

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 2 - September 9, 2018

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service
	12:30pm	Manna Mission
Tuesday	5:00pm	Watchtower Prayer
	7:00pm	Ocean Wave Quilters
Wednesday	2:00 pm	UMC Quilters
Thursday	10:00 am	Worship Committee
	12:00 pm	Books & Conversations (@St Peter's by the Sea)
Saturday		Ocean Wave Quilters
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service Sunday School begins

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

September 3rd David Didrickson
September 7th Jackie Neros
September 9th Nathan White



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



Ministers This Sunday

Worship Leader: Julia Smith
Young Disciples Time: Julia Smith
Fellowship Host: Carol Potzuski
Flowers: Carol Potzuski

Special Upcoming Dates

Books and Conversations Series begins
September 6th, 12-1:00pm at St. Peter's-by-the-Sea
Reading : On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old
by Parker J. Palmer

Rally Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks
September 9th, **Sunday School** starts with a bang with games and fellowship!

BeTween Ministries will start to meet on
September 16th. This is for our tweens who are 5th and 6th Graders! Pastor Jojo and Mary Boose will co-facilitate! Lunch will be served!

BeTween Sunday Fellowship at the White's will follow. Date: TBA. Volunteers are welcome!

- 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



Joys and Concerns



Local Church Leadership Connection

In an effort to address isolation which some local church leaders feel, letters of invitation are being sent to local church leaders to participate in an initial conversation with others within the Alaska Conference serving in the same local church leadership role.

The effort is triggered from the work of a small task force created by the conference Leadership Team. The goal of our first phase of connection is to create a network of support, collaboration, information sharing, and leadership development among our lay people

in local church leadership roles. Invitations have been sent out to the following groups for these conversations scheduled to happen as noted below:

- **Local Church Lay Leader**
Monday, Sept 10th at 5:30pm
- **Council Chair**
Monday, Sept 10th at 7:00pm
- **Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) Chair**
Monday, Sept 17th at 5:30pm
- **Lay Member to Annual Conference**
Monday, Sept 17th at 7:00pm
- **Finance Chair**
Monday, Sept 24th at 5:30pm
- **Trustee Chair**
Monday, Oct 1st at 6:30 p.m.

Proposal #2: Connectional-Conference Plan

This plan would create three connectional conferences based on theology or perspective, each having clearly defined values (accountability, contextualization and justice). The three connectional conferences would function throughout the worldwide church and the five existing U.S. jurisdictions would be abolished.

Adaptations to the Book of Discipline would be allowed by each connectional conference. Annual conferences would determine their affiliation with a connectional conference. Local churches who choose a branch other than the one chosen by their annual conference could vote to join another conference. This plan would require multiple amendments to the denomination's constitution.

Labor Day thoughts

On this Labor Day weekend, it's hard not to think about how unemployment has affected many people in our communities and churches. Congregations with unemployed members have a calling to help however they can.

Some churches provide job fairs; some have regular meetings to help unemployed people cope. Some churches provide food and other necessities. Those who can should hire an unemployed brother or sister in Christ at a fair wage. The entire congregation should pray regularly for unemployed people.

Christians who've lost their jobs should know they still have work to do. The church always needs volunteers, and unemployed people can serve the Lord and help the church's mission.

Charles Wesley made every Christian's "work" clear in his hymn "A Charge to Keep I Have":

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,

A never-dying soul to save and fit it for the sky,

To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill;

O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!

In earthen vessels

The dear Lord's best interpreters
Are humble human souls;
The gospel of a life like His
Is more than books or scrolls.

From scheme and creed the light goes out,
The saintly fact survives;
The blessed Master none can doubt,
Revealed in holy lives.

— John Greenleaf Whittier, "The Friend's Burial"



Introducing the new Office Assistant at UMC, Maggie Gallin ~ I am originally from NY but moved to beautiful Sitka, Kiks.adi Aani in May 2011 where I live with my husband Kevin Knox and our children Josephine and Theo and our furrines Kona and August. I am from a big family and was raised in the Jewish tradition. I still maintain some of my childhood cultural traditions but after a life-changing experience I sought and found God in unexpected ways. After three years of growing in my faith, I was baptized on Easter 2016 at St.Peters.

Perspective

Just as
One person's junk is another person's treasure;
So, one person's work is
another person's pleasure.

—Peggy Ferrell

However, UMC was one of the first churches I visited in 2014. Each of the churches in town has unique gifts but UMC's warmth has always stood out to me and ultimately has drawn me back. It is a genuinely welcoming, and loving community of people who are seeking God together, celebrating our blessings and supporting each other through our challenges with God's help. I am blessed to have found this Church family and grateful for the opportunity to serve in the office. Peggy left big shoes to fill and I'm still learning the ropes. Please let know if you have ideas or suggestions. Blessings.

