

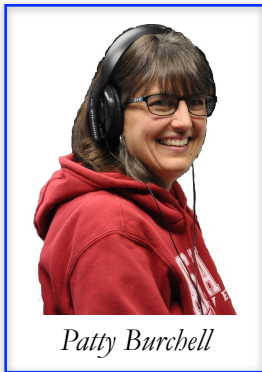
KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic



The more things change, the more they stay the same. As we approach the second anniversary



Patty Burchell

of living with COVID we are praising God for a good start to 2022. God continues to sustain, empower, and

encourage our staff and listeners, and we are grateful. There are of course still challenges, but God is faithful.

We are also praising God that the new transmitter is humming right along and our towers, buildings, and equipment have weathered the extreme cold of November, ice and high winds of December, and storms of January well.

Western Alaska is isolated in the best of times and we have been reminded again and again of the connection and encouragement given through KICY to our region.

Thank you for your continued prayer for KICY. We know that it is through the prayers of the saints that we are sustained financially, physically, and spiritually.

Covenant Pastors Call Basketball

Basketball is in full swing in Western Alaska and while a few tournaments have been modified due to the ever-present Coronavirus, teams are traveling and games are being played.



Josie Stiles and Superintendent Curtis Ivanoff

Josie Stiles is once again providing the play-by-play action for all games played in Nome, and thanks to a generous sponsorship from the Thomas and Cindy Massie Foundation she is also able to travel to most tournaments.

She has been ably assisted at two

Anchorage area tournaments by Alaska Conference Superintendent Curtis Ivanoff, and MatSu Covenant Pastor Rick Millikin. Curtis grew up in Unalakleet listening to games on KICY and would often “call” his own games as he and his brother played Nerf basketball in their room. Rick has a radio background and has broadcast many college level basketball tournaments for radio and television. Both are a welcome addition to our basketball coverage this year. Our Covenant pastors are indeed multitalented!



Josie Stiles and Pastor Rick Millikin

Midwinter 2022



With the KICY 60th Anniversary Memory Book open to photos of her grandfather, Ernie Hanson, Annie Martin visits with Patty Burchell

The Covenant pastors' Midwinter Conference is always a wonderful gathering. During the week KICY hosts an information table where we share the ministry of KICY with any who will listen. It has been a place where pastors ask about hosting a Salmon Dinner, and the need for volunteers is shared. We broadcast CareForce, live from Chicago, and air the evening worship services.

Old friends and new stop by the table to say "Hi" and reminisce about service at KICY and Western Alaska. This year was no exception. It is always wonderful to see Mark Hill, former Program Director at KICY. He is a military chaplain now, serving at a base in Georgia. Pastor Scott Peterson stopped by the table a couple times to share stories and memories of his years at Nome Covenant Church. I always enjoy reconnecting with Garth Bolinder, who was pastor of the Covenant Church I attended in California years ago and is now the superintendent of the Midsouth Conference.

Another visitor to the KICY table was Annie Martin, granddaughter of Ernie Hanson. Ernie and his wife, Barbara, arrived in Nome as full time missionaries in 1961, early in KICY's history, and served in many capacities from editor of The Call Letter, to calling basketball play-by-play. Ernie served as general manager from 1962-1967. Following that legacy of service, Annie Martin works for World Vision, and in particular their partnership with Covenant Kids Congo.

Again and again I am reminded that the reach of KICY is large and the people who have served have both impacted life in Western Alaska and been impacted by it. It is indeed a blessing to be a part of the greater Covenant family. It is events like this that allow the ministry of KICY to be shared with many who might not otherwise know about its impact.

A Prayer Request

For each of our staff members

George Bard

Patty Burchell

Cody Foret

Joy Foret

Nate Hobbs

Kathy Horner

Ron Horner

Bertha Koweluk

Luda Kinok

Lena Mathlaw

Josie Stiles

Jared White

Praise God...

...for His protection and provision during winter storms and needed travel.

Pray for...

...the people God would call to serve at KICY to respond to that call.

Luda Broadcasts from Hawaii

For several years Luda Kinok, our Russian Language Programmer, has worked part time at the Nome Post Office. Last July she took advantage of the opportunity for a transfer and moved to Hawaii. She now works at one of the post offices in Honolulu and is making Hawaii her home. Luda had the desire to continue providing Russian content for KICY, and thanks to the marvels of modern technology, she can. We have provided her with a home studio that interfaces with our automation system in Nome which allows her to complete her on air shift each day almost as if she were in the studio.



Luda in her home studio

Please pray for Luda as she continues to settle in to a location that is quite different from Western Alaska. Her work hours have made it difficult to fully enter into life in Hawaii as she is currently on the night shift. Even so she has found ways to connect with the people she works with and has hosted several visitors from Alaska. Pray that she would find more and more time to explore her new surroundings and that she would be able to build relationships with people in that place. Pray also for her continued ministry to the people of Eastern Russia. We are blessed Luda continues to minister on KICY, and know our Russian listeners are, too.

Memorials

In December and January, we received memorials in the name of:

Tom & Annie Dotomain
Edward Lattimore, Jr.
Ralph & Gert Fondell
Mary A. Miller
Rodger Nelson
Mattie Widen
Alegria Joy Tuggy
Marv Bjorlin
Jerry Stenberg
Rev. Harold & Donna Swanberg

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-December Income-

\$65,308.10

-December Budget-

\$46,666.45

-December Expenses-

\$39,158.81

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds



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A Giving Opportunity

If you are subject to a Required Minimum Distribution from an IRA you have the option to distribute those funds directly to one or more charities as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). These distributions come directly from your financial institution and the QCD is not counted as income. Choosing a non-profit organization as the recipient also means the funds are not taxed. It is a win-win for both the IRA account owner and charitable organizations.

Arrangements can be made through your financial institution to send all or part of that distribution directly to KICY.

Thank you for considering KICY as a Qualified Charitable Distribution recipient.

Thank You!



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Lon Returns to the Air

In late January the Covenant Church held its annual pastors' gathering known as Midwinter. Due to Covid, the conference had not taken place since January 2020. It was wonderful to see old friends and make new ones.

One of the joys of Midwinter is being able to broadcast CareForce live from Chicago. Often we have guest pastors share during that time. In fact, there are a few pastors who do not normally host



Lon Swanson hosts CareForce from Chicago

CareForce but look forward each year to hosting from Midwinter. This year, Lon Swanson, retired Covenant Pastor and long-

time KICY volunteer, was at the conference and returned to the microphone to host. Lon is enjoying retired life in Illinois, close to family and friends.

CareForce is a wonderful way to connect with listeners through the ministry of prayer. It was good to have Lon on the air, even if it was not in Nome, sharing once again with the people of Western Alaska. Once a KICY volunteer, always a part of the KICY family.