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Gambell Presbyterian Church

In the north Bering Sea, in sight of Siberia, the Gambell Presbyterian Church serves a subsistence village of 680+ St. Lawrence Yupik Eskimos. Founded by Presbyterian missionaries in 1894, the congregation today is led by Elders and is growing. The Session has begun the process to bring the Alaska Food Bank to Gambell. The Deacons will help distribute the food. The church is the place where many funerals take place which involves



the whole community. The church also hosts many groups who come to the island for ministry such as YWAM and churches who come to put on Vacation Bible School. The Elders are involved in praying for families when requested and are sought out when tragedies occur. They hold special services like singspirations and whaling services and revivals.

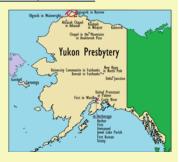
In regards to the physical church, decades of brutal Arctic winters have taken their toll on the original church building located in the old part of the village. There has been a need for a new church for over a decade. The good news is that this past year a new church building was erected in a more central part of the village. The shell consists of the foundation, walls, ceiling, doors and windows.

This summer the hope is to begin construction on the inside of the church. Work crews (from any church) are being encouraged to come and help. Won't your church send some helpers this summer? Contact the Presbytery Office if you are interested in helping. Another way to support the new church building is to help pay for the cost. Because Arctic transportation and construction is so expensive, the project is estimated close to \$3 million, which is far beyond the resources of the village and our Presbytery. Please pray for this special congregation in Gambell and rejoice with them as they see their dream of a new church finally coming true.



Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church, Barrow

The mission of the session of the Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church in Barrow the last nine months has been awesome! They took over the leadership (literally, emotionally, physically, howeverly) of our church when our pastor, Rev. Duke Morrow, took sick. We continue to pray for him and his family for complete healing. The session leads Sunday and Wednesday services, funerals, and weddings. Two of the session members, who are now



Commission Ruling Elders-in-training, have been trained to serve communion, so we continue to have a communion service first Sunday of each month. We have gone through many obstacles but with God's presence and guidance we persevere with awesome staff, who are all new and have never experienced working in this kind of setting before. The session and the deacons have worked hard to keep our church standing upright and continue to be the spiritual entity of our community that it has been. A BIG hurrah kind of shoutout to Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church!



Want to Connect with Scotland?

Would your Sunday school class be interested in connecting with a Sunday school group in the Outer Hebrides Islands of Scotland? A small Sunday school group there would be very interested in having contact with a Sunday school here in Alaska. If you are interested, please contact the presbytery office (office@pbyukon.org) and we will get you the contact information.

Office of the General Assembly Job Posting



The Office of the General Assembly seeks a **Manager of Administration** for the Office of the General Assembly to provide administrative leadership within the Office of the General Assembly in the areas of human resources,

financial management and policy. The successful candidate will have significant administrative leadership experience in office operations, budget development, and personnel administration. Skills in problem solving, team building and interpersonal relations are beneficial.

This position is full-time. This job reports to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly and pays a salary of \$53,000.00 - \$68,000.00 per year, plus benefits. Relocation is provided and travel is required occasionally

The application deadline is July 1, 2015.

Contact Bobbie Montgomery, <u>bobbie.montgomery@pcusa.org</u>, Office of the General Assembly, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202

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!

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.



Travel Study Seminar - Russia 2016

Exploring the Life, Faith and Ongoing Challenges of the Christian Church in Russia



The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program is pleased to announce the 2016 Travel Study Seminar to Russia, May 23 - June 4, 2016.



The cost of this 10-day seminar (including 2 travel days) is \$1950 per person, double occupancy. This includes all seminar expenses including meals, accommodations, programs, tours, and in-country transportation. The cost of airfare from the US to

Russia is not included.

Applications are available and may be submitted until December 31, 2015. For more information, please view the <u>seminar brochure</u>.

Mark Your Calendars

June 21, 2015



Father's Day and 1st Day of Summer

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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