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FROM DAVID'S DESK

The Ascension of the Lord

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“So when they had come together, they asked him “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has set by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.” And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Acts 1:6-9

‘We believe...in the resurrection of the body, and the life of the world to come.’ These closing affirmations of the Apostles’ Creed present a central element of Christian faith and the imperative of its practice. “The Lord is risen!” was the first proclamation of Easter and remains the essential fact of Christianity. With the resurrection of Christ in the body the faith and preaching and practice of the first disciples is understandable; without it, it makes no sense. Or as John Chrysostom said to those who doubted the Resurrection of Christ and the subsequent miracles wrought in his name “For this would be the greatest miracle of all, if without any miracles the whole world came running to be taken in the nets of twelve poor and illiterate men”.

Our bodies matter to God. The human person is not complete apart from it, and in the resurrection of Christ we have a promise and foretaste of that final day when God will overcome all the destruction that death has wrought, even to our flesh and the bodies of those we love. May that day come soon!

In the meantime we are charged to be about the mission of Christ and not to worry about the outcome. ‘Not to know the times or seasons’ is a simple truth—and a frustrating one, when we would presume to be in control of the world. But the plain word of Jesus is that we are to trust in the end so that we might focus on the present. ‘You shall be my witnesses’ is not a matter of private knowing or silent devotion, but a way of life, a purpose and call, the whole reason for our salvation. The end is in God’s hands—even the fate of our mortal bodies—and so Christ would have us free and empowered to spread Good News and hope today.

The Lord is Risen! The Lord has ascended! The Holy Spirit has been given! Of all this let us be witnesses now.

Presbytery of Alaska Church Incorporation Status-State of Alaska						
2009						
Church	INCRP. ID #	STATUS	INC. DATE	LAST RPT	EMPLOYER ID. #	BIENNIAL REPORT-YRS
Frances Johnson Memorial Church-Angoon	66269D	ACTIVE	3-5-99	2009	92-0105750	ODD
Chapel By The Lake-Juneau	5461D	ACTIVE	1-23-62	2008	92-0059077	EVEN
Presbytery of Alaska, Inc.	24783D	ACTIVE	8-11-81	2009	92-0089870	ODD
Northern Light United Church	16029D	ACTIVE	8-24-76	2008	92-0023098	EVEN
First Presbyterian Church of Craig/Klawock	59660D	ACTIVE	12-9-96	2008	92-0162032	EVEN
Haines United Presbyterian Church	4884D	ACTIVE	5-23-60	2008	92-0030834	EVEN
Hoonah Presbyterian Church	81216D	ACTIVE	6-23-03	2009	91-1781531	ODD
Hydaburg Presbyterian Church	59495D	ACTIVE	11-14-96	2008	92-0143589	EVEN
Kake Memorial Presbyterian Church	57902D	ACTIVE	6-21-00	2008		EVEN
Ketchikan Presbyterian Church	7177D	ACTIVE	5-9-66	2008	92-0100764	EVEN
Metlakatla Presbyterian Church	64702D	ACTIVE	9-3-98	2008	92-0100764	EVEN
Petersburg - First Presbyt. Church	19555D	ACTIVE	1-25-79	2009	51-0147058	ODD
Sitka - First Presbyt. Church	262D	ACTIVE	8-15-95	2009	92-0024336	ODD
Skagway - First Presbyt. Church	3472D	ACTIVE	5-22-56	2008	92-0070843	EVEN
Wrangell - First Presbyt. Church	2129D	ACTIVE	11-24-50	2008	92-0096204	EVEN
Yakutat Presbyt. Church	58436D	ACTIVE	5-24-96	2008	92-0097354	EVEN
Rainbow Glacier Camp-Haines	104368	ACTIVE	7-24-08?	2008	20-8028632	EVEN

- To file go to State of Alaska Web site: http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/home_corporations.htm
- Click on File Biennial Report
- Enter Entity (Incorporated) ID #
- Review Officer and Registered Agent Information
- Pay \$15 fee
- Copy of report to Presbytery Office when completed



DOES YOUR CHURCH FILE THE INCORP. RPT ON THE ODD OR EVEN YR?

GEORGE'S POEM



- These reports to the State of Alaska are filed from **every church** in our Presbytery on a two year cycle (biennial). Some churches need to file theirs in 2010-the even year (see the grid on the prior page) and some churches don't need to file their report until the next odd year—2011. Which is your church? Most churches know about this filing this but some may not and ALL must file.
- These reports are called the Biennial Report and are filed with the AK Dept of Commerce, Division of Licensing & Corporations to keep your corporate status current. It is due **June 2** on whatever year your church should file and yes, there are late fees after that due date.
- Questions? The Presbytery Office is open Monday-Friday from 9am– Noon and if you received a Treasurer's Notebook, this information is also in that book. Please leave a message and we'll help in any way we can.
- Don't forget that our office would like a copy for our fireproof files. Thanks



WHAT AMBITIONS DO I HAVE?

