

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 26 – April 2, 2017

Sunday:	10:00AM- 1:00PM- 4:00PM-	Worship Service (Potluck) Community Choir Rehearsal Lenten Study, <i>Creed</i> , in pastor's office
Wednesday:	2:00PM- 6:00PM 6:30PM-	Sew and Go Choir Practice Handbell practice
Thursday:	10:00AM	Worship Committee Meeting
Sunday:	10:00AM- 1:00PM- 4:00PM-	Worship (Fellowship) Community Choir Rehearsal Lenten Study, Pastor's Office
Looking Ahead:	Children's Ministry Committee, Monday, April 3	

March
Prayer and Mission Focus

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



LENT

FOCUS FOR LENT: Our Baptismal Vows

This period before Easter that 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. See the front of the UM Hymnal (p.32) for the Services of the Baptismal Covenant, and umc.org/what-we-believe/sacraments for a discussion of baptism.

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

The Apostle's Creed is the oldest statement of foundational Christian belief. We're looking at what it means, and why it's important, and we meet Sunday afternoons at 4pm in the pastor's office; contact: Pastor Laura, 423-404-1568.
 Two extra books are available (\$14ea) if you are interested in reading about the Creed.

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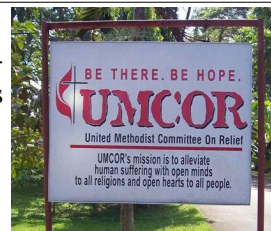
KIDS' TIME!!! Don't Miss Out!

****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 these activities, please contact Janice Michael, 907-752-7020.



UMCOR Sunday

The offering received today will specifically go to cover administrative costs of 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. We give generously today so that 100% of all other project donations goes to help others.



COMMUNITY CHOIR for Community Easter Sunrise Service: rehearsals begin today at 1pm and continue each Sunday through April 9. The 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.

SEWING DAY FOR DAYS FOR GIRLS KITS, Saturday, April 29, 10am ó 4pm
We can use help with sewing and other things. Check with Julia Smith or Vicki Keele for info.

GOOD OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP:

Thanks for your help with meals for Peggy Thomas.

She feels now able to take care of her meals herself. And, thanks to all who have provided transportation for her, to and from PT, church, etc. That need continues a while longer.

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 UMCö.



Birthdays

March

- 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

- Elementary.....Janice Michael
- Preschool.....Becky Charlton



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, family of Nadine Mandrele, Pastor Taylor, Chris (Cancer).