

# 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**

**August 26 – September 2, 2018**

**Sunday 10:00 am** Worship Service  
**Tuesday 5:00pm** Watchtower Prayer  
**Wednesday 2:00 pm** UMC Quilters  
**Sunday 10:00 am** Worship Service

*A gentle reminder: Please have your children stay with you during worship. There are activity bags available for them.  
Thank You*



### **Ministers This Sunday:**

**Bible Reader:** Julia Nabua  
**Young Disciples Time:** Janice Michaels  
**Flowers:** Pastor Jojo Nabua

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

*August 26<sup>th</sup> Brenda Campen  
Pat Welsh  
August 29<sup>th</sup> Steve Ramp  
August 31<sup>st</sup> Kaitlin McAdams*



**Our VBS kids have prepared 12 bags for Salvation Army's Pretty Purses Project.**

**Purses will be delivered to the Salvation Army Office after their major re-organization and clean-up.**



- Roger Hames, Jr.
- Bonnie and Max Cottrell's brother-in-law John
- Jane Seesz's friend Chris
- Dwight and Marilyn Payton
- Dan Jones as he begins his next phase of treatment with stem cell harvesting this week
- Tom and Joanne Ferris as they seek treatment options
- Chris and Rollo Pool's nephew, Jason Minor, awaiting a kidney transplant
- Beth Haggerty having new cancer treatment
- Kelly Gebler's father who has cancer
- Jim Ball with health issues
- Jim Kelly battling cancer
- Ada Honda, for full recovery
- Mimi Goodwin recovering from surgery
- Lanis Beach with a postoperative infection
- family and friends of Marci Meacham and Chris Martinsen who passed away
- Vicki Keele who is at SEARHC and hopefully finishes her last round of antibiotics and awaits knee replacement surgery
- Louise Brady recovering at the hospital for fracture
- Sierra (strength for work)
- Scoot Ledge
- Marci's classmate who was in a recent accident
- and for all those traveling (Jane Seesz, Nancy Young, Iris, the Higleys
- Leadership for Blessings In A Backpack
- Chuck Bovee, who went into skilled nursing care
- Becky's friend Linda who is south with her dear mother who is nearing the end of life
- Janice Hamrick who left for Anchorage to begin her next assignment helping military children in two schools
- Tom and Joanne Ferris as they learned the Tom's T-Cell treatment did not take
- Marcia's niece Jessica who was diagnosed with congestive heart failure
- For all those who are returning to school...staff, students, substitutes, and all those just beginning school here and elsewhere!



*Joys and Concerns*




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**Background on  
Proposed Plans  
for the  
Way Forward  
Special General  
Conference in  
February 2010**

The **One Church Plan** allows for contextualization of language about human sexuality in support of the mission; and allows for central conferences, especially those in Africa, to retain their disciplinary authority to adapt the Book of Discipline and continue to include traditional

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language and values while fulfilling the vision of a global and multicultural church.

This plan also encourages a generous unity by giving United Methodists the ability to address different missional contexts in ways that reflect their theological convictions.

The One Church Plan removes the restrictive language of the Book of Discipline and adds assurances to pastors and Conferences who due to their theological convictions cannot perform same-sex weddings or ordain self-avowed practicing homosexuals. (UMC Press Release)

*Next Week: Plan 2 – The Connectional Conference Plan*

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**AUMC Prayer Focus**

**The United Methodist Church of Sitka**

**Bennie Grace P. Nabua, Pastor**

*Wondrous and loving God, we ask that you stir in our faith community a passion to worship you in spirit and in truth, to dive deeper in relationship with you, to live authentic lives with other believers studying your Word, bearing one another's burdens and encouraging one another and to serve the least and the weak with joy.*

*Bless each member of this household of faith that we may continually give honor and glory to your holy and blessed name. Multiply our gifts and service as we continue to participate in local missions that extend the love of Jesus to those in need. We also lift up our ministries with children, youth and the elderly that all may be edified and strengthened to follow and obey your will. In the name of Jesus we ask all these, AMEN.*

**A Prayer for the Beginning of School**

August 21, 2018 by Kimberly Knowle-Zeller

Dear Lord,

We place such trust in you as we send our children to school.  
Our hearts are full.  
Full of excitement. Full of worry. Full of anticipation. Full of hope.  
Give us calm hearts.  
Give us peace.  
Guide us as we prepare our children for school.  
May their backpacks be organized and their lunch boxes full.  
May their questions be answered.  
May their anxious hearts be calmed by loving hands and warm smiles.  
May their loneliness be met with a kind friend inviting them to lunch.  
May their differences be celebrated.  
May they be loved and known.  
We place such trust in you as we send our children to school.

Let us as parents savor this moment of beginning. Beginning a new year, beginning a new grade, or perhaps beginning school for the first time.  
Be with us as we entrust our children to others.  
May our worries be given to you.  
May our children know that our love goes with them.

Open the hearts of our children to love learning.

May their eyes sparkle in wonder.  
May their hands create beauty.  
May their minds be open to possibility.

May their curiosity be piqued.  
May they see your hands guiding them.

Lord, we place such trust in you as we teach your children.  
As teachers, staff, aides, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, secretaries, and custodians, give us peace.  
Guide us as we prepare to welcome and love the children who come to us.  
May our hearts be open to their joy and laughter.  
May our minds be full of stories and learning to share.  
May our hands reach out to those who are afraid.  
May our words affirm and build up the students.  
May our smiles show the love we have for everyone.  
We place such trust in you as we teach your children.

This school year may lives be transformed – those of parents, children, teachers and staff. Let your light shine, your love transcend boundaries and barriers, and your mercy fill our hearts. Amen.



