



Presbytery of Yukon

December 23, 2022

Christmas Joy Offering

We hope all our churches in the Presbytery will consider taking the Christmas Joy Offering sometime in December. This offering supports retired pastors, church workers and their families who have faithfully guided and led us but who now find themselves in critical financial need. This offering also supports emerging leaders in schools and colleges equipping communities of color, who develop leadership skills as they pursue their education. Many of the students attending Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color are the first in their families to enroll in higher education. You can find more information by emailing: specialofferings@pcusa.org. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Mark Your Calendars...

The next presbytery meeting will be held February 24-25, 2023, in person at Eagle River Presbyterian Church.

Meet our Stated Clerk Candidate

The Nominating Committee would like you to welcome Doreen McNeill. She has agreed to begin training for the Presbytery's Stated Clerk's position to replace Sharon Rayt who wants to retire at the end of our special Presbytery meeting in January. We will need to elect Doreen as our new Clerk during this time.

Doreen McNeill has been a PC(USA) member since attending a church pastored by Rev. Dean



Knapp in Oregon in the 1980s. She has lived in Alaska since 1989, mostly around Fairbanks but has also lived in Ketchikan, Juneau, Thorne Bay, and Craig.

Doreen and her husband Curtis (who teaches science at North Pole Middle School) live between North Pole and Fairbanks. Their grown son lives in Fairbanks and they are all members of University Community Presbyterian Church. Doreen is currently clerk of session, and has served on various committees and as a deacon. Doreen also plays the flute during Sunday

worship.

In 2021, Doreen retired from a 26-year career as a Wildlife Biologist for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). Among other things, Doreen's job was to understand and explain hunting and wildlife regulations to the public and make sure ADF&G also understood and followed those regulations. Her work experience includes explaining meeting results, keeping track of many deadlines, and writing reports. After many years of owning and ski-joring with sled dogs, Doreen has a little Schnauzer puppy. In her spare time, Doreen likes to hunt, fish, camp, and garden and is learning to do basic woodworking and home improvement projects.



We have been busy over the last several months. Over the last summer we visited every congregation in the Presbytery to listen to their concerns and see what they need in our Executive Presbyter (EP) and how they see the Presbytery.

Just last week we posted our Ministry Information Form (MIF) with the PCUSA Church Leadership Connection (CLC). The MIF includes answers to five narrative questions talking about our Presbytery and what we are looking for in an EP. It also lists our 10 Leadership Competencies selected from list given in the MIF. The CLC is the PCUSA internet-based matching and referral system for churches, presbyteries and other organizations with positions to fill, and those seeking positions. We currently have 11 Personal Information Form (PIF) matches and will be reaching out to them, and expect more to follow.

This is a point where you can help us. If you know someone you think would be a good fit as our EP please refer them to PCUSA CLC website.

<https://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/clc/>

We will review PIFs, contact and interview candidates over the next several months. Our hope is to have a candidate to bring to the Presbytery by this summer.

Please keep us in your prayers.

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Doreen McNeill

Tim Carrick

Ida Olemaun

Joseph Reid

Mary Ellen Lucas

Billy Kenton

Matt Shultz

Matt Hobbie

Shari Jackson Monson

Commissioned Ruler Elder Program at Whitworth University

The Ministry Commission of the Presbytery has entered into an agreement with Whitworth University for online training and continuing education for CRE's. There will be more information coming but this is a wonderful opportunity for those who are already CREs and those in our congregations wanting to explore this program to begin some online classes. To look at this program, use the website below:

<https://www.whitworth.edu/cms/administration/church-engagement/commissioned-ruling-elder-program/program-description/>

This office of Whitworth University exists to support the ongoing ministry needs of partner ministries through the Pacific Northwest region. Our Presbytery will be able to benefit from this new partnership.

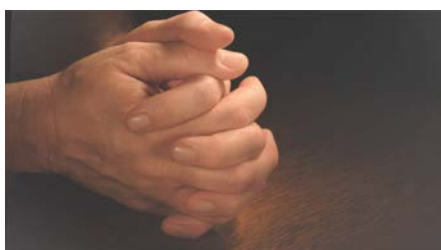
Atqasuk Sunday School

Things are happening in Atqasuk! These pictures are of the Atqasuk Sunday school, sent from Mary Ann Bordeaux who posted these pictures to the IAM's group chat.





Prayer Requests



Please pray for the Executive Search Committee as they continue their work.

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December 25, 2022



Merry Christmas!

The Presbytery office will be closed the week of December 26-30 in observance of the holidays.

January 1, 2023



Happy New Year!

The Presbytery office will resume normal business hours the week of January 2nd.

**February 24-25,
2023**

The Next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery

Eagle River Presbyterian Church in Eagle River, AK

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