

Sunday and Beyond
United Methodist Church of Sitka
303 Kimsham, Sitka, AK 99835

Our Mission Statement: To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, worship God passionately, foster spiritual growth, and provide Christian support and service.

Calendar of Events
March 19 – March 26, 2017

Sunday:	10:00AM-	Worship Service (Fellowship)
	4:00PM-	Lenten Study, <i>Creed</i> , in pastor's office
Tuesday:	7:00PM-	Church Council
Wednesday:	2:00PM-	Sew and Go
	6:00PM	Choir Practice
	6:30PM-	Handbell practice
Thursday:		UMW Day of Giving
Saturday:	2:30PM	Children's Lenten Activity
Sunday:	10:00AM-	Worship (Fellowship)
	3:00PM-	Community Choir Rehearsal
	4:00PM-	Lenten Study, Pastor's Office

Looking Ahead: **Palm Sunday, April 9**, Children will sing in worship
 Intergenerational activities at Fellowship
 and **Easter Egg hunt** following that!

March
Prayer and Mission Focus

Prayer focus:
 Sitkans against Family
 Violence (SAFV) shelter
Mission Focus: Toiletries
 and food for SAFV shelter



LENT

FOCUS FOR LENT: Our Baptismal Vows

The 40 days before Easter, the period we now call Lent, was used by the early Church as a time of preparation for baptism for new converts. During this time, they learned about what it meant to follow Christ and be a member of the Church. During this Lent, we are looking at the vows we take at our baptism and exploring how we can live them out here and now. The Services of the Baptismal Covenant are in the front of the UM Hymnal (p. 32) and there is a theological discussion of the sacrament online at www.umc.org/what-we-believe/sacraments.

STUDY FOR LENT: "Creed: What Christians Believe and Why"

This study explores the Apostle's Creed, the oldest statement of Christian faith, what it means, and why it's important. If you're interested, please join us. We will meet this afternoon at 4pm in the pastor's office; contact Pastor Laura.

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN DAY OF GIVING

Please join the UMW members around the country on March 23 for the Third Annual Day of giving. The endowment is to help support the work of future generations of the UMW. You can help give in one of three ways.

- Online at www.unitedmethodist.women.org/legacyfund.
- By Phone 800-278-7771 or Text Legacy 1500 to 41444.
- Mail check to Office of the Treasurer, United Methodist Women, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY

UMCOR Sunday

The offering received will go to support our United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which is our hands, feet, and help in times of disaster and crisis all over the world. UMCOR, working in coordination with other relief agencies, is usually one of the first on site in a situation of need. Give generously, knowing that 100% of your donation goes to help others.



COMMUNITY CHOIR for Community Easter Sunrise Service: rehearsals begin 3pm, Sunday, March 26, each Sunday through April 9. Service is at 7am on April 16 at Centennial Hall. All are welcome for the choir and for the service. Contact: Gloria Hagerman, 907-747-3656.

KIDS' TIMES!!!
****Lenten Activity, Saturday, March 25, 2:30pm**
 Fun, learning, and fellowship as our kids work through some activities related to Lent and Easter.
****Palm Sunday, April 9:** the children will sing in worship a song they've been learning in Sunday School. Then, following fellowship that day, an **EASTER EGG HUNT!!**
If you can help with either of these activities, please contact Janice Michael, 907-752-7020.

GOOD OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP:

www.TakeThemAMeal.com

We're helping Peggy Thomas, whose broken leg is still healing, with some meals, and this website helps organize it. Go there, enter password 'meals', then the name 'Thomas', then Peggy, and check the calendar. Contact: Marcia Hirai, 306-481-1505.

JUST A FEW PANTRY THINGS...

We're gathering a small pantry with some non-food items (detergent, paper products, etc.) and some non-perishable food items for some ongoing needs in our church family. Donations can be placed in the 'Pantry' box in the narthex.

GIVE ELECTRONICALLY

Scan QR code to right and use our web-based pay page or download the app 'Joyfully to UMC'.



Birthdays

March

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| 5 Amy Sweeney | 15 Pat Giampa |
| 7 Maggie Gallin | 16 Michael Hirai |
| 8 Dave Elsensohn | 21 Jericson Africano |
| 9 Natividad Manaois | 27 Sarah Campen |
| 11 Bob Potrzuski | |
| 13 Guada Nilo | |

Volunteers

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| Elementary..... | Janice Michael |
| Preschool..... | Becky Charlton |
| Altar Flowers..... | Carol Potrzuski |
| Fellowship..... | Marcia Hirai |

PRAYER CONCERNS. All who travel, Karen Iwamoto,, Roger Hames Jr., Heidi and Hazel, Dwight and Marilyn Payton, Chelsea & Brittany Michael, Jason Minor, Jake DenHerder, Pat Welsh's Niece's husband, Peggy Thomas, Jace Hirai. Tom Ferris and Nadine Mandrele.