



Presbytery of Yukon

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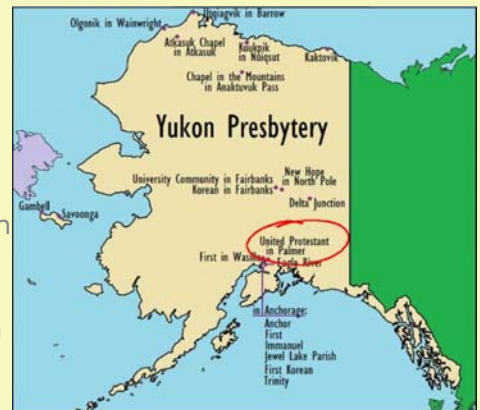
Moment for Mission

United Protestant Church, Palmer

United Protestant Church in Palmer is involved in many mission opportunities.

Locally, we participate in:

- Family Promise where the church becomes the shelter for families for a week with guests staying overnight and hosting them with meals.
- Kairos Prison Ministries which takes the love of God into the prisons. Several people in the church help with the Kairos Weekends and the youth make posters and placemats (love offerings) and others provide cookies and support for the weekends.
- Our Sunday school has organized clothes sortings for "turn-A-leaf" Thrift Store (Valley Charities, Inc.) The proceeds from this store go back into the community. There is a free medical equipment loan program as well as vouchers for items in the store for those who find themselves in a tough situation.
- Our church is one of eight member congregations in the Mat-Su PLUME Outreach. We are reaching out to places in our valley that don't have Christian ministries available.
- Our church also collects cans of food for our local food bank.
- Our church also administers a Safety Net Assistant Grant from



United Way that helps families with food, shelter and rent assistance.

Internationally we participate in:

One Great Hour of Sharing, Presbyterian Women offerings, and the American Leprosy Missions.

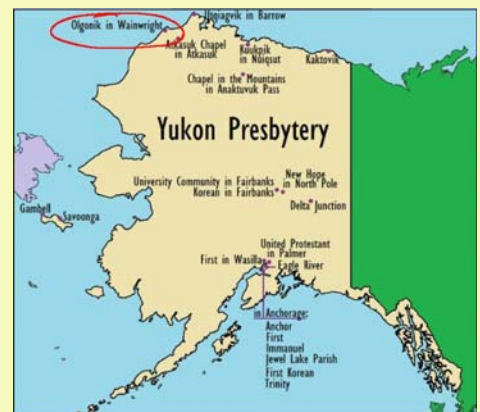
In our Presbytery:

Many relationships have been made in Savoonga since Pastor Leisa makes several trips there a year. Hank Guinotte put all new locks on the church and secured the doors with weather stripping. Several from our church, along with those from First Presbyterian Church, Wasilla, went on a joint mission trip during the summer to work on the church building and provide Vacation Bible School. Our Sunday school collected food to send out there, as well as socks and underwear for the church to distribute.



Olgonik Presbyterian Church, Wainwright

These are days of excitement for the Olgonik Presbyterian Church in Wainwright, Alaska. On May 5th, the Rev. Jack Cormack agreed to move to the arctic to serve as Teaching Elder for three congregations, the Olgonik Presbyterian Church, The Atqasuk Chapel, and Kuukpiik Presbyterian Church in Nuiqsut. The folks in Olgonik are especially happy about this as we have not had an ordained minister as a regular part of



our ministry team for 20 years.



Preparations are under way to receive Rev. Cormack (shown left) sometime in early July.

This shared pastor position is different than that experienced by most PCUSA churches. The pastor will only be in each of the three villages for one month out of three. Rev. Cormack's main job will be to train, coach and mentor local leaders, who will provide the consistent leadership for the church community. Please pray for our congregations and for Rev. Cormack as this new ministry begins.

The Olgonik Presbyterian Church is also grateful for the support the presbytery has been offering in other ways. Presbytery Executive Curt Karns visited our congregation in March, and we are grateful for his visit. The Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green provided leadership through Holy Week, culminating in a great number of baptisms on Easter Sunday. We enjoyed his time, his worship leadership and his humor.

Gambell Building Project Volunteers Still Needed!



Thanks to those of you who have already volunteered to help finish the inside of the New Church Building in Gambell. We still need 30 more workers, though, so please continue to pray and invite members of your congregation to volunteer. A barge with supplies is leaving this weekend to arrive in Gambell at the end of June in time for the first work team.

Have you taken a special offering for the Gambell New Church Building or help a fundraiser in your community? Now is the time to plan to do this! If you need brochures or other information to help promote your event call the presbytery office.

Do you have Alaska Airline miles you would like to donate to help someone from one of the villages with transportation costs? We hope to purchase tickets for those signed up in early May. Your airline miles will help us send more people to Gambell. Thank you to those who have already donated!

Know of someone who may be able to help us by donating to the Gambell New Church Building? Maybe it is a friend or relative in the lower 48. Please share the news about the new building and help us raise the \$ 2 million dollars we still need to cover the building expenses.

Prayer Partners: please continue to pray for needed volunteers to come

and help finish the building and for the finances to come in. If you need bulletin inserts or other information to use to promote the New Church Building please contact the Presbytery Office at office@pbyukon.org.

Summer Camps at Bingle



Bingle Summer Camps

- June 5-6 - Base Camp (Grades 1-3)
- June 7-11 - Glacier Camp (Grades 6-8)
- June 14-18 - Avalanche Camp (Grades 3-5)
- June 14-18 - Extreme Skills Camp (Grades 6-8)
- June 21-25 - Iceberg Camp (Grades 3-5)
- June 28-July 2 - Night Glacier Camp (Grades 9-12)

Visit the [Bingle Camp Website](#) for more information!

Congratulations to Rev. Dr. Britt Johnston!



Join us in congratulating Britt in his upcoming graduation on June 13, 2015 at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA. Britt will be receiving a PhD in Practical Theology from the School of Theology.

His dissertation is entitled: *Rene Girard's Mimetic Theory as the Basis for a Fundamental Practical Theology*.

YARDUCOPIA

Have some space in your yard that could be used for a garden, but don't want to garden? Want to have your own organic garden but don't have the space?

Yarducopia is the answer! Yarducopia connects landowners, who donate yard space and tools, with people who have time to spend in a garden. This program, sponsored by Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT)



trains the volunteers to build sustainable, organic gardens and meets with them once a week to problem solve any growing concerns. The homeowner and volunteers split the produce grown, saving ten percent to be given to a charity of their choice. Connect Michelle Wilber, Organic Garden Coordinator, at garden@akaction.org for more information.



Mark Your Calendars

May 10, 2015



Happy Mother's Day

May 25, 2015



Memorial Day

**October 9-10,
2015**

Our Next Presbytery Meeting

Location TBD in the Anchorage area.

Presbytery of Yukon - 616 W. 10th Avenue, Anchorage AK 99577 - 907-276-0914

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