



Presbytery of Yukon

December 1, 2021

Youth Triennium 2022

It's time to start promoting Youth Triennium in your congregations. It will be held at the Indianapolis Convention Center on July 24-27, 2022. This event is for those who are entering High School through those who have just graduated from High School. Scholarships are available to help our youth attend. For more information, go to the 2022 Youth Triennium website: presbyterianyouthtriennium.org

Danna Larson, from First Presbyterian Church, will be our Yukon Presbytery Youth Triennium Registrar. If you need to get a hold of her to answer any questions, here is the number to call: (907) 538-7313. The theme this year is "When Did We See You?" from Matthew 25:31-46. In the words of Danna: "Prayerfully consider who may attend from your congregation and support them as well as you can."



PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNium 2022

July 24-27 • Indianapolis, IN

Prayer Time

Let us pray for all our churches as they plan their holiday celebrations and gatherings as well as figuring out how they will do Christmas Eve Services. May God give us the wisdom we need to move into the future as God's church in the world.

Let us pray for the Presbyter Executive Search Committee as they strategize and fill out the Ministry Information Form hoping to find a candidate that will be the right person for our Presbytery.

Presbyterian Hunger Program

The Presbyterian Hunger Program is offering advice for people who want to engage in more earth-friendly holiday celebrations this year. Jessica Maudlin Phelps, Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns for PHP, offers several practical tips. Check out this link for more information:

presbyterianmission.org/story/how-to-have-an-earth-friendly-holiday-season/

Christmas Joy Offering

Jack Eisel is a Presbyterian minister, not to mention the son of a Presbyterian minister. Jack had always known that help was available through the [Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions](#), a resource he occasionally commended to his colleagues. He just didn't know that one day he might need that help.

"Of course I knew it was there, but it had never occurred to me I might need it," Jack said. "But the big dental bills, the surgery bills, the major car repairs — you just don't expect all that. The Assistance Program has been an incredible blessing."

The Income Supplement that the Eisels receive is made possible, in part, by the PC(USA)'s annual [Christmas Joy Offering](#), a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s, which distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides need-based grants to help active and retired plan members and their families.

"The PC(USA) long ago recognized the need to support those who served faithfully, ordained or otherwise, beyond their active service and into retirement," said Lucas McCool, Assistance Program operations manager. "Stability in retirement can be a weight lifted and one that allows for retirees like Jack and Kate to live with emotional and financial flexibility."

Kate said that she and Jack have been overwhelmed by the support of the church.

