



# Manito United Methodist Church

Spokane, Washington

## View from the Missions Room - Housewares for Family Promise

The Manito UMC Missions Team has been working during the pandemic to create a space for Family Promise donations (in addition to UMCOR kit donations) in Room 9 at the church. As you can see from the photos, great progress has been made!

The good news, is that even during this crisis, homeless families served by Family Promise are finding and moving into new homes. However, most are in need of all kinds of furnishings to fill their new permanent living spaces. Manito UMC is collecting donations of small household items (small kitchen appliances, towels, bedding, utensils, bakeware, cookware, potholders, lamps, cleaning supplies, etc.) to help families as they make that transition.

If you have items that you are no longer using *but which are in very good to excellent condition* for a new family, you may bring them to the church on any Wednesday from 1:30-2:00 pm in the south parking lot for a socially distanced drop-off. If you need to make alternative arrangements for your donation, please contact Liz West at 509.280.9757.



Updated wish lists for all our mission partners can be found on page 4 .

Thank you for your help! - Liz West



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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Manito Family,

Right now, life feels like a bit of storm doesn't it? Like a storm that is swirling all around us, in our homes, schools, places of work, relationships, community and world. In March the storm had us battenning down the hatches and praying for the storm to pass... and when our community moved to phase two it felt like maybe it had past, and things might return to normal. But as we can now see, we were only in the eye of the storm, in a brief place of respite. Here it is, and its August, and the storm of COVID-19 is still raging on. It has changed the way we live our lives, work, attend school, worship, travel, eat and visit with family and friends. It has probably even changed the way you pray. This storm may have caused some of the relationships in your lives to become uncomfortable or strained—you may have had disagreements with people you love about how serious the storm is, about

how long it will last, and what we should do in the meantime.

Storms are hard, and most of us don't like them. Most of us are glad when a storm is over. But I have some good news, Jesus is not bothered by storms, in fact, I'm pretty sure Jesus wouldn't mind watching a good storm roll across the plains because he certainly didn't mind when they rocked the very boat he was taking a nap on. And if Jesus had been born and raised in Kansas, I'm pretty sure there would have been a story in the Bible about Jesus standing on the front porch of Martha's home watching a tornado pass by as his disciples frantically tried to convince him to go hide with them in the cellar.

If you are unsure of how to weather this storm and all the challenges it brings, if you are unsure of how to manage the stress and strain that it has put on your relationships, I want to invite you to look to Jesus, the one who remains calm even in the midst of a storm. It is Jesus who will provide us with the calm we need in the midst of this storm, it is Jesus who will provide us with the strength we need to love those with whom we disagree.

Manito family, we are not alone in this storm, we are in it together, and Jesus is with us!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Tiffany DeTienne

## Online Worship - It's for EVERYONE!

Did you know that YOU can get involved in our weekly worship online? The venue may be virtual, but the community is the real deal. Not only can you log on to our YouTube channel at 10:30 am on Sundays, there are opportunities to contribute! Check out our monthly "Photos in Worship" challenge. **This month we are going to "Raise an Ebenezer!" (see pg. 6)** Consider

what other gifts you may have to share—poetry, dance, dramatic reading? The creative sky is the limit!

If you have an idea or if you have questions, send an email to Cynthia Romoff at [mumcchoirdir@gmail.com](mailto:mumcchoirdir@gmail.com) and we will see you in (virtual) church!

## Masked Mayhem is Underway!

This week is the beginning of our Masked Mayhem fundraiser campaign. The committee had a great time creating the theme, flyer, invitation and fallout to help you get excited about this low-key event.

Fundraising events like the Auction and the Rummage Sale are an important part of our annual budget. Since having an Auction and a Rummage Sale are not an option this year, we are inviting you to prayerfully consider a generous donation. We also plan to use some of the money to purchase equipment we need to produce, stream and record our worship services.

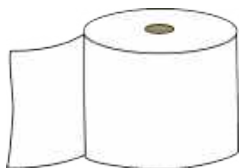
Please designate “Masked Mayhem” on your check or in the notes box in PayPal on our website. We will



decorate the altar with rolls of toilet paper for each giving unit. Let's see how many rolls we will have to donate to Meals on Wheels! We'll be updating you weekly on how our progress is going towards our goal of \$10,000!

So sit back, eat a cookie, send in your donation and enjoy our Masked Mayhem!