What ambitions do I have
 When I pack up my poems
 And visit KRYF,
 To encourage you to write?

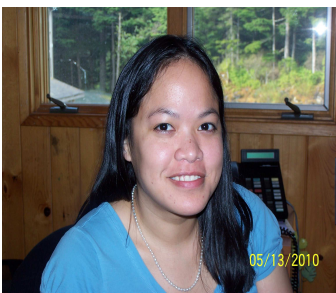
If I see a glimmer in your eye-
 Maybe humor,
 Maybe agreement,
 Maybe signifying thought,
 Maybe even anger
 But maybe hope,
 Then I will dance a little jig.

If I see your struggle
 But see also that you intend
 To persevere,
 Then I will share with you a synonym,
FAITHFULNESS,
 And rush home to write a poem.

If I hear a story,
 A mere expression of emotion,
 The slightest breath
 That comes from within your heart,
 Then my heart will skip a beat,
 For joy,
 For then I will know that
 The bird with damaged wing
 Is determined yet to fly.

George R. Pasley
 April 21, 2010
 Ketchikan, AK
 "God is never far from those who wonder."
www.ketchikanpresbyterian.org

NEW TREASURER!



Allow me to introduce our new Presbytery of Alaska Treasurer **Christina Maddox**. She presently also works at our Northern Light United Church (Juneau) as their Administrator. Please welcome her when you get a chance!

Her hours for the Presbytery are still being worked out and will be flexed around her other job. She does have a direct line: 780-6510 with a message for your convenience.

Our office will still maintain the 9am-Noon Monday-Friday and we're happy to take messages for her — or help if we can.
 Blessings CG

TOTEM POLE RAISING



This pole was carved by two young men from Hydaburg, TJ & Joe Young. Erected in Juneau on Saturday (4/24). Their brother Ben danced at the raising, he is active in the church there. Their sister Lynette is a member here, currently going to school in Anchorage.

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Want to share some-
 thing in the newsletter?
 It could be here...

UPCOMING DATES

- **May 23—Pentecost**
- **May 31-Memorial Day (Office Closed)**
- **June 8-11 Seattle Synod Annual Meeting**
- *Your meeting info could be here*

A NOTE OF THANKS!

Subject: Thanks for Our Time Together
From: Rev Ray Jones, LEC Workshop Speaker

David,

I am just back from my two weeks out of the office. When I left you, I was in Orlando, Florida for a week! So I was actually in both ends of the country in a two week period.

I just wanted to let you know again that my time with you was wonderful. I continue to keep y'all in my prayers. If I can help in any way to continue the conversation we started, please let me know. I felt very at home with all of you. The view at the Shrine was amazing, but hanging out with all of you was just as amazing. I know many miles separate us, but please know that I'm willing to assist you in any way I can. My hope is to come back out in the summer of 2011 on vacation with Judy.

I have attached the bibliography. The only thing I failed to include were the Deep and Wide videos of Presbyterian churches. Those videos can be down loaded off the site: www.pcusa.org/goodnews.

Once again, I loved being with all of you.

Grace,
 Ray

P.S. I read the Yiddish Policeman's Union. Great read!
 Thanks for the suggestion.

Alaska Presbytery Evangelism Training April 2010

The Presbytery of Alaska through the Leadership Equipping Center hosted an Evangelism Training event April 13-16 exploring how we can share our faith effectively at this time.

Rev. Ray Jones came from Louisville and the office of Personal and Congregational Evangelism to lead this gathering.

Those who came included Pastors David Dobler, Linda Wescott of Yakutat, Ryan Mandeville of Skagway, George Pasley of Ketchikan, Interims Deva McQueen from Metlakatla, Dan Fullerton from Sitka, Paul McQueen who has been going to Craig, Lay Pastor students Joey George of Angoon, Rosie Fay from Kake, Melissa Dunn from Sitka, Elders Jerilyn George of Angoon, John Major and Richard Dundas of Metlakatla

There was much talk and prayer and some videos that illustrated ideas. Some of the most impressive materials included DVD reports on congregations that have reached out in love to their communities. These stories are available in written form on the computer by going to Presbyterian Church (USA).org and pulling up Deep and Wide and finding under the Presbyterian news service materials Deep and Wide reports. One example is called Hot Wheels. I really recommend that you check these out. We might be inspired to do something caring.'

