



Manito United Methodist Church

Spokane, Washington

Spring Has Sprung, Time for Summer Work Projects

So much has happened in and around the church building, it is hard to imagine that we need to do more. In the next few weeks, the education wing will be professionally painted. But the old church building is in dire need of paint. Some of the window frames on the west side are rotten, so they will need to be rebuilt. However, the windows on the east side are in need of scraping and painting. There are windows on the ground level that can be easily accessed. The Building Maintenance Team would like to see if there are any takers to adopt a window. All the supplies needed to complete the job will be made available and assistance provided if needed. Even if you are not a seasoned painter, this is a job for you.



There are other projects that are best tackled in the warmer months of spring and summer. Painting and cleaning projects in the church building seem to be ongoing to make our spaces more welcoming when are able to open up again. Some of these need to be scheduled around building users.

We have been home for so long now, it is hard to imagine being back in person. All these projects can be done safely with social distancing. It will be nice to have these projects done to warm up our space to welcome ourselves back and visitors.

Contact Ann Reinhart (reiblu@comcast.net or 951-4429) if you are interested, or need more information.

Camp Twinlow Open for Summer 2021

If you have a young person in your house, or know someone who would enjoy a summer at camp, keep in mind that Camp Twinlow is open for campers this summer, with limited capacity and Covid-19 safety operating procedures. Check out their Facebook page for videos and updates, or visit their website at twinlow.org for registration links and more information. You can also support the mission at Twinlow through your charitable

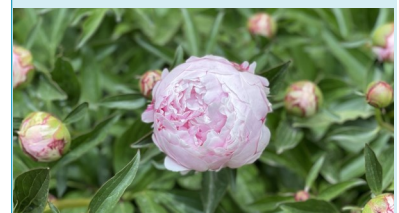


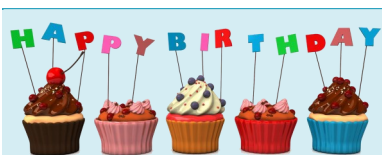
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Sunday, July 4th—Live Worship in the Sanctuary, 10:30 am





Birthday Season!

Patty Nash	05/06
Wes Ackerman	05/07
Susan Kieswetter	05/09
Emma Kuney	05/12
Judy O'Brien	05/24
Mitchell Kuney	05/28
Lauren Lauder	06/02
Daniel Kuney	06/04
Jacob Whitman	06/04
John Barber	06/05
Louise Branson	06/06
Rebecca Manly	06/10
Donna Mead	06/12
Becky Manly	06/15
Greg Plummer	06/16
Bob Herbey	06/21
Mike Jackson	07/02
Dick Holling	07/03
Tod Whitman	07/04
Matthew Whitman	07/07
Bill Budge	07/19
Jamie Potter	07/23
Brynn Lauder	07/27



Joyful Art With Meaningful Heart

This quilt was made from fabric that my daughter, Emily brought back from her first trip to the Congo on a Volunteer in Mission trip with the United Methodist Women. On that trip, she worked with women at a development center, visited the orphanage sponsored by the PNW Conference, and spent some time in Kenya. Her second trip to the Congo was with Barbara and John Shaffer to visit the orphanage. During her visits, Emily developed a deep love for Africa and its people. I made her this quilt to honor and remember her times there.



- Ann Reinhart

Poems by Polly

MUMC Member Polly Carlson has graciously shared some of her poetry with our community again. We hope you find meaning in these reflections from the early days of our "pandemic year" as we look to another time of transition ahead.

AND THE WORLD STOPPED

China fell, but the world didn't stop.
The walls came down, and it mattered not.
Then there was nothing left to trade,
Far too sick and deathly afraid.

A far distant trickle, mostly unheard;
Then Italy fell and we got the word:
Wear a mask and wash your hands,
Social distance the rule of the land.

Don't touch: stay well, keep others safe.
Church online, say "no" to that place.
Polly, don't touch, no hugs today.
Stay home, be distant as you pray.

At first I was fascinated,
Ready for adventure, activated.
Like the Ice Storm, the Wind Storm,
Or Mount St. Helens re-formed.

But now, no one sees the end!
No toilet paper; who do you send?
Bored, lonely, no human touch;
Essentials that we miss so much.

Life changed somehow forevermore,
No way to predict what's in store.
But with rapidly rising technology:
A distancing gift, ours for eternity.

-Polly Carlson, March/April 2020

LONELY

Dark thoughts keep me company as I lie in my lonely bed.
Old thoughts and memories reappear in my head;
Silence grows around me, in places that once were filled;
Voices and warmth that surrounded me, now by the virus stilled.

