

Desert Southwest United Methodist Foundation

# Celebrates our Families with a Grand Family Reunion in Alaska

**Cruise to Alaska with fellow United Methodists  
Sail the famed Inside Passage on the Oosterdam**

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**LETTER FROM LUCILLE STERLING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DESERT SOUTHWEST UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION**

It's a fact: Our kids grow up, move away and it becomes increasingly difficult to find time to bring everyone together. Yet, aren't the most special moments those we share together as families with pictures, laughter and fun times?

We invite you, your entire family and your friends to join us for a week of laughter and excitement in thrilling Alaska.

At the perfect time of year, we'll board a beautiful ship in Seattle, Washington. Once on board, everyone from 3 to 93 will find activities for their special interests. During our week we'll cruise through sheltered, scenic waters to visit Alaska's picturesque coastal communities, watch for bald eagles and humpback whales and sail up-close to Alaska's legendary glaciers.

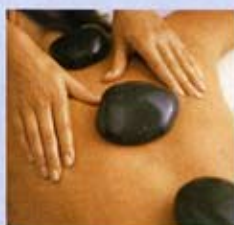
This superb cruise takes place on a handsome ship, Holland America's *Oosterdam* (Rhymes with toaster-dam). Along the way we'll have the opportunity to hook into a King Salmon at Ketchikan, fly over vast ice fields near Juneau and explore the region's intriguing Indian and Russian cultures.

We've designed this cruise for the entire family – kids of all ages love this ship as well as the incredible sights, from whales to porpoises, bald eagles and even, possibly, one of Alaska's bears. In Sitka, we've planned a special family day ashore just for us – we've described it in the itinerary.

Perhaps the greatest joy will be the opportunity to meet and travel with like-minded Methodists from the Desert Southwest Conference (DSC). During the course of our cruise we've planned a number of opportunities to meet for warm fellowship. Finally, part of the revenues from this cruise go back to your church –so you'll know your travel dollars will be put to good use.

Alaska sells out every year. We encourage you to bring your family, from grandmother to grandson. But make your plans early since busy families need time to coordinate their schedules.

See you in Alaska!



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# Visit Breathtaking Alaska

## Special Events Just for United Methodists and their families!

- “Welcome Aboard” and “Farewell” fellowship gatherings
- A ‘coke-tail’ party for youngsters
- Family Day Excursion in Sitka
- Prayer Service
- Whalewatching and lunch in Sitka

### **JULY 25, 2010**

**Depart from Seattle, Washington.** It’s exciting to board a handsome ship in one of America’s most beautiful cities. As a blast on the ship’s horn signals our departure, be sure to position yourself on deck as we sail through lovely Puget Sound – it’s a great beginning to our journey.

### **JULY 26, 2010**

**A relaxing day at sea.** Before we reach Alaska, take time to look at everything our beautiful ship offers: a busy Internet center, state-of-the-art fitness equipment, a lovely spa, a specialty coffee bar, two great swimming pools (one of them can be covered), a digital workshop, culinary arts center, Club Hal for kids 3 to 12 and The Loft and The Oasis designed specially for teens. More? Four restaurants tempt the entire family and elaborate show room entertainment lights up the night. Sounds great!

### **JULY 27, 2010**

**Glacier Bay National Park.** An exciting day. When your ship sails into the narrow entrance to Glacier Bay, a Park Service ranger comes on board to narrate the experience. Imagine coming face to face with a wall of shimmering blue/white ice that towers 40 stories into the sky. The captain slows the ship to a crawl as he quietly edges closer. Listen carefully for the distant rumble that signals a break in the face of the ice. Soon with a mighty, startling crack, a huge block of ice, larger than most buildings, breaks off and plunges into the sea in front of us. Unforgettable! This is Alaska, this is what you came to see.

### **JULY 28, 2010**

**Juneau, Alaska.** We cannot imagine a more picturesque state capital than Juneau. This port offers a wealth of activities ranging from a trip to nearby Mendenhall Glacier to deep-sea fishing, helicopter or float plane rides over the glaciers, river rafting, dog mushing, hiking, fly fishing... and that’s just the beginning. Shoppers will love all the stores surrounding the pier. Be sure to stop for some delicious smoked salmon, freshly caught from Alaska’s icy waters.

### **JULY 29, 2010**

**Sitka, Alaska – DSC Methodist’s Exclusive Family Day!** We begin our day ashore at Alaska’s Raptor Center, a unique facility dedicated to rehabilitating injured or ill bald eagles and Alaska’s other birds of prey.

You’ll have a chance to look at (or photograph) one of these magnificent creatures up close. Next you’ll board a specially-designed vessel to head out in search of whales. It’s amazing to watch humpbacks send a vapor spout high into the air, then flip their tails as they dive back down into the ocean’s depth. Keep your eyes open as well for sea otters, sea lions and other marine animals. Finally we’ve included a pleasant lunch ashore, just for all DSC Methodists and their friends and families. It’s a great day for everyone.

### **JULY 30, 2010**

**Ketchikan, Alaska.** Known both as Alaska’s salmon-fishing capital and the totem-pole capital, you know you’ll have an interesting day in Ketchikan. Immerse yourself in Alaska’s interesting Indian culture at Totem Bight state park or the Saxman Indian Cultural Center. Kayak through the crystalline harbor or book a charter boat to fish for Alaska’s iconic king salmon.

### **JULY 31, 2010**

**At Sea, Victoria, British Columbia.** After so many sights, it will be good to spend a little more time on our beautiful ship. (Or, curl up with a good book and do nothing at all.) Later in the day the Oosterdam sails into one of Canada’s most beautiful cities, Victoria, which may remind you of an English village. Stop at a lively pub, shop for woolens and Scottish shortbreads. It’s a great conclusion to a fascinating voyage.

### **AUGUST 1, 2010**

**Seattle, Washington.** Our cruise concludes this morning in Seattle. You may wish to stay on for a day or two to explore this beautiful city or the nearby San Juan Islands. Whether you stay on or fly home this morning, it’s been a remarkable journey – you’ll be happy you came!

### **HOLLAND AMERICA’S OOSTERDAM**

You’ll love Holland America’s Oosterdam. Built in the classic manor for comfort and spacious elegance, you’ll appreciate comfortable accommodations with pillow-top mattresses and fine linens as well as gracious public rooms outfitted with rich woods, fine art and antiques.

You’ll find an amazing number of activities on board. During your free time, for example, drop by the Explorations Café for a specialty coffee or visit the interactive learning center powered by the New York Times. That’s just the beginning. Dining is always special in the Rotterdam dining room, the always-casual Lido Restaurant or in the Pinnacle Grill, a superb restaurant featuring fine steaks and seafood. In addition to a cinema screening recent films, a culinary arts center, a fine spa and workout facilities, you’ll want to find seats each evening in the showroom for Broadway and Las Vegas style entertainment.



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J	Large or Standard Inside Stateroom	\$1149
GG	Large Oceanview Stateroom	\$1329
G	Large Oceanview Stateroom	\$1359
D	Large Oceanview Stateroom	\$1579
C	Large Oceanview Stateroom	\$1619
VD	Deluxe Verandah Outside Stateroom	\$1949
VC	Deluxe Verandah Outside Stateroom	\$1999
VB	Deluxe Verandah Outside Stateroom	\$2049
VA	Deluxe Verandah Outside Stateroom	\$2099
SS	Superior Verandah Suite	\$2399

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- If you cancel your cruise on or after May 28, 2010 but prior to June 25, 2010, your cancellation fee is 50% of your total fare plus \$75 per person.
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- No refunds will be provided for cancellations received on or after July 9, 2010.

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