



Presbytery of Yukon

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Gambell Church Dedication Ceremony



The Presbytery of Yukon and the Gambell Presbyterian Church invite you to attend the Dedication Celebration of the newly constructed building.

*May 26, 2019
Gambell Alaska*

The Celebration will include worship, an open house and fellowship with the Gambell community.

*Please R.S.V.P to the Presbytery office.
office@pbyukon.org (907) 276-0914*

Gambell is reached by flying Alaska Airlines to Nome and then either Bering Air or Hageland Aviation from Nome to Gambell. The Presbytery office can help with reservations, especially from Nome to Gambell.

Beds in Gambell are limited. All are welcome who are willing and able to sleep in sleeping bags on the floor. If you are not, please make sure we

can arrange accommodations that will fit your needs.

Those who are unable to attend are invited to celebrate with us by sending notes to the Gambell Church through the Presbytery office or directly to PO Box 136, Gambell, AK 99742.

Electronic Milestone!



On Palm Sunday, two Presbytery of Yukon congregations, Olgonik Presbyterian Church in Wainwright and Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church celebrated Palm Sunday worship together, while remaining 90 miles apart! Since there are no roads between the villages of the arctic, connections are usually by air or telephone. Indeed, until the arrival of fiber optic capability last year, electronic communication was often difficult. The arctic is clearly in a new age, now!

This week's worship was possible because Intergenerational Arctic Ministries completed the installation of collaborative technology in both churches on Saturday, the day before Palm (Passion) Sunday. On that short notice, the two congregations decided to adjust their plans and to make the first Sunday of Holy Week a great celebration by worshipping together-across the miles. The Rev. Joseph Reid, pastor of the Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church, preached the sermon, and as the photo shows, the congregation in Wainwright joined in.

The technology installed is part of the work of Intergeneration Arctic Ministries (IAM), a nonprofit organization working to bring a faith-based approach to healing the social ills that stem from collision of western culture with indigenous culture. IAM is putting this technology into congregations across the arctic and St. Lawrence Island. This technology will allow collaborative training of leaders, long-range planning, and conferencing capability for major events (including worship). With this technology, the churches will become centers of a great deal of community activity, working in partnership with community groups to increase community planning, and high quality community activities that facilitate community health.

However the high-tech capability, which allows great transmission of images and sound, also lends itself to a wonderful shared-worship experience-as this Sunday's experience so readily demonstrated!

Please pray for the vision and stewardship discipline to use these new technical resources to the glory of God, and the healing of the people.

Commissionings in Utqiagvik



Images from the Nageak, Ahsoak commissioning on March 31, Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church.

First time in recent memory that the commissioning happened in one of our local churches. Normally, commissioning happens at the meeting of presbytery, when they are approved. This time, due to family or work issues, both were unable to be present at presbytery for the time when the commissioning worship service would have been held. As a result, this one was held in Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church on March 31st, and was a great celebration.



Next Presbytery Meeting In October

The next presbytery meeting will be held October 11-12, 2019.
Churches: We still need a volunteer to host the meeting. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Rayt at the Presbytery office.

Did you know there is a GA Special Committee to Study the Reformed Perspective of Christian Education in the 21st Century? With a particular focus on further study of the certified Christian educator process and faith formation in small congregations and racial/ethnic minority congregations, they would like to hear your voice. To participate in a short interview, please send an email to CESpecialCommittee@gmail.com with your name, role, and contact info. Please share this request with your congregations as well. The GA Special Committee thanks you!

Bingle Summer Camps 2019

June 2-7 Discovery Camp Grades 3-5

Cost: \$300... Early Bird Price before April 22 is \$250

Discover God's love at this camp. There will be exciting Bible devotions, singing, fun games, arts and crafts, and of course, swimming in Harding Lake. We promise you will discover more about God and yourself at this camp. This is a cabin camp.

June 9-14 Splash Camp Grades 3-5

Cost: \$300... Early Bird Price before April 22 is \$250

This camp is where you will want to bring multiple swim suits as you will spend a majority of your time at camp enjoying water based activities. You will get soaked in Harding Lake and on the shore everyday. Be prepared for amazing water games in ways you never thought you would. This is a cabin camp.

June 16-21 Music Arts Drama & Dance Camp Grades 7-12

Cost: \$300... Early Bird Price before April 22 is \$250

Do you love to sing or play an instrument? Draw? Do you love to act or dance? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this is the camp for YOU. Even if you are a beginner wanting to learn one of these skills. Everyday you will have the opportunity to be a part of several focus areas with instructors who are proficient at their areas. You will have the opportunity to share your new skills at the end of the week as we put them all together in an amazing worship service. This is a cabin camp.

June 23-28 Outdoor Skills Grades 6-9

Cost: \$300... Early Bird Price before April 22 is \$250

Come learn all there is to know about the outdoors in this camp. You will be staying in our Outback in our A-frame tents all week while cooking your own food over the campfire and learning how to do everything in the outdoors. Rain or shine you will learn how to be equipped to live in the outdoors. This camp does have the opportunity to swim in Harding Lake some days. We will also be doing some offsite hiking, climbing, and probably a day-trip. This camp will require hiking and backpacking. It's an uphill hike to our Outback camp.

