



Manito United Methodist Church

Spokane, Washington

Masked Mayhem A Massive Success!

Thank you Manito family, for your generous participation in our Masked Mayhem Fundraiser. We are thrilled to announce that our goal was exceeded! We had hoped to raise \$10,000, but this community showed up in amazing way. Our unofficial final raised amount as of September 1st is \$17,322.28, including that very generous \$3000 matching donation! We are so grateful for our generous and committed community. Your support means we will be able to continue with plans for updating our resources to better serve our community partners, enhance our building’s capabilities and of course enable us to continue to provide online, accessible worship and services to our church community and beyond. That’s about all the fun you can have with a mask on!



Keep your eyes out for our Dessert Drawing—we will be showing it at the end of online worship on September 13th. The pastor will draw names of some lucky donors to win a delicious dessert donated by some of our great cooks.

- The Masked Mayhem Committee

The Beat Goes On - Updates from the Music Room

Music at Manito in the Time of Covid is in transition, but we are still here! We hope that whether it is singing along on Sunday Morning or exploring our new opportunities as they become available, that you will make a space for music in your week. Our first virtual choir meeting of the season will be on Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 pm. We will be on Zoom and YouTube, so If you are not a recent member of the choir but would like to join our virtual group, please email Cynthia Romoff at mumcchoirdir@gmail.com for the links. All current choir members will be contacted as well.

We are in the process of editing the instructional videos for the Sign Choir and are so excited to share those with you this month. Please watch the weekly email for links when those go live, hopefully by mid-September. The current distancing guidelines are pausing plans for the Bell choir, but we will keep you updated as this changes.

Finally, there is still time to be part of our first virtual choir project! We are singing Mark A. Miller's setting of Draw The Circle Wide. To participate, please email Cynthia Romoff at mumcchoirdir@gmail.com.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Manito Church Family,

We have been worshipping online for almost 6 months now! This is a sentence that I never thought I would be writing for a church newsletter. And yet, here we are! No one could have seen this coming, and the transition has been a hard one for us all. But you have risen to the occasion, you've found new ways to stay connected and care for one another, you've figured out how to find our worship services on YouTube, or play them on a DVD player at home. And many of you have learned to speak the language of Zoom!

Perhaps like me, you never imagined that this pandemic would still be raging on as we headed into the fall. The uncertainty of when this pandemic will be over, when there will be a vaccine or when we will be able to return to in person worship can weigh heavy on us all. Even if we and our family members are safe and healthy there is still an underlying feeling of grief in this season isn't there? This grief plays in the background of our lives on a low hum, like someone has left the TV on in the room next door. And some days it all feels a little heavy doesn't it? And although I know our faith will see us through this difficult season, I find that I need to re-center myself with prayer more than I did during pre-COVID-19 times. Because I need to remember that I am not alone in this sadness, God is with me and my life, although different, still has a purpose. And so, I want to invite each of you, when the grief of this season feels too heavy to stop and pray. You and I are not alone, God is with us and our lives still have purpose.

O Christ Jesus, when all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of Your presence, Your love, and Your strength.

Help us to have perfect trust in Your protecting love and strengthening power, so that nothing may frighten or worry us, for, living close to You, we shall see Your hand, Your purpose, Your will through all things. Amen.

—Unknown, often attributed to St. Ignatius of Loyola

Peace,

Pastor Tiffany DeTienne

In Memoriam

We wish to observe the passing of a beloved member of our Manito community, Mildred Meserve, on August 22, 2020. A private graveside service was held for her family at the Elmwood Cemetery near Deary, ID, where she was raised.

Mildred would have been 100 in January, and she was a part of the Manito Bible study group for many years. She will be remembered for good humor and the joy she brought to those around her. Messages for the family can be shared on the tribute wall at cheneyfuneral.com.



“New Normal” Work Party Day Saturday, September 12th

As many of you know, there are projects that have been available at the church to do during this time of social distancing. Several of you have helped and we are grateful for that. Sadly, summer is waning in the Inland Northwest, and we know how come quickly and short fall can be. There are outside projects that need to be completed before winter comes. We can gather in social distancing groups of five non-household related persons.