The Masked Mayhem Team: Patti Herbey, Wendy Budge, Polly Carlson, Liz West, Ann Reinhart, Sindy Barber, Ellen Adams, Shelly Kuney, Sue Plummer and Pastor Tiffany



## COVID-19 Angels in Action

There are often many people working in and around the church as silent angels, keeping things working. We know that without these angels, many small but essential tasks never get done, and without your help, these small tasks become monumental.



We would like to acknowledge some of our church friends who have answered the call to help, while still social distancing. We give thanks to the following people who have stepped up in recent months:

- ❖ Donna Mead for polishing and cataloging the silver tea sets
- ❖ Bryan Branson for washing windows and trimming shrubs
- ❖ Britt DeTienne for painting parking lot lines
- ❖ Mike Jackson for doing repairs around the church
- ❖ John Blunt and Ann Reinhart for fixing the locks on the Fellowship Hall restroom
- ❖ MaryAlice Eberly for polishing the silver flatware
- ❖ Mike Adams performed a shut off valve survey in the Education Wing. We were then able to get them all replaced by Freedom Plumbing.

Thank you all, and thank you also, to those unknown, unsung helpers who put in a hand here and there, without recognition. As always, if you are interesting in joining our “chorus of angels” please contact Ann Reinhart, 951-4429 or [reiblu@comcast.net](mailto:reiblu@comcast.net).

## Ministry Partner Wish Lists

Our ministry partners are experiencing frequent shifts in their immediate needs, in light of the current health restrictions. Things like sanitizer, masks, and disposable supplies are especially important. The best way to stay current on the needs of our Ministry partners, [Family Promise of Spokane](#) and [Shalom Ministries](#), is to follow them on social media, and on their websites. Manito UMC also regularly sends out updated information and can accept donations in (socially distanced) person in the north parking lot on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:00 pm.



### Shalom Ministry Needs List

#### Groceries

- Brown Sugar
- White Sugar
- Sugar packets
- Salt and Pepper
- Syrup
- Jam or Jelly
- Coffee
- Creamer packets
- Margarine or Butter
- Ketchup
- Rolled Oats

- Pancake Batter
- 6" Paper Plates
- Granulated Garlic
- Milk
- Coffee (beans)

#### Other

- Hand Sanitizer
- Masks
- Disinfectant Wipes/Cleaners
- Hot Paper Cups w/Lids
- Laundry soap

- Blankets
- Sleeping bags
- Coats and jackets
- Backpacks
- Heavy Duty Garbage Bags
- 18" Aluminum Foil
- Tampons
- Vinyl (food grade) Gloves, M-L-XL
- Monetary donations for Covid-compliant disposable serving products.



### Family Promise Needs List

- Milk - 2%, Whole
- Eggs
- Cheese
- Butter
- Pasta Sauce
- Rice
- Ranch Dressing
- Vegetables
- Fruit
- Ground Beef/Meat
- Lunch Meat
- Pre-made Frozen Meals
- Kid Snacks
- Shelf Stable Juice/Boxes
- Coffee Creamer, any kind
- Cooking Spray
- Cooking Oil

- Paper Plates
- Plastic Utensils
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Ziplock Bags
- Large Pull-Ups
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Diapers (large)
- Baby Formula (Similac Advance)
- Baby Foods/snacks
- Dishwasher Pods
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Laundry Detergent Pods
- Basic First Aid Supplies
- Hand Sanitizer
- Shampoo/ Conditioner
- Deodorant

- Lotion for dry/sensitive skin
- Hand Soap
- Dish Sponges
- Kleenex
- Paper Towels
- Forehead Thermometers
- 10 gallon trash bags
- Baby Tylenol (Unopened)
- Tylenol/Advil (Unopened)
- Dryer sheets
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Adult/ kids toothbrushes
- Foot Powder/spray
- Q-tips
- High Chair (need 2)

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Annual Operating Budget: \$246,685

	<u>July 2020</u>	<u>Year To Date thru July 31, 2020</u>
Income	\$15,806	\$149,733
Expenses	\$20,794	\$145,839
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 4,988)	\$ 3,894

Financially, Manito continues to in a good position. Pledged giving is strong at 122% of budget, and unpledged giving is very strong at 166% of budget. Operating cash on hand on at the end of June was \$40,697.

