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Across the Presbytery by Rev. Curt Karns

Just in time for Advent, one new pastor was installed and two new pastors arrived to begin work in our presbytery. Today we celebrate the beginnings of the ministries of Rev. Neill McKay at University Community Presbyterian Church (UCPC) in Fairbanks, Rev. Todd Allen at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Anchorage, and Rev. Johann Shinn at First Korean Presbyterian Church in Anchorage.



Rev. McKay comes to us from North Carolina and began work in Fairbanks in August. He already participated in the first annual New Pastor Orientation led by Alaskan Native leaders from the PC(USA), ELCA, UMC, Episcopal and Orthodox faith traditions. He was installed on November 29, the first Sunday in Advent. Welcome, Neill!

Rev. Todd Allen also comes to us from North Carolina and will be serving for one year as Interim Pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Todd's wife is also a pastor, who is just beginning a call to serve a congregation in the Twin Cities. Todd plans for his family to visit him in Alaska, so he can show them a bit of what this adventure in Alaska is for him. Welcome, Todd!

The most recent arrival to our Presbytery is Rev. Johann Shinn, most recently from Soule, Korea. Rev. Shinn is the son of missionaries and has lived in New Zealand, the United States and Korea. Most recently he served as the English language pastor at Myung Sung Presbyterian Church in Soule, the largest congregation in the world. He arrived on December 16 and is still getting his feet on the ground. Welcome Johann!

The birth of Christ Jesus reminds us that God is always bringing about new beginnings. Those new beginnings are abundantly possible now because, in Jesus, God came among us in the flesh and took action for our salvation and for the salvation of the world.

Advent is about watching and waiting, filled with expectation for the new thing that God is doing



among us for the world's salvation. Today, we celebrate new leadership in our presbytery, but we know that you are celebrating the many signs you see in your midst--signs of God's new beginnings.



Merry Christmas!

From The Presbyterian Foundation

The Presbyterian Foundation is sponsoring a three week study on Henri Nouwen's book "The Spirituality of Fundraising". The book has been praised as a way for churches and pastors to see stewardship as a spiritual exercise with congregations and individuals. For Nouwen it is important to have a vision and a heart for the church and donor.

We will meet once a week for three weeks for about 30-40 minutes. Date and time will be agreed upon by participants. Class most likely will begin after the Advent Season.

If you are interested, please contact Rev. Dr. Rob Hagan , Ministry Relationship Officer, at rob.hagan@presbyterianfoundation.org. Book is complementary for those who participate in the on-line class.

Youth Mission Immersion 2016

Join other youth (7th-12 grade) as we explore what it means to be a servant of God through service to others. This mission Immersion Weekend will offer opportunities to grow in our faith as we serve our local community. Youth from several area churches will be participating.



We will gather on Friday evening for fellowship, worship and recreation. Saturday will be spent serving in the community. We will return to St John UMC for a closing worship experience at 4:30.

When:

Friday, January 15 - Saturday, January 16, 2016

Check in will be 6:30 p.m. January 15, check out will be 6:00 p.m. January 16, 2016.

Where:

St. John UMC 1801 O'Malley Road, Anchorage, AK 99507

Who:

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited!

What to bring:

Toiletries, clothes, pen, Bibles, journal, sleeping bag, pillow, work clothes.

Cost:

\$35/person. Cost covers all food and 1 t-shirt
Scholarships are available.

Registration Deadline:

January 10, 2016

Register online at: <http://www.stjohneagle.com/youth.html>

For additional information contact:

Robbie Brawner (St John United Methodist Church):

youth.sjumc@gmail.com

Danna Larson (First Presbyterian Church): dllsitka@gmail.com

New Gambell Building



[Check out this video about the new Gambell church building!](#)

Stewardship Kaleidoscope 2016



February 29 - March 2, 2016

San Antonio, TX

Hilton San Antonio Airport



Keynote
Karl Travis
Pastor/Head of Staff
First Presbyterian Church
Fort Worth, TX



Keynote
Grace Duddy Pomroy
Financial Education
Specialist
Portico Benefit Services



Worship Leader
Cynthia M. Campbell
Pastor/Head of Staff
Highland Presbyterian
Church
Louisville, KY

Plus over 35 workshops covering topics such as annual stewardship, planned giving, theology of giving, current trends in stewardship, capital campaigns, and generosity

To register and for more information visit:

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Mark Your Calendars

Dec. 24-25, 2015



Christmas Holiday

The Presbytery office will be closed on December 24th and 25th in observance of the Christmas holiday.

January 1, 2016



Happy New Year

The Presbytery office will be closed on December 31 and January 1st.

**February 26-27,
2016**

Our Next Presbytery Meeting

Location: First Presbyterian Church in Anchorage

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

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