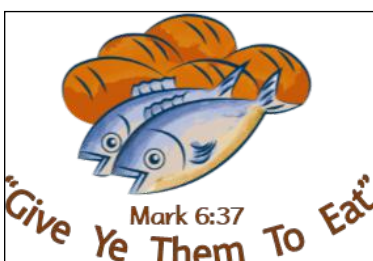
The outside projects that need doing include: Fixing cracks in the concrete to make them safer and to upgrade the appearance; finish painting the parking lots; sanding and refurbishing the picnic tables in the gazebo; cleaning up the gazebo area and toys in the back yard; washing windows; and Bryan may have some yard work projects that need doing.



There are also possible inside projects. These can be done in social distancing ways, with either couples from the same household, or 2-3 friends working keeping social distancing and Covid safety in mind. Those projects include: Sprucing up the two empty rooms in the basement (Not Montessori, but the other two. These may be used for school age childcare while school is virtual). This may include painting if needed; Painting the basement rest rooms; Painting signs for the Fellowship Hall; Sprucing up the kitchen (we have fun paint ideas!)

To complete these tasks, there will be a New Normal Work Party on Sept 12. We will meet out in the gazebo to get started. The beginning time will be 9:00am. We will be careful to respect each other's safety and maintain social distancing and mask wearing. Pastor Tiffany said we could work social distancing groups of five. Also, if you want to work at another time, we can discuss what you need, and the team will get it for you.

Unfortunately, we cannot supply donuts or coffee. Bring your own, wear a mask, and hug your friends from a distance. - Ann Reinhardt



Mission Sunday Worship - September 20th

Be sure to mark your calendars for a special virtual worship service on September 20th. Our members who spent time with GYTTE (Give Ye Them To Eat) will share stories and photos about their experiences on their mission trip. Tune in to hear about where they saw God on their journey, learn about the region where they worked, and the delicious foods they learned to make!

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

August 2020	Year To Date thru August 31, 2020	
Income	\$29,054	\$164,457
Expenses	\$22,232	\$150,031
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 6,822	\$ 14,426

Financially, Manito continues to in a good position. Pledged giving is strong at 120% of budget, and unpledged giving is very strong at 158% of budget. Operating cash on hand on at the end of August was \$62,172, greatly increased by donations received for the Masked Mayhem campaign.

The Masked Mayhem fund raiser, to offset not being able to have an annual auction and a rummage sale has been an exceptional success! The campaign has raised over \$17,300! Thank you for your generosity!

Please continue to support Manito through your tithes and gifts. Checks can be mailed to the office. You may also choose to give through the Donate tab 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.

Greg Plummer

Chair, Finance Committee

Signs of Service



Ann Reinhardt’s service to Manito UMC is seen throughout our church community. She has done tremendous work coordinating volunteers and putting in her own long hours making sure our building and grounds are ship-shape and shiny, ready to serve our community. She also lends her beautiful voice in the soprano section of our choir and has helped out as a song leader for digital worship. We would like to particularly recognize her commitment to making worship an inclusive experience, with her dedication to providing Sign Language interpretation for worship and other Manito UMC events and gatherings. Her commitment to this work has enhanced our worship and our community on a regular basis.

This summer, our interpreter intern, Naomi Lakman, began her regular position serving as the new staff sign language interpreter. This has allowed Ann to transition away from the role of interpreter, give her hands a well-deserved break, and focus on other things. Thank you for being the hands of the church, Ann, in more ways than one. We will miss your gifts of sign language, but are glad that your helping hands will continue to bless Manito UMC in other ways!



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 by the



This summer, two couples in our Manito community celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries. Please join us in celebrating Sue and Greg Plummer (June 22nd) and Wendy and Bill Budge (August 8). Best wishes to you all for many happy years to come!

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.

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.

September Birthdays!

David Lauder	9/5
Craig Potter	9/8
Gavin Branson	9/14
Mark Everest	9/17
James Glass	9/20
Jill Longmeier	9/25

PHOTOS IN WORSHIP - LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER

MANITO MEMORIES

This month we will take a break from our slideshows, but you can start to get ready for next month, when we will share Manito Memories! Whether current or from the past, we want to see photos of your memories at Manito UMC. Details on submissions will be in next month's newsletter, but you can start digging out those old photo albums now!

Also, we are looking for a volunteer to help coordinate collecting the photos for our slideshows. If you are interested in helping with our slideshow projects, either with collecting, organizing or producing slideshows, please contact Cynthia at

See our website at www.manitoumc.org for online worship links, 10:30 am Sunday morning.

Fellowship via Zoom immediately after!