

Presbytery of Yukon

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As The Body of Christ We Pray Together

If you are coming to Anchorage for hospital treatment and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Presbytery office.

- Duke Morrow & family
- George & Lydia Agnasagga

And our military chaplains:

- Rev. Ted McGovern
- Rev. Patrick Bracken
- Rev. Kevin Wainwright
- Rev. John Kaiser

Upcoming Fundraiser for Anchor Presbyterian

Anchor Presbyterian Church is planning a fundraising dinner on Saturday, November 8th, at 5:30 pm. It will include a silent auction and cultural activities and will be held in the First Presbyterian Church of Anchorage's Fellowship Hall.



DON'T FORGET:

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 2nd!

October is Domestic Violence ACTION Month!



October Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

We have all heard the statistics, 1 in 4 women nationwide have experienced Domestic Violence (DV); 1 in 2 Alaskan women have experienced DV. Now is the chance for each one of our churches to take a stand and support the women in our community. October is Domestic Violence ACTION Month. We are called as a people of God to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

In Anchorage there are events happening all month that we can all take a part in. Here are a few highlights:

- October 17th from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. there is a Green Dot training at AWAIC if you are interested in attending please email: Virginia m@awaic.org
- October 21st from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. there is a Green Dot training at STAR if you are interested in

attending please email: Jdale@staralaska.org

• October 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at YOUR CHURCH Shed the Light on Domestic Violence. We are inviting ALL churches to make a stand against violence! Pastors are invited to hold a service followed by releasing sky lanterns at 7:00 p.m. for more information email: <u>Virginia m@awaic.org</u>

Click here for Presbyterians Against Domestic Violence resources.

Savoonga Mission Trip by Pastor Leisa Carrick

Imagine an island in the ocean far away from any civilization. It is an island not developed, without any signs of capitalism with hotels or restaurants. It is a land of tundra where reindeer live. The humpback whales play off shore as do seals and walrus. Many migratory birds, unseen in other places in the world, fly by using it as a stopover. There is such a place. It is called St. Lawrence Island.

The people who live there, about 1600 of them, are Siberia Yupik Eskimos. There are two villages of almost equal size: Savoonga facing the North side, and Gambell, on the farthest West side facing Russia. There is a Presbyterian Church in both villages.

This summer 20 people from First Presbyterian Church, Wasilla, and United Protestant Church, Palmer, traveled to Savoonga on a mission trip. The one week trip was filled with work projects, Vacation Bible School, and developing relationships with the people there. It was a memorable and very enjoyable trip for all those who went.

The church in Savoonga was built in the early 50's and was in need of many repairs. Our group patched the steep roof; put a vapor barrier under the church as well as put skirting around the church. We are hoping this will have an effect on fuel use. 50 gallons of stove fuel costs \$300.00 which barely last for two weeks. We scraped and painted the whole outside of the church. We put new smoke alarms and CO2 monitors in the building as well as changed out all the lights for more efficient electrical use. Two new stairs were built for the outside entry areas. The main church entrance deck was lowered so that the front doors could open all the way. We want to thank the Trustees of the Presbytery for paying for the shipping of all the supplies to the island via barge.

Sunday evening worship was attended by 100+ people. We celebrated 24 baptisms and the Lord's Supper together. The people of Savoonga were really friendly and many came to visit with us, some to work alongside us, and others to meet and greet us throughout the village when we walked around. We feel very privileged to meet up with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Savoonga and look forward to many more years of deepening our relationships.

Mark Your Calendars...

October 14th - 16th, 2014:

Pacific Northwest Small Church Conference

Rockaway Beach, Oregon

Click here to visit the website for more information.

November 8th, 2014:

Anchor Presbyterian Church Fundraiser

5:30pm in the 1st Presbyterian Church of Anchorage Fellowship Hall

November 27, 2014:

Thanksgiving Day

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