



Manito United Methodist Church

Spokane, Washington

Manito Gives thanks to New Pastors



On Sunday, October 11, Manito celebrated Pasto Appreciation Day. This year we welcomed two new pastors, Pastor Daniel Miranda and Pastor Rene Devantier. It has been a few months of transition, and not all of it smoothly. However, with everyone's patience we are getting to a place of comfort .

The two new pastors have already jumped in with both feet. At the beginning, they had to deal with a broken chair lift and the church's inability to make the sanctuary accessible. Plans are underway to come up with a solution. The sound system and streaming didn't always cooperate. A huge learning curve with that, but finally getting somewhat of a hand on it.

If you weren't able to be at the Pastor Appreciation Day festivities., you can still let the pastors know how much you welcome them to Manito. The celebration actually lasts for the month of October.



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A Message from Our Pastors



Greetings Friends,

Many of us remember when Route 66 was a preferred and fun way to travel and enjoy new and interesting sites from Chicago to Los Angeles. We now have so many other options on how to travel from one place to another and lots of places to visit that are new and exciting. Life is constantly changing. In much the same way I recall a time when the doors of the church were left unlocked, and often open for people to walk in, pray, talk to the pastor or simply enjoy silence and solitude in our sanctuaries.



One of the changes in our church world is the need for heightened security and the need to protect people's privacy. Leaving church doors unlocked sometimes leads to theft and/or vandalism. It is sad that we have to lock church doors because we live in a new reality we can't ignore.

Now that we are online, we also need to limit the information we share about our congregants. We cannot show minors on camera unless we have permission from parents. Even giving too much information about adults can be tricky, for example: sharing medical details can be problematic as we are literally broadcasting to, potentially the world, people's medical history. When people are traveling we are also broadcasting that a home may be empty and ripe for intrusion by unscrupulous people – I wish I were making a big deal about this, but it actually happened in a community I previously lived in.

Many churches that broadcast online, you may have noticed, have what seems to be generic prayers for the sick, those traveling and those struggling with all sorts of other issues and concerns. It is not that these churches are uncaring, they are simply protecting their congregants. If it seems we are ignoring your unique prayer needs, please understand that we are living in a digital age that gives access to unethical persons to do us harm.

So how do we share our prayers with each other? Here are a couple of options. Call our office and share them with our staff so we can pray for you. Share them with each other before, after and after worship. Call each other. Call pastor Daniel or pastor René. In addition, we may need to renew or create a prayer group or prayer chain to be able to pray for each other in a manner that allows us to protect one another.

When we pray for people and use only first names, or no names at all please bear this information in mind. We, your pastor and our wonderful staff want you to know that because we care for you, we do want to pray for you and support you, and we want to do that in a way that safeguards you and your well being.

Pastor Daniel and Pastor René



Birthdays

TARVER, Jadrian	10/01
MECHALS, Sally	10/03
PATTERSON, McCall	11/07
KUNEY, Samantha	10/06
ADAMS, Ellen	10/08
GLASS, Gail	10/13
DAVIS, Shari	10/18
ACKERMAN, Peggy	10/19
NEWBERRY, Jill	10/23
MCNALLY, Liz	10/28
BRANSON, Bryan	10/31
WARD, Sandy	10/31
PROCK, Jim	11/11
PATTERSON, George	11/16
BLUNT, John	11/22
LALICKER, Betty	11/23
BAFUS, Cole	11/28
BAFUS, Gwen	11/28

**IF WE MISSED YOU, PLEASE
LET US KNOW!!**

Missions and Social Concerns

Time to Think Ahead to Christmas



The Missions and Social Concerns Team is sponsoring a Pajama Drive for the Spokane Christmas Bureau. Each year, the Christmas Bureau hands out new pajamas for children's whose parents shop and the Christmas Bureau. Why pajamas? "For families struggling to make ends meet, a cozy pair of child-size pajamas can make a significant difference, especially during the cold winter months. Your donation can help ensure everyone in our community has a comfortable night's sleep"

The team is letting you know now because fall and winter clothes will soon be in the stores, if they aren't already. As it gets closer to Christmas, the options for pajamas is very limited. Here are the details of what is wanted:

- 1 Only NEW pajamas with the tags on. They can't accept used ones.
- 2 Child sizes infant to children XL sizes.
- 3 Return to the church by November 29

Thank you in advance for helping to provide warm and cozy pajamas to children at Christmas. If you are interested, Maureen found that Costco has a two pack of children's pajamas for \$16.99.

