UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SITKA

SUNDAY AND BEYOND

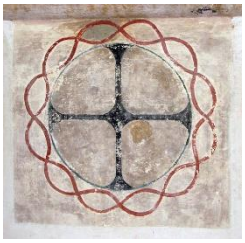
Our Mission Statement:
To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, worship God passionately, foster spiritual growth, and provide Christian support and service.

This Week

November 4th – November 11th, 2018

Sunday	**10:00 am**	**Workship Service, All Saint's Sunday**
	12:30pm	**UMC Manna Mission***
Monday	**7:00 pm**	**Women's Bible Study (Sisterhood of Grace)**
Love Feast Celebration-Thanks Offering		
Tuesday	**7:00 pm**	**Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting**
Wednesday	**6:30 pm**	**Bells Practice**
Thursday	**12:00pm**	**Books &Conversation at St. Peter's-by-the-Sea**
Sunday	**10:00 am**	**Worship Service**

**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

Fellowship Host: Kathy Eggen
Altar Flowers: Kathy Eggen
Worship & Young Disciples' Time: Julia Smith
Nursery: Brittany Michael
Pre-School Teacher: Becky Charlton
Pre-school Helper: Shane Tincher
Elementary Teacher: Maggie White

November 4th	***Vicki Keele***
November 4th	***Wayne Hagerman***
November 6th	***Katie Sweeney***
November 7th	***Zia Allen***
November 7th	***Jerome Nabua***
November 9th	***Bob Ginn***
November 9th	***Murray Crookes***

Special Upcoming Dates

Charge Conference
Thursday, November 15th at 7:00pm

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

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. – 1 Chronicles 16:11

Joys and Concerns

- Roger Hames, Jr.
- Bonnie and Max Cotrell's brother-in-law John
- Dwight and Marilyn Payton
- Chris and Rollo Poole's nephew
- Jason Minor, awaiting kidney transplant
- Beth Haggerty, having new cancer treatment
- Kelly Gebler's Dad who has cancer
- Jim Kelly, battling cancner
- Ada Honda for full recovery
- Mimi Goodwin, for healing
- Viciki Keele, for full recovery
- Chuck Bovee who went into skilled nursing care
- Mary and Bob Purvis
- Jenny Grant and her family
- Family and Friends of the Lessard family
- Healing mercies for Nicolette, Janice's niece
- The United Methodist Church as we continue to see a Way Forward
- Praying for housing and employment in LA for Michael, Mary's son

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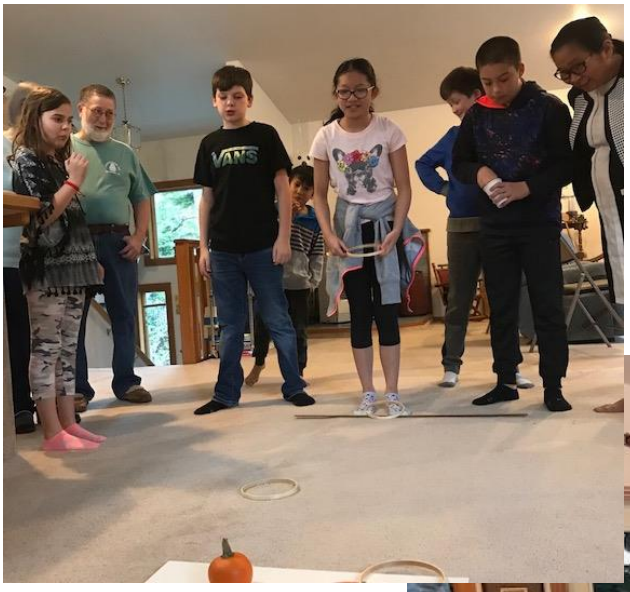
Men and Women of the Sitka United Methodist Church: *Revisiting The Mission*

BeTween Gathering

Halloween and Handling Our Fear



John Wesley on All Saints' Day

November 1 is All Saints Day, a sometimes-overlooked holy day in United Methodist congregations. It is not nearly as well known as the day before, All Hallows' (Saints') Eve, better known as Halloween, but is far more important in the life of the church.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he writes, "I always find this a comfortable day." The following year he calls it "a day that I peculiarly love."

This may sound odd. United Methodists don't believe in saints. Right?

Well, yes… and no.

Wesley cautioned against holding saints in too high regard. The Articles of Religion that he sent to the Methodists in America in 1784, include a statement against "invocation of saints" (Article XIV—Of Purgatory, Book of Discipline 104). Wesley did not see biblical evidence for the practice and discouraged Methodists from participating.

However, he also advised against disregarding the saints altogether.

All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history, what United Methodists call the **tradition of the church**.
From the early days of Christianity, there is a sense that the Church consists of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. For example, in Hebrews 12 the author encourages Christians to remember that a "great cloud of witnesses" surrounds us encouraging us, cheering us on.

On All Saints Day we remember all those—famous or obscure—who are part of the "communion of saints" we confess whenever we recite **The Apostles' Creed**. We tell the stories of the saints "to glory gone."

Alongside the likes of Paul from the New Testament, Augustine, Martin Luther, and John and Charles Wesley, we tell stories of the grandmother who took us to church every Sunday. We remember the pastor who prayed with us in the hospital, and the neighbor who changed the oil in the family car. We give thanks for the youth leader who told us Jesus loved us, the kindergarten Sunday school teacher who showered us with that love, and the woman in the church who bought us groceries when we were out of work. Retelling these stories grounds us in our history. These memories teach us how God has provided for us through the generosity and sacrifice of those who have come before us. The stories of the saints encourage us to be all God has created us to be.

On All Saints Day, let us give thanks for both the saints in glory and those on earth, who have led us to Jesus. As they have shared the gospel with us, may we add our voices so someone else may hear about the grace and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God for the lives of his saints.

Excerpts from http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/all-saints-day-a-holy-day-john-wesley-loved