

PRESBYTERY OF YELLOWSTONE
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
Billings, Montana
February 28 - March 1, 2011
Committee on Ministry Report

Recommendations from the Ministry Unit for action by the Presbytery:

There are no recommendations for action by the Presbytery at this time.

On January 13, 2011, the Ministry Unit took the following actions:

1. Voted to approve the transfer of Rev. Jacquelyn Pinkowski to Albany Presbytery
2. Voted to approve Don Holland to serve communion for the next 6 months at Community Presbyterian Church of Treasure County, Hysham, MT
3. Voted to approve Community Presbyterian Church of Treasure County's Mission Study Narrative and gave the Church approval to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee
4. Reviewed the second two month report from Rev. Dave Schneider, Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Miles City, MT. A letter of encouragement for his work will be sent for his good work there.
5. Appointed Rev. Neva Rathbun as Liaison to First Presbyterian Church, Miles City, MT
6. Reviewed the Church Information Form (CIF) submitted by First Presbyterian Church, Poplar, MT
7. Voted to return CIF expand narratives and section on youth ministry.
8. In response to First Presbyterian Church session's request for a Elder Moderator be appointed from the session, CoM voted to not appoint an elder Moderator at this time.

Information Items:

1. West Yellowstone Protestant Church is narrowing their search for their part-time position.
2. White Sulphur Springs continues their search for pastor.
3. Donna Maddux, Temporary Supply at First Presbyterian Church, continues her studies and anticipates being a Commissioned Lay Pastor in June of 2011.
4. Rev. Mary Davis continues her medical leave through March, 2011. Keep her, as well as the congregation at First Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Dick Davis, appointed as Moderator during this time, in your prayers.
5. The youth, Billings First Presbyterian Church, are planning a mission trip outside the USA in 2012. More information is up-coming.
6. The Rev. Sally J. Ralston announced her engagement to Bob Matosich. Congratulations!
7. Liability Insurance coverage and Boundary Training: Ron Hanson is checking on recommended levels of liability insurance for churches.
8. ENGAGE Program: Yellowstone Presbytery has received a \$5,000 grant for a pilot program titled "ENGAGE" which focuses on evangelism and church growth. Ray Jones and Eric Hoey will be present in the presbytery to lead a series of workshops. Butte will host a workshop on February 28, 2011 with Ray Jones, Evangelism Ministries, PCUSA, leading it and he will be preaching at the Presbytery Meeting of Feb. 28th. Other workshops are being scheduled.

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