Essentials Pantry

Thank you to everyone who has brought food, and other essentials, to restock the pantry. Currently we are in need of baby supplies. Items that we can use are formula, baby food, and diapers. All of these things are expensive for people living on the margins. They are actually expensive for all of us. If you wish to help purchase these things, you can give money to John Blunt and he will purchase items for the pantry. Many times we want to help but are frustrated when the costs are more than we can bear.

Thank you again for all you have given to those whose needs are greater than our own. Everyone is welcome to take what they need.

Cold Weather Gear

Manito has a history of gathering hats, gloves, and scarves for those who live on the streets, or are under served. This year will be no exception. If you feel you can, pick up some items and leave them at the church. Last year the items gathered were split between Shalom Ministries and West Central Abbey. This year, with Shalom closing, we will find a new partner that is in need and has the means to distribute the items. We collect items for children, women, and men.





Manito United Methodist Church &
Comstock Neighborhood Council
invite you to our

Holiday Goods and Goodies Sale

Saturday, November 21

9am-1pm

3220 South Grand Blvd

- Handmade ornaments, decorations, and gifts
- Goodies of all kinds for holiday entertaining
- Christmas Cookies for that special occasion or gift
- Gently used Christmas Decorations
- Coffee Shop



CRAFT ROOM OPEN

Room 9 is our craft room. It is overflowing with things that can be turned into magical, unusual Christmas gifts.

This year, if you don't have your own ideas, there will be kits available for you to work on in the craft room, or take home.

There will be either Diane or Ann in Room 9 on Tuesdays, 10-Noon. Come in and craft, or pick up a kit to take home with you. There will be other times available, watch e-blast.

This is one of the three fundraisers for the church. You will hear more as November gets here, but we also sell baked goods, fancy cookies, and this year we are adding "previously loved" Christmas decorations. So get your bins out early and see if there are items you no longer use and can be donated to the sale.

Goods and Goodies Sale in November

The Goods and Goodies Sale is scheduled for November 21, the Saturday before Thanksgiving. We need lots of crafts to sell. Everyone is encouraged to think of something they can make. Maybe join with someone else and work together. We only need 5-10 of the same item.

The craft group will begin meeting in Room 9 beginning in October. If you want to start sooner than that, talk to Diane Shuman. She has been cleaning out and organizing room 9. If you don't know what to make, the craft group can help you get started on a project. We have a lot of them at different skill levels.

This can be a big fund raiser for the church. Our bake sales have a great reputation and we have folks who come because of our crafts. We will focus on Christmas items, but we always put out our spring and summer crafts. Last year someone wanted a bee house as a Christmas present. Sandy kindly donated hers.

This year we are going to offer small gift baskets for sale. Even if you think you can't craft, you might consider doing a themed gift basket. Diane is preparing the baskets and getting them all spiffed up. Some ideas are: Children's Art, Children's Toys, Dog, Cat, Christmas, Car Washing, and many more. If you would like to do a basket, talk to Diane.

This event could use something from everyone. John Blunt is going to make wooden lanterns and could probably use some help. Pinterest is a great place to go to get ideas and directions.

Manito Church & Community Center News and Highlights

This is a new category that we will highlight activities for us, and for our building groups. Manito is dedicated to being a community center for those who meet here now and those that come in the future. All our lives are enriched by the activities that happen here. If your group has something they would like their building friends to know, please let the office know.

