

# Missions 2023

## All of us at First Presbyterian Church

Anchorage are God's missionaries. We can serve by contributing our time and talents each week. Over the past year we have strengthened existing missions and grown new projects.

**We focus on missions providing food and shelter** guided by Matthew 25:35-36

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."*



**MATTHEW 25**

We joined hundreds of other PCUSA churches in affirming ourselves as a Matthew 25 congregation to actively engage in our world

## First Presbyterian Missions

Food Bank of Alaska

Downtown Hope Center

Emergency Cold Weather Shelter for Families

Gambell Presbyterian Church & Community Center

FISH – Friends in Serving Humanity

Presbytery of the Yukon Missions

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Anchorage Thanksgiving Blessing

Souper Bowl of Caring

PCUSA Mission Coworkers – Ryan & Altheia

White – Iranian Pres. Church of Berlin

Hiland Mountain Correctional Center – Running Free Alaska

Lutheran Social Services

Walk for Warmth

PCUSA Special Offerings:

One Great Hour of Sharing

Pentecost – Youth Triennium

Peace and Global Witness

Christmas Joy

Beans Café - Children's Lunchbox

Covenant House

AWAIC Shelter

# Serving Others – Missions

**Let's** make this a year of joyful missions

We will continue to plan volunteer activities at the church and throughout the community.

We will continue preparing meals and serving as evening and overnight hosts at the dedicated Emergency Cold Weather Shelter for Families. This past year **24 members and church friends** volunteered at the Shelter.

We will participate in inter-denominational missions like the Anchorage Thanksgiving Blessing, Walk for Warmth, and other events.

We will strive to achieve a Matthew 25 Initiative of dismantling structural racism by expanding our disentangling colonialism group exploring the church's role in Alaskan history.

We will maintain our partnership with the Gambell Presbyterian Church and community center spreading God's love.

We will reach out to those in need here in Anchorage and across the globe.

Help us grow these endeavors and other mission projects in the coming year with your ideas and energy. Please join one of our missional endeavors, participate in a missions meeting or support those around you.

Thank you, First Presbyterian Church for your generous support.

Mission Committee Members:

Kay Brown, Ramona Duerre, Rich Jackson, Delphine Atu-tetuh, Danna Larson, Diane Siewert, and Marcus Geist.

We always welcome new participants to the Missions Committee.

## Stretching to Serve:

Let's grow our group of First Presbyterian volunteers serving in missions, by aiming to *tithe* our *time* and our *talents*.

Let's reach out to neighbors in need by staying actively involved in our community, across Alaska, throughout our country, and our world.

Let's continue to support Presbyterian missions through the PCUSA special offerings



May we act as the hands and hearts of Christ in our community.

## Our Missional Activity Calendar

### Jan – Feb

Epiphany Baby Shower for Jesus – Covenant House

Souper Bowl of Caring

Cohost Walk for Warmth with the United Way



### Mar – Apr

Writing Letters to Alaskan Prisoners - Easter

PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing



### May – Aug

Hiland Mountain Correctional Facility  
Running Free Alaska Program

Community Garden

PCUSA Pentecost Offering

Assist Pres. Women at AK Scottish  
Highland Games Tea Tent Fundraiser



### Sep – Oct

PCUSA Peace and Global Witness Offering

Writing Letters to Alaskan Prisoners - Christmas

Supplies and Gift Cards – Refugee support  
Catholic Social Services

### Nov - Dec

Anchorage Thanksgiving Blessing – 500 cans of corn

Gambell Pres. Church - 500 pairs of warm socks

Children's Lunchbox – packed pantry boxes

PCUSA Joy Offering

Christmas Eve Offering

