



Presbytery of Yukon

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Prayer Requests



Prayers for the family of Merle and Pani Apassingok in the loss of their son, Shannon.

Please keep the entire world in your prayers as we all work together to get through the Covid-19 pandemic.

Stay Connected



IAM Responding to the Pandemic



Intergenerational Arctic Ministries (IAM) is working with the North Slope Borough to respond to some of the urgent needs that have surfaced as a result of the COVID crisis. It has been just over two years since the Presbytery of Yukon formed Intergenerational Arctic Ministries (IAM) and asked other denominations to join them. IAM is now comprised of churches from 8 denomination, and has begun a faith-based approach for addressing social ills in the arctic. Now, in the face of the COVID crisis, the new programs IAM is exploring with the North Slope Borough include the following:

- IAM Here! Prayer and Care Line will begin. This will be a significant way for people isolated by the COVID Crisis shelter-in-place order to be able to reach out for support. IAM Here! will use the IAM Listening Way Listeners, as well as pastors, to talk with people by phone about their concerns, and to offer prayer in support of those concerns.
- The Care Force devotion and prayer radio program will begin soon. Broadcast on KBRW, the Care Force program will be offered five days per week for 30 minutes. Local pastors in Utqiagvik will take turns hosting the program, offering a very brief devotion, and responding to prayer requests sent in by callers from across the North Slope.
- Video Meetings, conferencing, and worship services have become essential in Alaska in recent years, due both to our vast geography, and the limits to our road system. The COVID crisis has so restricted travel that this need has been amplified. IAM and the NSB therefore plan to have quality video-conferencing technology installed in all 8 villages of the North Slope Borough very soon.



- Food Banks have been operating in North Slope Borough communities for a very long time. However, the COVID crisis has been financially devastating to so many people that food bank demand has more than doubled. The North Slope Borough is therefore asking IAM to begin managing the food banks in 7 of the eight North Slope Borough communities. Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church will continue managing the Food Bank in Utqiagvik. IAM is reaching out to Food Bank of Alaska to explore possible partnerships.



Alternative Worship Options

**FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF ONLINE WORSHIP
OPTIONS AND RESOURCES, PLEASE
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.PBYUKON.ORG/ALT_WORSHIP**

More than Just Worship is Online

In this time where we are all urged to shelter-in-place, it is people's hunger to connect with others is intensified. Churches are traditional places where people can usually find connection and support, and that is still true during this pandemic. However, churches have had to offer alternative methods for providing connection, many of which include an online component.

In recent issues this newsletter has featured information about how to find online worship services provided by congregations throughout our presbytery. We have not written much, though, about the other offerings for connection that churches are offering online. These are the online offerings we know about:

Jewel Lake Parish

1. A weekly video Check-in, for friends of the parish, is provided by Rev. Jones'. Providing church news, announcements, and service opportunities in an online visit.
2. An Online Zoom Bible Study and Fellowship for Adults
3. The JLP Sunday School publishes Bible Stories for Kids on their website at www.jlp.church.
4. Sunday Online Worship is available at 9:00 a.m. online through the Jewel Lake Parish Facebook Page.

For more information, call Jewel Lake Parish at their office: 907-243-2146.

First Presbyterian Church of Wasilla

1. A Mid-Week Devotion called Soul Food is offered Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. via Facebook Live.
2. A Zoom Bible Study, replaces the Women's Bible Study. All are welcome at 11:00 Tuesday mornings.
3. Online LOGOS for children and families is offered every Wednesday

at 4:30 p.m. LOGOS brings the flavor of Christian camp experience into the weekly lives of families. Online is truly a different venue, but they continue to include a cooperative game, Bible Study, music, and fellowship.

4. Sunday Worship via Facebook Live is offered weekly at 10:00 a.m.

United Protestant Presbyterian Church - Palmer

1. Sunday evening 7:00 Zoom Youth group
2. Wed a.m. 10:00 Presbyterian Women Bible Study
3. Deacons' Meetings-organizing care during crisis
4. 9:45 Sunday Adult Zoom Sunday School Class (The Wired Word curriculum)
5. Volunteer Chaplains at the Mat-Su Hospital: Providing Ministry-at-time-of-death by Phone

Delta Presbyterian/Faith Lutheran Church - Delta Jct.

1. 10:00 a.m. Online Zoom Fellowship - available 1 hour before and 1 hour after worship
2. Weekly: Telephone call to each church member, breaking isolation.
3. 11:00 a.m. Zoom Online Worship Service

For more information call (907) 388-9685.

Eagle River Presbyterian Church - Eagle River

1. Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Online Zoom Bible Study
2. Tuesday 4 p.m. Online Zoom "Sunday School" (Illustrated Ministry curriculum)
3. Zoom Fellowship Small Groups - Each with their own theme (example: book study, games group, etc.)
4. Zoom session, deacons and committee meetings
5. Sunday 11:00 Zoom Coffee Hour
6. 10:00 Sunday Worship on Facebook Live

For more information call (907) 694-5753

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Anchorage

1. Session and Committee Meetings
2. 6 p.m. Wednesday Zoom Prayer Gatherings
3. Sunday Worship

For more information, call (907) 345-5823

South-Central Churches' Zoom Youth Meetings

Youth from three South-central congregations, First Presbyterian of Anchorage, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, and Eagle River Presbyterian Church, meet weekly by Zoom. This multi-church youth group has been operating together for several years. Making it work through the stay-at-home period has been a new challenge, but the group has taken it on.

For more information, call any of the three participating churches.

First Presbyterian Church of Anchorage

1. Tuesdays and Thursdays Rev. Matt Schultz makes himself available through the church's Facebook Live page. Their events calendar describes this as a time when Rev. Schultz will share a fun thing, a brief message, and respond to any questions.