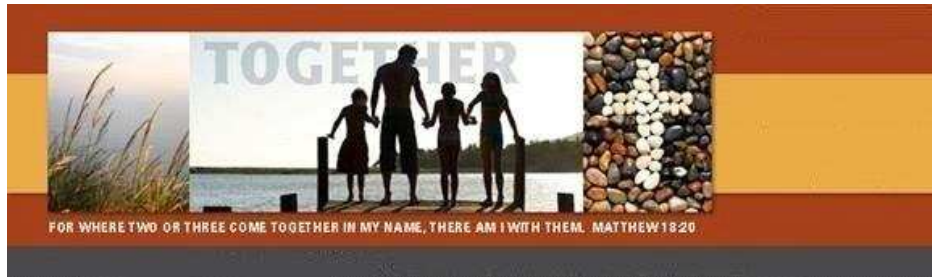


Our group (not an especially good picture) minus Richard Dundas and with Jerilyn's granddaughter added.

The training was at the Shrine of St. Therese at about 20 mile on the Highway NE of Juneau a serene place good for thoughtful times together and separately.

A grant from the Synod of Alaska-Northwest and the Office of Personal and Congregational Evangelism made this training possible. The Presbytery office staff, Kathy Ruddy, Peg Warren and friends were crucial to the enabling of this training which we pray the Holy Spirit will use to help us reach out to people in need of spiritual and earthly help.





Building your Church Website

A Training Event for congregations in the Synod of Alaska-Northwest

Saturday, June 5, 2010, 9:00 am—4:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church of Ephrata

172 Ivy Street SE

Ephrata, WA 98823

Cost: \$25 (includes lunch and materials), payable at the door.

RSVP to Sarah Beard (425) 355-0922 or sarah@npspresbyterians.net

The Synod of Alaska-Northwest is inviting you to a **one-day training** event where you will have the opportunity to learn the tools that it takes to build your church website. You will learn DotNetNuke (DNN), the web development platform used for Synod-hosted websites. This class has something to offer churches who:

- Want to create a new website using DNN;
- Have a DNN site, but need help getting started, or need a new look;
- Would like to transfer your existing site to the Synod-hosted system.*

We now offer 3 “templates” to choose from that are designed around the look, layout, and content of a church website. By starting out with one of our templates, you’ll be well on your way to having a working website by the end of the day!

*The Synod offers free web-hosting for all of our Family Chapel and Pastoral-sized churches (churches with an average attendance of up to 250 people). The only cost to the congregation is the cost of maintaining a domain name.

Come and let us help you share your ministry on the web!

Grace and peace,

Sarah Peniston

PLANNING CALENDARS AND MISSION YEARBOOKS

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2010-2011 Planning Calendars

The 2010-2011 Presbyterian Planning Calendar highlights the work of artist Kelly Rider, a Presbyterian and former YAV. Art and scripture verses reflect the General Assembly's commitment to "Grow Christ's Church Deep and Wide."

This 19-month calendar, which begins in June 2010, contains many planning aids for pastors and other church leaders, such as Sunday lectionaries, Presbyterian programmatic emphases, and a liturgical colors guide.

Calendars will be available in May.

The Presbytery of Alaska will not be consolidating orders this year, so please order the Calendars today from Presbyterian Distribution Service. Ask for #978-1-57153-090-5.

Phone: 800/524-2612

Fax: 502/569-8030

www.pcusa.org/planningcalendar

\$10.50 each; \$8.00 each for 10 to 49; \$6.00 each for 50 or more; plus shipping for all orders.



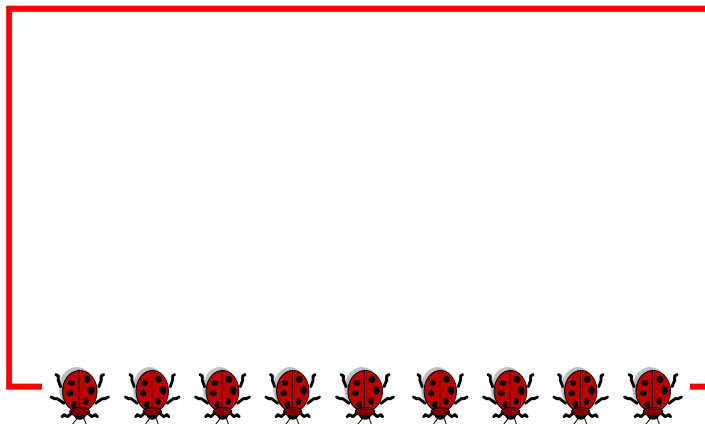
2011 Mission Yearbooks

2011 Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study

ISBN: 978-1-57153-092-9

Ways to order:

- 1) Place an order using a credit card or PIN by calling PDS at (800) 524-2612
- 2) Order online through www.pcusa.org/marketplace.
- 3) Complete the order forms that were sent to all of our churches.



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