

Metlakatla Fall 2011 Presbytery Report

- We lost one of our strongest leaders in March - Elder Paul Brendible. He is greatly missed. One of his last big projects completed was to refinish the hardwood floors in the sanctuary. Many of our building improvement projects began with his planning and hours of volunteering.
- The church building has been undergoing weatherization/updating – including insulating under the floor, window replacement, and installing new siding. It's already made a noticeable difference in our utility costs and our warmth inside. The foundation and skirting have also been redone.
- The UPW ladies completed their pew cushion replacement in the sanctuary. The cushions look really nice and are super comfy for those long Sunday sermons. :-) UPW has also been replacing the old inefficient kitchen appliances.
- The Deacons' food pantry is gearing up and getting organized for the busier season with help from the Sunday School. The Jr-Sr High class had a successful food drive and continues it's work in the community.
- Our Sunday school program is growing and active and serves preschool through high school aged children with 20-30 in attendance each week.
- We enjoyed another few months with Pastor Dick Cochran and his lovely and devoted wife Selwa when he returned to serve as Interim Pastor during the Fall 2010-Spring 2011 seasons
- The biggest news for us is that we welcomed our Pastor Candidate Tom Sutherland and his wonderful and energetic wife Carolyn over the Memorial Day weekend. They accepted our call and moved to Metlakatla in mid-July. As a congregation, we are enjoying the stability a strong Shepard brings to our church and hope that God's will keeps him here for many years to come. Attendance has already increased during our Sunday services and Bible study is going strong!