2. All meetings of session and other committees are online.
3. Small group Bible Studies continue online
4. Participating families receive Home Sunday School guides weekly by U.S. mail.
5. Weekly emails provide information on how to serve during COVID, other mission opportunities, and faith formation materials.
6. Sunday online worship is at 11:00, broadcast live on their Facebook page.

For more information, call (907) 272-6411.



Utqiaġvik Presbyterian Church - Utqiaġvik (Barrow)

1. Adult Sunday School, Taught by Rev. Joseph Reid, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom
2. Women's Bible Study, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.
3. Session and Committee meetings by zoom.
4. Sunday online worship is at 11:00 a.m. on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9jCWvBxp-PDd_Jn5vil2Xw

For more information, check their web site at <https://utqiagvikpc.com> or call (907) 852-6566.

University Community Presbyterian Church - Fairbanks

1. Session and committee meetings by Zoom.
2. Wednesday Mid-week Updates are provided by Rev. McKay on Facebook Love
3. The church uses a phone tree for weekly discussions on Scripture passages.
4. Worship is online at the church's website (<https://ucpcfairbanks.org>) and on YouTube.

For more information, call (907) 479-6728.

New Hope Methodist Presbyterian Church

1. Zoom Council Meeting
2. Zoom Adult Bible Study-Coming Soon
3. The people receive an email devotion weekly from Rev. Curt Matz.
4. Keeping people on for a Virtual Coffee Hour after worship has become a time for discussion.
5. Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom.

For more information, call 907-488-9191.

What Other Churches of the Presbytery are Doing

Kuukpik Presbyterian Church and Gambell Presbyterian Churches

- The two churches join for Online Worship on Sundays. Commissioned Pastors Virginia Kasak of Kuukpik Presbyterian Church (in Nuiqsut), and Beulah Nowpakahok of Gambell Presbyterian Church, take turns leading worship. Worshipers may join for video, or audio-only participation via Zoom.

For more information, call
the pastors: Virginia
(907)699-6933 or
Beulah (907) 985-2210



Chapel in the Mts. (Anaktuvuk Pass)

- Chapel in the Mts. is offering worship on-site for small groups. There have been no cases of COVID infection reported in Anaktuvuk Pass, and travelers are directed to quarantine themselves for 14 days. With the governor's new COVID guidelines, the session designed a safety plan, and opened the church doors to small groups only.

For more information, Call Rev. Richesin at (907)661-3226.

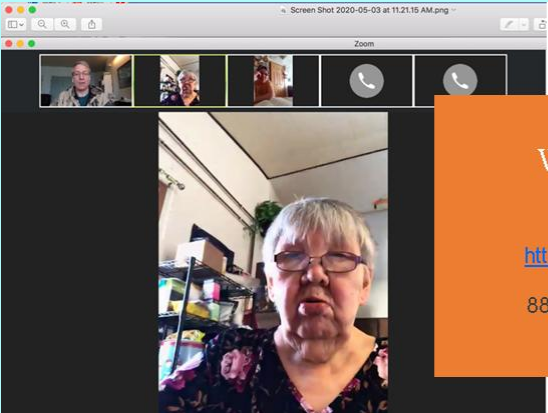
Korean Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks

Many of the members of KPCF do not have internet access. The church therefore

1. Sends voice recordings to all members, who wish it,
2. And recognizes that texting and email still works!

Wednesday Evening Prayer Service

Each Wednesday evening the Presbytery of Yukon hosts a Zoom Worship Service of Prayer and Sharing at 7:30pm Alaska time. All are welcome! If you wish to join, visit the [events section of our Facebook page](#).

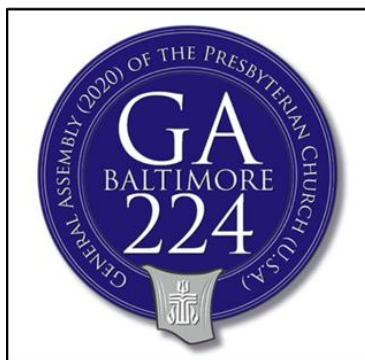


Presbytery of Yukon
Wednesday Prayer Service

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7959606340>

888 475 4499 US Toll-free (audio-only)
Meeting ID: 795 960 6340

2020 General Assembly Will Be a Zoom Meeting



Members of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) call this week's decision to hold a shortened, online General Assembly difficult, heavy, and necessary. COGA gathered Thursday for its second Zoom call of the week to continue its work on the 224th General Assembly (2020) online gathering.

The continued spread of the COVID-19 virus prompted COGA on Tuesday to cancel plans to hold the in-person assembly in Baltimore June 20-27, and to conduct the

assembly virtually on June 19, 26, and 27. With an abbreviated assembly, COGA is focusing on addressing critical issues during those few days, recommending that other issues be considered at the 225th General Assembly (2022).

The list of critical items to be considered at the assembly gathering in June include:

- Standing rules changes (suspending, approving temporary rules)
- Moderator/Stated Clerk elections
- General Assembly Nominating Committee (GANC) nominations
- Critical business with legal and financial implications

In a statement released by COGA Moderator Barbara Gaddis and Vice Moderator Stephanie Anthony, the committee acknowledged that weighing what business comes before the assembly was a challenge.

For more on the General Assembly see these Presbyterian Outlook articles:

[COGA Presses on Toward the 224th General Assembly \(2020\)](#), and [COGA discusses ongoing special committee work, GA plans and social media threats](#)

Mark Your Calendars

Ongoing

Wednesday Night Prayer Service

At 7:30pm

By video: <https://zoom.us/j/7959606340>

By conference call: 907-276-1095

**October 9-10,
2020**

Our Next Presbytery Meeting

Location: TBD

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