

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

September 16 – September 23, 2018

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Servic
Tuesday	5:00pm	Watchtower Prayer
Wednesday	2:00 pm	UMC Quilters
Thursday	12:00pm	Books & Conversation at St. Peter's-by-the-Sea
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service

Gifted with voice and music?

Please consider using your talents in our Music Ministry.

Choir Practice at 6 p.m and Bells at 6:30 on Wednesdays

God bless your heart (hands and voices)!

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



Ministers This Sunday

Fellowship Host: Kathy Eggen

Altar Flowers: Colleen Carroll

Preschool Teacher: Becky Charlton

Elementary Teacher: Janice Michael

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

September 16th Ysabella Calhoun
September 19th Peggy Thomas
September 22nd Jay Sweeney
September 23rd Mikalai Potrzuski



Special Upcoming Dates

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

BeTween Ministries This is for our tweens who are 5th and 6th Graders! After the service the gathering will be in the K-1st Room. Mary Boose and Pastor Jojo will be facilitating. Volunteers are welcome!

"I grew up in the church, and I always kind of knew Bible stories and knew the Sunday school answers, but when I was a freshman in high school I joined youth group, and that's when I started to see radical love; that's when I started to see what Christian community is supposed to look like and what fellowship is supposed to look like."

-Jeremy Lin (#7, NBA Player, Atlanta Hawks)

- Roger Hames, Jr.
- Bonnie and Max Cottrell's brother-in-law John
- Jane Seesz's friend Chris
- Dwight & Marilyn Payton and their two sons Tyler & Kendrick
- Dan Jones, praying for success of stem cell therapy as was released from hospital
- 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 as she recovers from her knee replacement surgery
- Louise Brady continues to recover at home from hip injury
- Sierra (strength for work)
- Scoot Ledge
- Marci's classmate who was in an accident
- 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
- 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
- Jessica and Gwen Roth
- Carol and Bob Potrzuski as they transition to their new life in Marquette
- Ed, Pastor Robert Hattle's friend
- Jane Seesz' sister, praying for full recovery after surgery and upcoming blood transfusion shortly



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. Search: Keele / Password: church. She is at SEARHC in Room 325. She will be there until at least Monday. If you would like to call her please use this number.623-7063. She says she enjoys having visitors, too...but it would be good to check with her first as she does have PT sessions.*

Reflection

*Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.... Psalm 116:7*

Longing for connection.
Longing to be not alone.
Longing for what makes life whole.
Longing for love.
Longing for God.

And God's longing back,
longing for all creation,
for every atom of being.
Longing for love.
Longing for me.

~ written by Margaret D. McGee, and posted on In the Courtyard.

Rally Sunday 2018

*What joy to have 19 children on Rally Sunday to start Sunday School with a blast!
May we keep the students in prayer as they discover God's grace and love through their lessons,
interactions with each other and the care of loving adults that teach them.*



Blessings Before a Big Move

On September 2nd, we bid Carol and Bob Potrzuski with "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" as they left for their new home in Marquette, Michigan. We praise God for their gracious love and service to God through this church and our community.



Humor for the Week

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough.

"You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

At Sunday school they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny, a kindergartner, seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created from one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying as though he was ill and asked, "Johnny, what's the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife!"

www.beliefnet.com/faiths/2002/02/sunday-school-humor.aspx#U4MOTGMeWmYf04q3.99