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP): The PPP is a federal loan program that is part of the stimulus package known as the CARES Act that helps small- and medium-sized businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic to assist with covering costs related to payroll and certain other expenses. On June 3, 2020 Manito received a \$24,003 PPP loan through US Bank. The interest for this loan is 1%, however the loan will be forgiven if Manito can document \$24,003 of payroll and utility expenses for the 24 week period starting June 3rd. This will be done. The PPP loan has been very important to Manito as it allows us to maintain needed staffing levels as the operating budget is facing an income shortage due to cancellation of the annual auction and rummage sale.

Please continue to support Manito through your tithes and gifts. Checks can be mailed to the office. You may also choose to give through PayPal – there is a link on our website. Also, giving can be done directly from your financial institution to Manito. Greg Plummer will be glad to provide information on how to do that.

The Finance Committee typically meets in the Memorial Lounge at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. However, meetings are currently being held on-line through zoom. Contact Greg Plummer, 509-838-8787, for information on how to attend. All members and friends of Manito are invited to participate.

### 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, but the exterior doors will remain closed. Our staff will continue to monitor the phone, respond to email and voicemail messages Monday-Friday between 10:00am and 2:00pm. Facility user groups may again access the building by meeting Phase 2 guidelines and requirements and must confirm the details of their return with Pam Patrick in the office.

**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.**

**August Birthdays!**

<b>Mike Adams</b>	<b>8/7</b>	<b>Mark Longmeier</b>	<b>8/20</b>
<b>Birdie Holling</b>	<b>8/8</b>	<b>Mary Alice Eberle</b>	<b>8/21</b>
<b>Nora Allen</b>	<b>8/9</b>	<b>Lynn Swedberg</b>	<b>8/24</b>
<b>Braeden James</b>	<b>8/10</b>	<b>Audrey Gilpatrick</b>	<b>8/25</b>
<b>Brett DeTienne</b>	<b>8/16</b>	<b>Ellie Tupper</b>	<b>8/25</b>
<b>Yaya Senklip</b>	<b>8/1</b>	<b>Evelyn Torkelson</b>	<b>8/29</b>



Please share your celebrations with us! If you have a special milestone or great news you'd like to share, contact the office or email to [manitoumc@gmail.com](mailto:manitoumc@gmail.com).



We would like to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful Sherri Graff, who has graced our office as Worship Assistant. This summer, Sherri made the decision to retire, in order to have more time for family and travel. Fortunately for us, she still comes back to help now and then! We thank Sherri for her tremendous service, her giving spirit and her ready smile!

This photo at the Tower of London was taken last year, and she looks forward to visiting again. For now, she is putting miles on the RV, with four trips already! She wrote, "Tell everyone I miss the church and talking to everyone!" We miss you too, Sherri, and look forward to hearing more about your adventures. Best Wishes!!!

### PHOTOS IN WORSHIP - MONTHLY THEME CHALLENGE

#### AUGUST - RAISE AN EBENEZER!

This month we are challenging the Manito UMC family to raise your own stones of remembrance for the ways that God has shown up in your time of need. (Hopefully you caught the video with Pastor Tiffany explaining the significance of this "stone of help" in the newsletter or on social media.)



You can raise a rock pile in your back yard (most of us can find plenty of rocks there already!) or you maybe there is a simple stone that brings you peace when you hold it in your hand. Maybe it's not a rock at all, but a person, place or thing that represents God's faithfulness and help in your life, especially in this time. We do

encourage you to put yourself in the frame, but if you are shy about sending in your own photo, that's okay too—Ebenezer photos with or without people are equally welcome!

We hope to receive all photos by August 18th. We encourage you to put PEOPLE in your photos as well, but if you are less comfortable with that and just would like to photograph your "Ebenezer" by itself, that is okay too. You can submit your photos through this [Google Form](#) or you may email Cynthia directly at [mumcchoirdir@gmail.com](mailto:mumcchoirdir@gmail.com). Keep your eye out for some "Ebenezer inspiration" in the weeks to come. You don't have to be fancy, we just love to see you, and the ways you are observing God's faithfulness. Photos can be submitted online via the [Google Form](#) in the Friday email by August 18th, in order to be included in our worship slideshow. If you prefer to send by email or if you have questions, please write to [mumcchoirdir@gmail.com](mailto:mumcchoirdir@gmail.com).

**See our website at [www.manitoumc.org](http://www.manitoumc.org) for online worship links, 10:30 am Sunday morning.**

**Fellowship via Zoom immediately after!**