

# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SITKA SUNDAY AND BEYOND

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



## This Week

October 28 - November 4, 2018

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service, Fellowship Potluck Revisiting Our Mission</b>
	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Manna Mission led by partnering church*</b>
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>BeTween Gathering</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Bells Practice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Books &amp; Conversation at St. Peter's-by-the-Sea</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service All Saints Sunday</b>

Please call or text Pastor Jojo (907) 419.3112 with names of friends and loved ones who have passed this year.

*\*UMC prepares and serves food on the first Sunday of every month at the Lutheran Church as part of Manna Mission which is currently upheld by five local churches*



## Ministers This Sunday

Nursery: Brittany Michael  
Preschool Teacher: Marcia Hirai  
Preschool Helper: Nathan White  
Elementary Teacher: Maggie White



<i>October 28<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Jarrett Hirai</i>
<i>November 1<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>Kimberly Bakkes</i>
<i>November 1<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>Ted Michael</i>
<i>November 4<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Vicki Keele</i>
<i>November 4<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Wayne Hagerman</i>

## Special Upcoming Dates

### Potluck Sunday

Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> during Fellowship. Main theme is Harvest and Fall Soup and Salads but please feel free to bring whatever you can. If you aren't able to bring anything, COME ANYWAYS! We would love to have you for fun and fellowship.

### BeTween Ministry:

Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00pm  
Hallowing the Halloween at the Charltons'  
301 Islander Drive

### Charge Conference

Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
Please pray and plan to participate.

Books and Conversations Series begins  
Thursdays, 12:00-1:00pm at St. Peter's-by-the-Sea  
Reading : On the Brink of Everything:  
Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old by Parker J. Palmer

***If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it  
1 Corinthians 12:26-27***

- Jane Seesz's friend Chris
- Jane Seesz's sister, Katie, recovering from back surgery
- Family and Friends of Richard Anderson, on his passing
- Our Sitka Fisherfolks, for harvest provision as they fish
- Those affected by Hurricane Florence in the East Coast and Typhoon Mangkhut in South East Asia
- Roger Hames Jr.
- Bonnie and Max Cottrell's brother-in-law John
- Dwight and Marilyn as Marilyn copes with fibromyalgia
- Christ and Rollo Pool's nephew, Jason Minor, awaiting kidney transplant
- Beth Haggerty, having new cancer treatment
- Kelly Gebler's Dad who has cancer
- Jim Kelly battling cancer
- Ada Honda for full recovery
- Mimi Goodwin, for healing
- Vicki Keele as she recovers from knee reconstruction\*
- Chuck Bovee who went into skilled nursing care
- Tom and Joanne Ferris for strength and peace
- Ed, Pastor Robert Hattle's friend
- Mary Purvis who suffered from a stroke and her husband Bob
- Jackie Neros's sister as she celebrates grandparenthood for the first time
- Paula Salte as she travels to Washington to care for her elderly aunt. She needs us to pray for calmness, patience and for her settling in and caring for her aunt.
- Mary and Bob Purvis. Mary had a stroke and is at Virginia Mason Hospital. Prayers for healing and recovery.
- Maria, Don Seesz' daughter and the family with the passing of Maria's mother, Pauline.
- Kathy and Andy's daughter, Sarah who will be having her 3<sup>rd</sup> (hopefully last) reconstructive surgery
- For all those who deal with the "Let Down" of the summer season.
- Jenny Grant and all of her family. Jenny and her Aunt flew to Colorado to take her mom Barb to her Aunt Diana's home after having hip surgery last week. Barb hasn't been fully awake since her surgery. Her family recently met with hospice care which was helpful.
- Jenny's cousin's 13-year-old daughter (Barb's sister Diana's granddaughter) committed suicide. Please hold them in your thoughts and prayers.
- Prayers for Joanne Ferris and their family and friends in their time of grief; Tom Ferris passed away after his struggles with Cancer (October 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Family & Friends of Lessard family in their time of grief as well; Barbara passed away (October 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Prayers of Joy, Dan Jones released to return to Sitka
- Prayers of comfort for the family of our District Superintendent Rev. Carlo Rapanut for his mother's passing
- Prayers of Thanksgiving for Ruth Finsley's children.



*Joys and Concerns*

*\*Meal Train for Vicki Keele. Please take note of the email Marci Hirai sent out to support Vicki who is now at home. She has a short respite until her knee replacement operation. A visit is very welcome and meals, too! The site is [www.takethemameal.com](http://www.takethemameal.com). Search: Keele / Password: church.*

## Revisiting Our Mission

### What is our church about? What do we do?

May we all gather on Sunday after service (potluck included) to come and join the conversation to revisit our mission as a faithful community. We end at 1 p.m. For those who have children, we will set up one room so they get to watch a wholesome movie/show. If you care for the future of our church and the mandate given to us, "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you' (Matthew 28:18-20)," please pray for this event and plan your participation.



*Gifted with musical talents?*

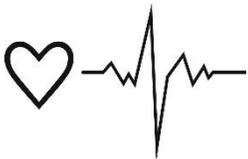
*Why not sign up to sing or play instruments for our worship special music?*

*Please contact Bonnie Cottrell for more information.*

*Sign-up clipboards will also be available on Sundays.*

### Sharing Our Blessings

**Our Sunday School kids are saving up their offering for Thanksgiving Baskets to be given for families in difficult circumstances. If you would like to share your blessings, please consider helping!**



**November 2nd Homeless Connect Event @ Salvation Army  
Sitka Helpline S.O.S Needs Warm Clothing  
Seeking donations: jackets, base layer shirts, warm socks**



### PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK: Aldersgate, UMC Karen Dammann, Pastor

Thank you for praying for the Faith Community of Aldersgate as we enter into the Seasons of Autumn and Winter, with our celebrations of All Saint's and Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. Pray with us that we can faithfully be the Light of Christ in the growing darkness of this season.

## **A Statement from the Alaska Conference Delegation to the 2019 General Conference Special Called Session**

*For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.*

(I Corinthians 13:12-13, NRSV)

As we approach the Special Called General Conference in February 2019, the delegation from Alaska United Methodist Conference has been working hard to review, discuss, and evaluate the material from the Commission on the Way Forward. The delegation comes from different geographical places across the conference, as well as different places theologically. At times, our discussion has been difficult, as we experience in a smaller degree the tension that is in the broader church. In all things, though, we agree that we must move forward in love.

### **The majority of the delegation are in support of the One Church Plan.**

This plan addresses the exclusionary language in the Discipline by either removing it or making it historical in nature. Additionally, it leaves the decision of who may be ordained to individual Boards of Ordained Ministries, the decision of who to marry in the hands of individual clergy, and whether same-sex marriages can take place in a church to the local congregation.

As United Methodists, we are invited to reflect theologically through use of Scripture, Tradition, Reason and Experience. Because of this, we are likely to come up with different answers to the same question because of differences in our contexts and experience. The One Church Plan acknowledges those differences and allows for freedom in our conclusions. It allows for our mission as United Methodists to 'making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world,' regardless of our ministry setting.

Alaska United Methodist Conference is diverse in our geography, our populations, and in our theology. Diversity in our understanding of a changing theological landscape should not be surprising, and perhaps should be expected. In the interest of empowering all voices, we would appreciate hearing from you.

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