



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

October 7 – October 14, 2018

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service, World Communion Day
	12:30pm	Manna Mission led by United Methodist Church*
Monday	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Finance Committee
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Bells Practice
Thursday	12:00pm	Books & Conversation at St. Peter's-by-the-Sea
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service
	12:30 pm	Manna Mission

**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: Nancy Young
Worship Leader and Young Disciples'
Time: Julia Smith
Nursery: Brittany Michael
Pre-School Teacher: Marci Hirai
Elementary Teacher: Colleen Carroll



October 12th

Jen Steinson

October 14th

Kelly Gebler

Special Upcoming Dates

Earth Care What is the relationship you want with the earth? UMC is hosting Conversation and Supper. Saturday, October 13th, 5:30-7:30pm. Please bring a dish to share. For more information please call 907.747.5985

BeTween Ministries Our BeTweens had an awesome afternoon of movie, games, popcorn, pizza and conversations at the Church parsonage. Big Thanks to Janice and Maggie for your presence! Next class will be Sunday, October 14th during Fellowship.

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

*What a wonderful A-Z Potluck we had!
Lots of delicious food, creative answers,
laughter, and games!
Keep an eye out for photos forthcoming
next week in the Sunday & Beyond.*

***Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11***

- Jane Seesz's friend Chris
- Jane Seesz's 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 as Marilyn copes with fibromyalgia
- Dan Jones, praying for success in stem-cell therapy as he was released from the hospital
- Christ 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
- Tom and Joanne Ferris for strength and peace
- Marci's niece, Jessica, diagnosed with congestive heart failure
- Ed, Pastor Robert Hattle's friend
- Mary Purvis who suffered from a stroke and her husband Bob
- Jackie Neros's sister as she celebrates grandparenthood for the first time
- Paula Salte as she travels to Washington to care for her elderly aunt. She needs us to pray for calmness, patience and for her settling in and caring for her aunt.
- Mary and Bob Purvis. Mary had a stroke and is at Virginia Mason Hospital. Prayers for healing and recovery.
- Maria, Don Seesz' daughter and the family with the passing of Maria's mother, Pauline.
- Kathy and Andy's daughter, Sarah who will be having her 3rd (hopefully last) reconstructive surgery
- For all those who deal with the "Let Down" of the summer season.
- For Pastor Jojo as she travels to Anchorage this week for meetings.
- Jenny Grant and all of her family. Jenny and her Aunt flew to Colorado to take her mom Barb to her Aunt Diana's home after having hip surgery last week. Barb hasn't been fully awake since her surgery. Her family recently met with hospice care which was helpful.
- Jenny's cousin's 13-year-old daughter (Barb's sister Diana's granddaughter) committed suicide. Please hold them in your thoughts and prayers.



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.*

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

This coming October 7, congregations around the globe will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Most of us have heard about World Communion Sunday but may not know much about where the celebration originated. According to the website of the National Council of Churches, World Communion Sunday began in 1936 in the Presbyterian Church and was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches (predecessor of the NCC) in 1940. Since then, the celebration has grown into an international ecumenical celebration of Christian unity. The key word for World Communion Sunday is communion, or unity. It is a day when we mark the almost universal Christian practice of breaking bread with one another and remembering both the night of Jesus' betrayal—when Jesus instituted what we now call the Lord's Supper as a lasting remembrance—and of Jesus' sacrifice. So accounts of the last supper feature prominently, by virtue of World Communion Sunday being a celebration of the



Eucharist. But there is a flavor of the Christian celebration of Pentecost as well, when people from around the Mediterranean world came together in mutual understanding and inspiration, by the power of the Holy Spirit. World Communion Sunday is a time for remembering that around the globe—in different languages, with different traditions and customs, and in various forms of liturgy—the Lord's Supper is celebrated throughout Christendom. At its best, therefore, World Communion Sunday serves two purposes: it is both a joyous and meaningful partaking in Jesus' sacred meal with his friends and a mind-opening exposure to different Christian traditions from around the world.

From: <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3201/world-communion-sunday-why-we-do-it-and-how>

Church Humor



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?"
