



Presbytery of Yukon

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Prayer Requests



Please continue to pray for CP Virgie Kasak, and her family members. She and five other family members were in a serious car accident. Virgie and one grandson remain hospitalized with serious injuries.

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www.PBYukon.org

Congratulations to Almost-Rev. Richard Mauer



On July 12, CP Richard Mauer, pastor of Delta Jct. Presbyterian/Faith Lutheran Church in Delta Jct., will be ordained a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Richard has been working toward ordination for a number of years. This spring he completed the ELCA's TEEM (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries) program. This program looks at all the life experience a candidate has had, and then crafts a program toward ordination that takes that experience into account. As a by-product of Richard's wide-ranging experience, he did not have to complete a full M.Div. to qualify. The presbytery's Ministries Commission is exploring the TEEM program as a possible approach for special candidates in our presbytery, as well.

Congratulations Rich! And thanks for pointing us to this promising new program.

Alternative Worship Options

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

Dismantling Structural Racism

In our last eNews, we provided links to a number of PC(USA) links for resources addressing racism in America. This week, we wish to share resources the Presbyterian Board of Pension has also gathered. For links to their resources, go to this web site:

<https://www.pcusa.org/racial-justice-resources/>

Bingle Camp 2020

Want a break from hanging out at the house with family? Can't have that family vacation you had planned on? Too much screen time lately? Consider a weekend at Bingle Camp with your family (whoever is in your "bubble"). Bingle Camp is offering five weekends for your family to come out and enjoy the blessings of camp - waterfront, canoes, chapel, arts and crafts, nature walks around camp including the Outback, bicycling on the roads around Harding Lake, campfires, fishing, games, and spending time (socially distanced, of course) with other families.

Kitchen facilities will be provided for each family to cook their own meals or meals can be cooked by the campfire. Each family will have their own cabin and their own bathroom space. Waterfront activities will not have a lifeguard, so know your abilities and swim at your risk, but we do have canoes for getting out on the water. We have lots of space for outdoor games. Camp would not be camp without campfires so we can have outdoor singing. We can accommodate up to four families each weekend. There is no cost, but a donation would be appreciated. We are offering this wonderful opportunity all weekends in July (including Fourth of July weekend) with the last one going through August 2.

Consider connecting with your family and God for a weekend at Bingle Camp this summer.

www.binglecamp.org
e-mail: director@binglecamp.org
907-479-0562

Remembering Rev. Mary Ann Warden



Honorably Retired Rev. Mary Ann Warden died in Anchorage on May 30, 2020 after complications from a surgery to repair a broken hip. Rev. Warden served in both Alaskan presbyteries, both before ordination and after her retirement.

Mary Ann was born on May 15, 1942 to Vincent Aluiqsi and Rev. Rhoda Iviqqaksraq Nageak, Sr.,

and was given for adoption to Herman Siliun and Mildred Sikkattuaq Rexford. Mary Ann grew up in Kaktovik until contracting tuberculosis at age 14. She then spent two years in a Sanitarium in Oregon before returning home. Mary Ann graduated valedictorian from Sheldon Jackson College, beating out the likes of her brother, James Nageak (another future Minister of Word and Sacrament), and Byron Mallott (future Alaska Native Leader, and Alaska Lt. Governor), for the top honors.

Mary Ann married John Warden in Fairbanks, becoming step-mother to John's son, Billy. Soon Allison Akootchook Warden was born to the family. When John and Billy moved to Missouri, Mary Ann and Allison stayed in Fairbanks.

While Mary Ann worked as a court clerk, she also served as choir director for the Iñupiat Language Choir at First Presbyterian Church in Fairbanks. In 1980, Mary Ann became Commissioned Lay Pastor in that congregation, serving the Iñupiat-speaking members, directing The Eskimo Hour weekly Iñupiat Language Gospel radio broadcast on KJNP radio, and partnering with Rev. Mabel Rasmussen in providing prison ministry at the Fairbanks Correctional Center.



While serving as Commissioned Lay Pastor, Mary Ann completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. She then enrolled at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, graduating with a Masters' of Divinity degree in 1989. In 1990, Mary Ann became the first Native American Presbyterian woman ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in Alaska.



Mary Ann served three churches as ordained minister: Associate Pastor at Northern Light United Church in Juneau, Associate Pastor and Solo Pastor at Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church in Utqiagvik, and Pastor at Kaktovik Presbyterian Church in Kaktovik.

In Utqiagvik, she honed her skills as a grief counselor and as pastor-leader at funerals. The Utqiagvik church provided most of the funerals in the community of 4000 people, one year providing nearly 70 funerals. Even after Mary Ann moved from Utqiagvik, she remained much sought after for her skills in grief ministry.

Mary Ann retired, first in Kaktovik and then with her daughter in Anchorage. She died on May 30, 2020, leaving behind her daughter, stepson, numerous brothers and sisters in both the Rexford and Nageak families, and many relatives. She will be sorely missed by family, and many more.

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