-Polly Carlson, May 2020

A Message from Our Pastor

Manito Church Family,

Like many of you I am encouraged by both the CDC's recent announcement and the recent release of the "A new framework for our Greater Northwest Area approach to COVID-19."

The Spiritual Administrative Team (SALT) has been working hard to develop a safe reopening plan that meets the guidelines required by our new framework as well as Washington State's "Religious and Faith-based Organization COVID-19 Requirements." **Manito UMC will return to in person Worship on Sunday, July 4th.** Masks will be required as well as physical distancing between households and in the early stages of our reopening there will be no live singing or communion. We remain hopeful that we will be able to ease the restrictions around singing and communion in the coming months. SALT will be sending out an all-church mailing with more details regarding in-person worship in the coming weeks. **Manito will also continue to offer our weekly worship services online. We understand that an in-person worship option may not be possible for all of our church family at this time.**

Throughout the pandemic we have sought to: "Do No Harm: Protect the public health, Do Good: Share the financial burden with persons most vulnerable to economic impacts, Stay in Love with God: Promote the life-giving ministries of the Church" (Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky) and we will continue to move forward with that in mind. If you have questions or concerns about our return to worship, please feel free to reach out.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Tiffany DeTienne



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We Are Invited to "Gather" - New Design Welcomes Visitors



If you have recently been through our entrance on 33rd street, you may have noticed the new design above the stairs to the Fellowship Hall that are appropriate to our hopeful future together. Many thanks to Wendy Budge, the designer and painter! Here are a few words on the creation of this design.

"I designed this graphic for the church entryway based on a theme suggested by Pat Nash..."Gather". The sheaf of wheat surrounded by the symbol of the Trinity represents Christ (the body of Christ). The stalks of wheat encircling the graphic symbolize Christ, but also represent the wheat growing region we live in."

Office Hours and Access

Manito UMC is currently in Phase 2 of the Greater Northwest Area of The United Methodist Church's plan for reopening. The church staff has returned to the office, and continues to monitor phone calls and email daily. In addition, the exterior doors and office are open Monday-Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Please note: Anyone entering the church must wear a mask or face covering while in the building and practice physical/social distancing. Groups are limited to five people or fewer and must receive prior approval from the church office.



Finance Committee Report

2021 Annual Operating Budget: \$255,089

Year to date Thru April 30th 2021

Income	\$89,937
Budget	<u>\$68,576</u>
Total	+\$21,361

Fortunately, Manito has continued to stay strong financially during these trying times. Our actual income if you were to look at the profit and loss statement is \$31,755 higher than my reported number. This is due money that we took out of the foundations Centennial fund to pay for the many projects we currently have going on in the church to both give it a fresh feeling and to make it safer.

We did receive great news that our PPP loan of \$24,003 under the CARES Act was forgiven and those numbers will be reflected in our May or June financial statements depending on timing. Thanks to both Liz West and Greg Plummer for all of their hard work on this.

At the end of April, we have \$43,085.12 of cash on hand. However, there are a lot of projects that are going on in the church and much of these funds will be utilized to help fund these projects. On the good side, this does not reflect the \$24,003 from the PPP loan that is being utilized in this year's budget.

The 3 accounts we have with the United Methodist Foundation continue to do outstanding. They are as follows.

- Maintenance Endowment=\$157,118
- Centennial=\$9,003
- Parsonage=\$205,654

Please continue to support Manito through your tithes and gifts. Checks can be mailed to the office; or you may also choose to give through the Donate tab on Manito's website which will allow you to use a bank account or credit/debit card. Also, giving can be done directly from your financial institution to Manito. I personally have started using the VANCO app on my phone to do this and it is extremely convenient and easy. If you would like help setting this up, please make outreach to me.

The Finance Committee is back in person. We will be meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at noon in the memorial lounge. members and friends of Manito are invited to participate. Contact Chris Bafus at 509-994-5392 if you would like to attend.

Chris Bafus—Chair, Finance Committee

New Additions in the Sanctuary

When we all gather again in our historic sanctuary you will notice several new additions. Inspired by an inquiry a child made to Pastor Mark McMurray as to why there were no pictures of Jesus in the sanctuary, Pat Nash spearheaded the "Framing Project." She and Wendy Budge carefully selected religious art prints created by late 19th and early 20th Century artists. Three of these prints reflect well-known events in the life of Jesus while the fourth, *The Hope of the World*, is symbolic of loving one's neighbor as one's self. —Wendy Budge

Pictured: Road to Emmaus by Robert Zünd, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons



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