

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 23 – September 30, 2018

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service
	12:30pm	Manna Mission
Monday	7:00pm	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	5:00pm	Watchtower Prayer
Wednesday	2:00 pm	UMC Quilters
	6:00pm	Bells Practice
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)!



Ministers This Sunday

Fellowship Host: Becky Charlton

Altar Flowers: Becky Charlton

Preschool Teacher: Becky Charlton

Elementary Teacher: Janice Michael

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

September 23rd Mikalai Potrzuski
September 26th Mike Giampa
September 30th Carol Potrzuski



Special Upcoming Dates

Books and Conversations Series

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

Financial Peace University

Program established by financial expert Davey Ramsey
Taught by Sitka community member TJ Jeffreys
Mondays, 7-9pm October 1-November 26, 2018
Course held at Grace Harbor Church
For more information, please contact TJ Jeffreys (907) 738.5412

BeTWEEN Ministries

This is for our tweens who are 5th and 6th Graders! Pastor Jojo and Mary Boose will co-facilitate! BeTWEEN Sunday Fellowship at the White's will follow. Date: September 30th 2018. Volunteers are welcome!

Sunday School will be led by our passionate volunteer teachers! Marci Hirai, Becky Charlton, Janice Michael, and Maggie White. We are thankful for the members of the Education Committee Colleen Carroll, Mary Boose and Sharie Manuel for their valuable support in planning this event for our kids.

- Jane Seesz' 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 Payton and their two sons, Tyler and Kendrick
- Dan Jones. Praying for success of stem-cell therapy as he was released from hospital;
- Chris 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*
- Scoot Ledge
- Chuck Bovee who went into skilled nursing care
- Becky's friend Linda, who is taking care of her mother who is nearing the end of life
- Tom and Joanne Ferris for strength and peace
- Marci's niece, Jessica, diagnosed with congestive heart failure
- Carol and Bob Potrzuski, as they transition to their new life in Marquette
- Ed, Pastor Robert Hattle's friend



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. (907)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 on James 3:16-4:3

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

The Lord's directions for growing a Peace Garden:

- Sow some seeds
(hardy ones like mercy and forgiveness)
- Feed them with love.
- Sprinkle them with truth.
- Weed them every day.
- Give them room to grow.
- Wait.
- Share the goodness with everyone you know.

*~ written by Anne Osdieck, and posted on **The Center for Liturgy Sunday Web***

The Sunday School teacher was describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted. "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

Another Sunday School teacher said to her children, "We have been learning about how powerful the kings and queens were in Biblical times. But there is a higher power. Who can tell me what it is?" Tommy blurted out, "I know, Aces."

After explaining the commandment to honor your father and mother, a Sunday School teacher asked her class if there was a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters. One boy, the oldest in his family, immediately answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

Lot again... A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

Prayer focus this week: [St. John UMC](#)
Andy Bartel & Emily Carroll, Pastors

God of life, through baptism you called us each into ministry to share your Good News with the world. Make us servants of your Word, empower us to be agents of your Truth, and humble us to know that you are God.

As the leaves change, the nights become longer, and the earth quiets down for winter, remind us that your love never goes dormant. In the slowing-down of fall your Spirit is still at work, resting and preparing to make love known.

As church schedules, school events, and work agendas become filled with meetings, to-do lists, and the busyness of life, instill in us the peace that passes understanding. Help us know that our lives are not defined by what we do or what we accomplish, but by how we follow the way, truth, and life of Jesus.

As we seek to be ministers of your Word, turn our hearts to first follow you. Help us love ourselves and love one another just as you love us, that all might see the goodness of life transformed by Christ.

Amen.