June 30- July 2 Mini Camp Grades 1-3

Cost: \$200... Early Bird Price before April 22 is \$150

Fun in the sun, this camp offers little campers a chance to get a taste of camp for 3 days and 2 nights. They will experience the joy, fun, and challenge of camp life and all the fun activities under the watchful eye of a safe, caring, and nurturing staff.

Mom and Dad do not have to attend, but have the option to if their camper is more comfortable or if it is their first time away from home. We want your first Bingle Camp experience to be a great one.

July 7-12 H2O Adventure Camp Grades 6-8

Cost: \$300... Early Bird Price before April 22 is \$250

This is a camp where you will spend a great deal of your time at camp in water based activities. In Harding Lake and on the shore you will get soaked regularly. So be prepared to enjoy the water through tubing,

amazing water games, and in ways you never thought you would use water. Come prepared to learn a lot about the outdoors in this camp. You may be staying a night in the Outback in a tent. You will learn how to do many things in the outdoors. This is a mixed cabin and outback tent camp.

July 14-19 **Night Glacier Camp** **Grades 9-12**

Cost: \$300... Early Bird Price before April 22 is \$250

Do you like staying up late and sleeping in? Do you love being in the water? Then this is the camp for you. Perfect for teenagers with lots of time tubing and playing competitive games in and out of Harding Lake as well as late night activities every night and a chance to sleep in. This is a cabin camp.

July 21-26 **Adventure Camp** **Grades 3-5**

Cost: \$300... Early Bird Price before April 22 is \$250

Good times and fun can be found at this week of camp where every day is an adventure! With the fun activities including archery, swimming, canoeing, chapel times with cool songs, and relaxing around a campfire. Bingle Camp - where the fun never sets.

July 26-28 **Family Camp** **All Ages**

Cost: \$100 per family unit plus \$20 per family member

All the fun and adventure of camp for the entire family. Plan to get wet and enjoy the camp experience. Each family unit will occupy one of our cozy cabins. Have the experience our younger campers get with camp meals, chapel time, fun games, and adventure in God's great outdoors. Space is limited.

Register Online at <https://binglecamp.org>

We offer the following discounts:

Early-bird discount: All registrations submitted with deposit by April 22 receive a \$50 discount.

Frequent camper discount: A camper who attends more than 1 camp in 2019 will receive a \$50 discount for each additional camp they attend.

Family discount: When siblings attend camp, each camper will receive a \$50 discount for all camps they attend.

Pay all your fees by April 30 and receive a FREE t-shirt.

Youth Triennium 2019: July 13 - 21, 2019

The Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a conference for youth from the PC(USA) and Cumberland Presbyterian Church. It is held every three years at Purdue University (Indianapolis, IN). Through worship, small groups, recreational events and mission experiences the goal is to inspire youth and adults to be disciples into today's world. Information about the conference can be found at: www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org.

Who Can Attend?

- Youth (current 8th - 12th graders) who are actively involved in a PC(USA) congregation
- Adult advisors (chaperones for the youth from our delegation)
- College-age staff (serve on work crew to support the Triennium)
- Small group leaders (adults 23 years and older who lead small group gatherings)

Costs: \$1450 per youth participant

Each church will need to work with their youth participants in determining what is paid by the participant and the church. Scholarships are available

to help if a church or congregation is not able to pay the entire \$1450. In the past individuals or churches have received money from civic groups or native corporations through youth empowerment (or similar names) funds.

Airline tickets (roundtrip from village to Anchorage) for up to two village youth participants per church would be paid by the Yukon Presbytery. If additional travel grants are secured or airline ticket prices go down participants will be notified.

Please see the [Presbytery Triennium Information Sheet](#) for more details.

Big Tent 2019 - August 1st-3rd

Big Tent will be held August 1-3, 2019 in downtown Baltimore, Maryland. The theme, based on Romans 12:2, will emphasize our hope for the Gospel and its power to challenge institutional conventions. The goal is to come together and live in this moment, immersed in our current cultural context of racial division, gender inequality, and economic disparity to be renewed, refreshed and reformed, so that we may be sent out to affect change in our own communities. Big Tent will provide a place where our Presbyterian polity and identity is the foothold by which we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in action and answer the call to discern the will of God together.

Registration costs and further details will be posted on the Big Tent website at pcusa.org/bigtent when finalized.

Adopt A Chair Fundraiser

Work on the Gambell new church building is progressing and we need your help! The chairs for the new sanctuary have been ordered and are heading to Gambell on the barge this July. So we are holding an "Adopt A Chair" fundraising program to help offset the cost. We are asking for a donation of \$100 to sponsor a single chair. Of course you are always welcome to donate as much or as little as you can. Every little bit helps! Donations can be made out to the Presbytery of Yukon and sent to the presbytery office marked "Adopt a Chair". Thanks!

Mark Your Calendars

May 26, 2019

Gambell New Church Dedication

in Gambell, Alaska

July 13-21, 2019

Youth Triennium 2019

Purdue University, Indianapolis, IN

**August 1-3,
2019**

Big Tent 2019

Baltimore, Maryland

**October 11-12,
2019**

Our Next Presbytery Meeting

Location: TBD

