

Haines Presbyterian Church Elder's Report  
Alaska Presbytery Fall Meeting October 14-16, 2011  
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Since the last Presbytery meeting Haines Presbyterian Church has continued to serve our church and community.

1. Our major outreach was our Vacation Bible School in June, "PandaMania, Where God is Wild About You." This ministry reaches across denominational lines for ministry helpers and draws church and unchurched children of the community. VBS has three major ministries happening; introducing and nurturing the relationship of Jesus Christ as Savior and friend to children; encouraging our youth with ministry leadership opportunities and encouraging participation in Rainbow Glacier Summer Camp. Praise God for another great VBS!
2. Every spring, the Sunday after Palm Sunday the Haines Ministerial Association has "The Blessing of the Fleet" and "Remembrance of all deaths at sea and local deaths that year". This is very well attended and the Haines Presbyterian Church hosts an open house coffee and treats following the service.
3. Sunday School continues for all ages and Bible Studies continue at least two times during the week which are very well attended and appreciated. A women's weekly coffee is also well attended. Vocal choir and praise teams add to our worship as well as puppet ministry for the children and young-at-heart.
4. In September we invited Rev. Dr. David Dobler to preach, serve communion, and have an informal Congregational meeting to update us on the Fellowship Gathering held in Minneapolis and the issues facing the PCUSA at this time. We appreciate him and his clear, careful report to us.
5. Our church enjoyed a workshop led by John and Martha Zimmerman October 7-9 entitled "Words to Live By" based on Jeremiah 15:16. Haines loves to see the Zimmermans and the workshop was a time of rich spiritual renewal. What a blessing and a treat it was to have them in Haines. Now may we all "Listen, Love, Practice Acceptance, Have Forgiveness, and Trust in God"!!
6. We are richly blessed with our pastor Ron and wife Jacque who minister God's love not only to those of us in the church but to the whole community. CLP Crystal Badgley is also blessing us and many outside the church as well. The "sheep" in our flock are very well taken care of and love our shepherds!!