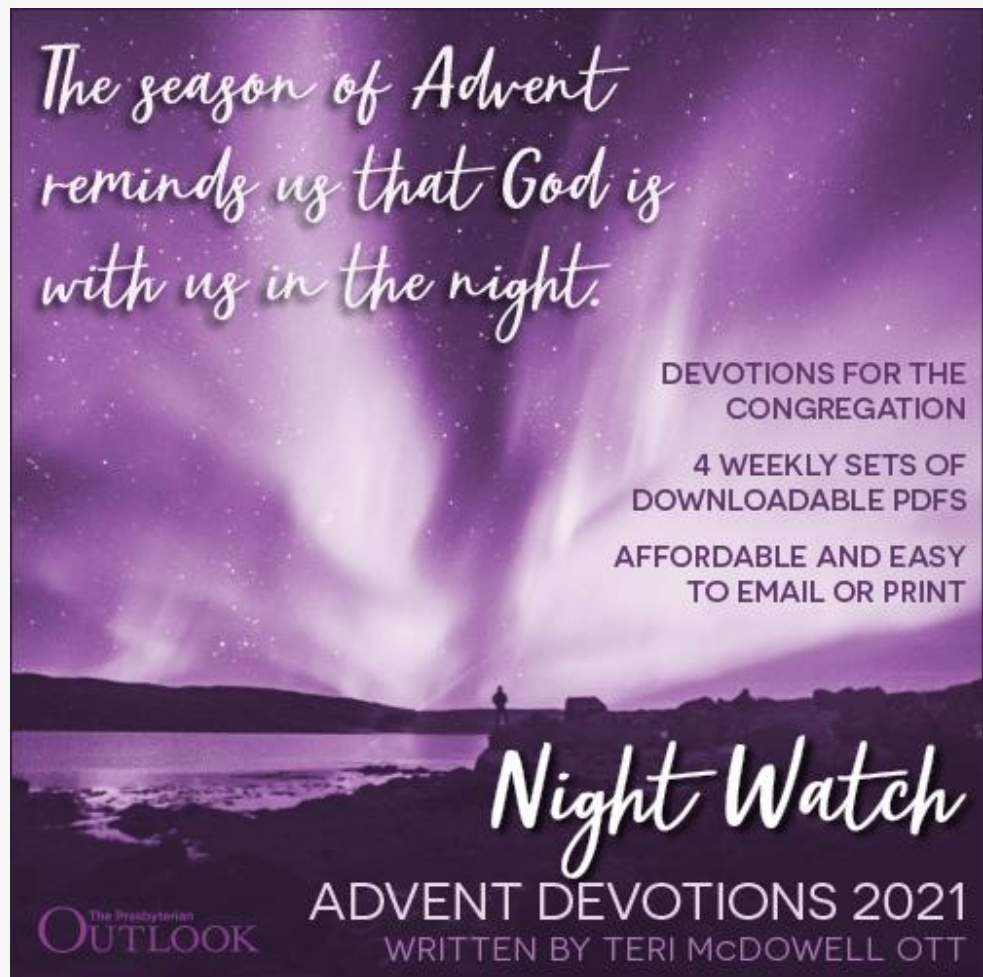
"We were surprised by the help to begin with," she said with tears in her eyes. "And then when it continued beyond when we had expected, it seems like every time that there was an incident, there was this extra help that showed up through God, through the church. It has always felt like a friend who is coming alongside you saying, 'God will provide, and we're going to be part of that provision.'"

Around Christmas time, many churches participate in the special offering of our church. By supporting the Christmas Joy Offering it helps current and retired church workers and their families in need. It also helps our future leaders of color that need assistance in tuition for Presbyterian-related schools and colleges. These generous actions bear witness to our faithful response to God's charge to love one another as Christ commanded.

2021 Advent Devotions: Night Watch

As the season of Advent has begun on November 28th, here is a resource for congregations looking for affordable Advent devotions. Rev. Leisa

Carrick's congregation has used them for the past few years and have had lots of good comments.



Hope is hard to find during a long pandemic. Dark feelings of grief, loss, anger, betrayal and despair plague our souls and our communities. As the light fades and the evenings grow long this December, the season of Advent reminds us that God is with us in the night.

We can see and observe God at work in the dark, marvel at the beauty of creation lit by moon and stars, and rest from the day's labor. Darkness is often associated with evil and suffering, but a devotional exploration of "night" bears witness to Christ's Good News. Exploring biblical happenings that occur at night – visions, angel visits, prisoners set free – we will move through this Advent season as watchful disciples, keeping vigil for the One who is promised to arrive like a thief in the night. For more information, contact Renee Westry at rwestry@pres-outlook.org.

Notice: If your congregation has something to share with the Presbytery, please send it to the Presbytery Office email to be included in the next Presbytery newsletter. It is great to hear from our churches and know what they are up to! (Kind of like our sharing during the Elder Reports at Presbytery).

Prayer Requests

Please pray for Chapel in the Mountains in Anaktuvik Pass in the loss of Ada Oyaqak Lincoln on Nov 1st. She was an Elder and Deacon of the church.

Keep praying for the COVID infection rates to go down and the



interior community endurance to hold.

Mark Your Calendars

December 25th



Christmas Day

The presbytery office will be closed on Thursday, December 23rd and Friday, December 24th in honor of the holiday.

January 1st, 2022



Happy New Year

The presbytery office will be closed on Friday, December 31st in honor of the holiday.

February 2022

The Next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery
Location TBD

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