Comstock Neighborhood Council (CNC) Meetings

Don't forget that the CNC has changed their meeting day to the **third Tuesday** of the month at 6 pm in the Community Hall. In August, the CNC will be partnering with Manito to host the 2nd Annual National Night Out.

Charge Conference and Thanksgiving Potluck

November 15 is the date set by the District for our charge conference, but also, our Thanksgiving Potluck. Pastor Damion, from Cheney UMC will be the Elder presiding. It is a good day to celebrate who we are and give thanks for the church, its people, and its mission. There will be a sign up sheet coming out the first of November to sign up what you would like to bring. Many of us prepare one of our favorite traditional Thanksgiving foods and enjoy sharing them with others.

Halloween Party

Pumpkins, Games, and Activities



*Sponsored by Manito United Methodist Church
and The Comstock Neighborhood Council*

Halloween Party

This year Manito UMC and Comstock Neighborhood Council are sponsoring a Community Halloween Party. It originally was going to be a fundraiser for fire victims, but it was very difficult to figure that part out.

Pumpkins have been ordered. We may have more than we need, so hopefully congregation members will purchase the extras.

There will be sign up sheets available this Sunday for volunteering. This year, we are not serving food so mainly it is set up, being present and helping, and clean up.

It is always great fun to see the kids in their costumes and having a blast.

A Word from Cindy

Beginning July 1, Manito is switching to a new income system. Please hold on to your quarterly statements for June, because you will need them for your year-end tax reporting.

Building Care Updates

Parking Painting Completed

All the lots have received a fresh coat of paint. The handicap parking spaces have been completed. There is signage that still needs to be put up. If you can help with this contact Ann.

Old Stairs Doors

The old stair doors have been refurbished and painted. A big thank you to John B. and Bob L. Even our dear friend Mike was able to help some. The doors have been painted, hung properly, re-weather-stripped, and varnished. Hopefully they will look good for a long time.

Stair Railings

Doing the work to make our stair railings more ADA compliant will be one of the priorities this summer. If you would like to help with this project, talk to John B.

Tree Removal and Replacement

The big Locust trees on the 33rd side have been removed. The trees had reached the end of their life and were becoming hazardous. However, the Re-Creating God's Corner Team has reached out to Spocanopy and Manito is receiving three new trees to take their place. The Spocanopy group will be planting three small leaf Linden trees. Check them out the next time you come to church.

Special Shout Outs and Thanks

Bryan B. for continually working in the yards, raking and trimming.
Greg P. and Bob L. for working on the never-ending chair lift project.
Bob L. and John B. for repairing the front doors on the old steps.
Greg P. for replacing light bulbs in the light fixtures in the Community Hall.

Fall Raking Will be Here Soon

It is that time of year. Soon we will be outside raking the seemingly millions of leaves that fall on our property. There probably will be several work days since the darn leaves don't all fall at the same time! Watch the e-blast for days and time.

Keep Your Valuables Safe

There has been some theft happening in the church. Please be careful on leaving valuable items left unattended. If you have to leave a room, even temporarily, you may want to see that the door is locked. Also, remember that the outside doors cannot be propped open as that leaves the pre-schools, and others in the building, vulnerable.

Beginning on November 1, Dave will be changing the main building code. You will receive a paper telling you the number at church on October 25th. If you aren't in church that day, contact the office for the code. The code we have has been in effect for a long time and it is time to update it for safety.

Manito Values List...

- We are more effective when we support each one another and work together for god
- Worship and spiritual development is enriched through word, music, prayer, arts, and technology
- Include everyone
- Make our space, worship and programs accessible and safe
- Advocate for social justice and fair treatment of all people
- Help the poor and disadvantaged
- Eliminate racism
- Protect the natural world and environment
- Conduct accounting, financial, and administrative functions with responsibility and accountability
- Care and support the physical, mental and spiritual health, wellness and wholeness of all people
- Maintain our building, equipment, and grounds for optimal functioning as a sacred and shared space

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