for the live or silent auction please contact the church office at 272-6411 or Danna Larson at [dllsitka@gmail.com](mailto:dllsitka@gmail.com).



### Eco-Palms

Palm Sunday is March 29. Celebrate the triumphal entry of Christ using palm fronds that are fairly traded.

Through the Eco-Palm Project, palms bought from harvesters are purchased at a fair price and cut down in a way that protects the environment. Proceeds from palm sales help harvesters send their children to school, improve their communities, and provide necessary healthcare.

Place your eco-palm order now, and watch this informational video to learn more. Orders must be placed by

no later than March 6 for delivery during the week of March 22.

## **A Moment for Mission**

The Presbytery of Yukon is excited to announce a new initiative to support and promote our congregations: Moment for Mission. The idea is to help congregations become more aware of the ministry happening throughout the presbytery and to encourage churches to pray for these ministries.

Each month we will feature a Moment for Mission in the presbytery newsletter. This will focus on two of our churches per month and will be an opportunity to share about church missions or events. Each church will need to submit a paragraph or two about the missions the church is engaged in. A schedule will be sent out to the churches soon and we ask that each church please submit their article at least 30 days prior to the month assigned. In the meantime, please remember that you are not limited to submission only in your Moment for Mission month! You are always welcome to share anything that is going on in your church community.

Thank you so much for your participation in this focus on mission. We look forward to sharing our congregations' excitement for missions with the entire presbytery.

## **YUKON PRESBYTERIANS FOR EARTH CARE**

### **Sign a Petition to Protect the Chuitna River Salmon Habitat**

The Yukon Presbyterians for Earth Care (YPEC) invite all of our presbytery members to sign a petition that will protect the salmon in the Chuitna River. The State of Alaska announced February 23rd that they will be deciding whether water should be left in the Chuitna River for salmon, or diverted to allow an Outside mining company to completely destroy the river for a coal mine. The proposed Chuitna coal mine would devastate the people, salmon, and wildlife that rely on the river system and the YPEC believes it is not in the best interest of Alaskans to trade wild salmon for coal. In order to protect Alaska's subsistence, commercial and recreational fishing opportunities it is essential that we maintain enough water in our streams to sustain our healthy fish populations. YPEC is not against all mining, but is against mining that will destroy our salmon streams. Furthermore, not only would this mine destroy the salmon stream but our research shows that in order for us to preserve our climate, 80 % of fossil fuels should never be consumed but left in the ground. The Chuitna Coal Mine would undermine our need for a healthy climate in the future. If you are interested in voicing your position on this please go to the link below: <http://chuitna.org> and sign the petition.



### **Become a PCUSA Earth Care Congregation**

At the spring presbytery meeting The Yukon Presbyterians for Earth Care encouraged all presbytery delegates to discuss how to make earth care a priority in their local congregations. One suggestion presented was for all congregations to begin the process of becoming a PCUSA Earth Care Congregation. The resource that will help you with this is Earth Care Congregations; A Guide to Greening Presbyterian Churches. This resource is available for download [HERE](#).

Any congregation needing support can contact the presbytery office and one of the Yukon Presbyterians for Earth Care members will follow up with you.

## **Mark Your Calendars...**

**March 29th, 2015:**

[Palm Sunday](#)

**April 5th, 2015:**

[Easter Sunday](#)

**April 19th, 2015:**

[Gambell Building Project Fundraiser](#)

First Presbyterian Church in Anchorage at 12:30pm



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