

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.

From the Pastor...

EASTER! He Is Risen!

What a glorious day Easter Sunday was! First, the community sunrise service at the Centennial Center, which involved pastors from 6 different Protestant churches and amazing contributions by our own Bells of Sitka Sound and a community choir organized and led by our own Gloria Hagerman. I must admit I was surprised when most of the large number of chairs were filled!

And then, more than 80 people joined us for worship at our own service, blessed again by the bells and the choir. We said farewell to Arianna Elnes, who has played bells with us for several months, and we repeated the traditional Easter acclamation and renewed our baptismal vows. Then we enjoyed special Easter treats at fellowship time. It was a very, very good day!

I am happy to report an offering of over \$300 that will go to Unalaska UMC, as well as a generous offering to the church of more than \$2000. Thanks be to God! - both for these generous gifts to God's work in the world and for God's own immeasurable gift of a risen Jesus!

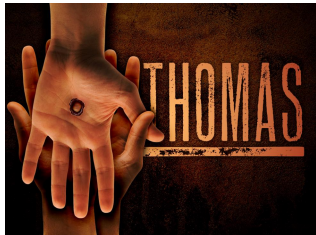
Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia

...and may you always know this in your heart! ~ *Laura*

**April
Prayer and
Mission Focus**

Prayer focus:
Unalaska UMC and
Mission Project

Mission Focus: Special
Easter offering will be
received for Unalaska



Calendar of Events
April 23 – April 30 2017

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| Sunday: | 10:00AM- 11:30AM- 2:00PM- | Worship (Fellowship) Children's Ministries Meeting Blessing of the Fleet, Crescent Harbor |
| Wednesday: | 2:00PM- 6:00PM- 6:30PM- | Sew and Go Choir Practice Handbell practice |
| Saturday | 10:00AM- | Sewing Day for Days of Girls kits |
| Sunday: | 10:00AM- | Worship (Potluck) |

Looking Ahead: -- UM Special Sunday: Native American Sunday, April 30

Please visit our FB page and check the website (umc@umc.org)

FYI: Work continues on replacing the rest of the windows in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen, and back classroom, but the space is usable.

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EASTER SUNDAY



SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 10AM -4PM, ONE MORE SEWING DAY FOR DAYS FOR GIRLS KITS, This mission project is aimed at helping mature girls in undeveloped countries be able to spend more days in school by providing washable and reusable feminine hygiene products. Some 20 or more kits have already been finished and delivered for preparation for distribution. We'll need help with sewing but also lots of other things. Come, enjoy the fellowship, and do a good work.

GIVE ELECTRONICALLY

Scan QR code to right or go to umcsitka.com and use our secure web-based pay page. And now, download the **Give+** mobile app from your favorite app store (it's free!) and connect quickly from your smartphone (android or iphone) to our web-based giving page.



Birthdays

April

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| 5 Marcia Hirai | 25 David Turcott |
| 8 Carrie Spackman | 27 Benjamin Campen |
| 12 Nancy Short | 21 Jase Hirai |
| 9 Sophie Carroll | |
| 22 Tanner Steinson | |
| 24 Chelsea Michael | |

Volunteers

- Elementary.....Carol Potrzuski*
Preschool.....Maggie White
Fellowship.....Pat Welsh
Altar Flowers..... Kathy Eggen
Worship Assistant.....Kathy Eggen

PRAYER CONCERNS. Nash Family, Karen Iwamoto, Roger Hames Jr., Heidi & Hazel, Dwight and Marilyn Payton, Chelsea Michael, Jason Minor, Jake DenHerder, Hardy Grant, Fish Family, Pat's Niece Wendy, Tom Ferris, Mandrele Family, Pastor Taylor, Chris (Cancer), Bonnie Richards, Allen Walton, Neros' Aunt