



MANITO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Message from Our Pastor:

Hello Manito Family,

In the last few weeks we have seen so many of our regular ways of life die, such as adjusting from gathering together in worship to worshipping together at a distance. However, we have also seen many sparks of new life.

As we celebrate Easter this Sunday, I am struck by the way that new life springs forth from death, that death doesn't have the last word. I have witnessed the relationships that have formed as a result of our Care Group Leaders checking in on our community members. I have been touched by the way our online worship services and virtual gatherings have allowed those not normally able to attend service feel reconnected to their Manito church family.

I have seen our entire community mobilize and support our ministry partners at Shalom Ministries and Family Promise. I know we still have difficult times ahead of us, but I am confident that God will continue to find new ways to bring life to us all.

Please know that I am praying for you all as we navigate the loneliness, grief, uncertainty and hardships all these changes have put before us.

Peace,

Pastor Tiffany DeTienne





Web Link to Sunday's Service:

Manito UMC will continue providing an online worship service each Sunday. The link to each week's service will be sent out via email and posted on the church's Facebook page. Members are invited to "tune in" on Sunday mornings at 10:30am as we continue to worship and celebrate together from the comfort and safety of our own homes.

Previous sermons can be found on our YouTube page by going to www.manitoumc.org – Scroll down to the bottom of the page and look for the box that says "Be Inspired, Watch our sermons or other events on YouTube." Click the Our YouTube Channel button to be taken to our YouTube channel.

Virtual Fellowship Coffee Hour

Want to connect with church members after Sunday's service online? Consider joining our virtual Fellowship Coffee Hour on Zoom. Email pastor Tiffany and she will email you the information on how to join in on the fun!
(pastordetienne@gmail.com)

Community Coffee Hours

Pastor Tiffany will be hosting Community Coffee Hours on Zoom on Monday April 13th , 20th and 27th from 4:00pm-5:00pm. If you would like to join Pastor Tiffany for one of her coffee hours please send her an email.
(Pastordetienne@gmail.com)

Looking for Ways to Connect?

If you are looking for additional ways to connect and would like to be a part of virtual Small Group that meets weekly please contact Pastor Tiffany.
(pastordetienne@gmail.com)
Small Groups will meet on Zoom, members can use their computers, or phones to connect.



FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Annual Operating Budget: \$246,685

	<i>March 2020</i>	<i>Year To Date thru March 31, 2020</i>
Income	\$21,723	\$76,896
Expenses	\$24,653	\$52,304
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 2,930)	\$24,592

Financially, Manito is healthy. Pledged giving is very strong at 163.4% of budget. This is partially because some families who needed to take a minimum required distribution from their IRAs had their financial institution send some or all of their annual pledge, from their IRA required distribution, directly to Manito. This is advantageous to the giver in that the distribution is tax free. If you have questions about this please contact Finance Committee members Chris Bafus or Greg Plummer.

Operating cash on hand on March 31st was \$39,080, partly due to faithful pledged giving and carry-over from the 13th month giving at the end of 2019. 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.

Manito is in the process of applying for a loan from U.S. Bank through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) which is part of \$349 billion in forgivable loans being made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to small businesses, including non-profits. The PPP provides funds to cover payroll and utility costs for the eight week period after the loan is made. If Manito qualifies and receives the loan, and meets the reporting requirements, the loan will be forgiven.

The Finance Committee typically meets in the Memorial Lounge at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. However, the May 5th meeting may meet via zoom. Contact Greg Plummer, 509-838-8787, for information on how to attend. All members and friends of Manito are invited to attend.

Greg Plummer
Chair, Finance Committee

Creating Worship Spaces at Home!

One way that all of us can feel more engaged in worship this Holy Week is to create a home altar space, ideally in the same room where you watch the service online. Besides a cross, candle, flowers, and the Bible you can place objects that help you connect with the message.



I was inspired this morning to create this altar arrangement based on the resurrection story of the empty tomb in John 20. I combined the liturgical color purple for Lent with the white for Easter. There is a photo taken from an empty tomb at sunrise, with 3 crosses silhouetted in the distance. The rock reminds us of the stone rolled away from the tomb entrance, the roll of cloth represents the rolled up linen wrappings, and an angel stands in for the two angels that appeared to Mary Magdalene.

Worship objects we can touch help us enter the familiar story. Your altar can be completely different. You may want to include photos of people in your prayers, prayer beads, or a favorite devotional book. Involve kids in deciding what objects to use and which parts of the Easter narrative are meaningful for them. If you'd like, take a photo to share with the rest of us!

Blessings to You!
Lynn Swedberg

At this time, our '2020 Back to the 60's' Auction is on hold (for now). In early May, the Auction Team will decide where to go from here. We will keep everyone informed. Please save your donation items! Blessings, Patti



Invitation to Faithful Giving

Your continued financial support is important to Manito UMC's ability to continue to carry out our churches mission and ministry.

Manito UMC has committed to caring for its regular staff members by continuing to pay them for their agreed upon hours regardless of how the suspension of in-person worship services and other gatherings have affected their ability to work. We believe it is important for the church to model the care of Christ to their staff members during this difficult time and this is one of the biggest ways we can do that.

Ways to Give:

- You can mail checks to the church, please note all mail must be sent to the Church's P.O. Box Address. (Manito UMC, P.O. Box 8656, Spokane, WA 99203)
- Set up a "BillPay" option through your bank.
- Give online through our website (www.manitoumc.org), just click the "Donate" button and use your Debit or Credit Card.

Looking for ways to help?

Consider donating to one of our Ministry partners!

Manito UMC will have a team of individuals ready to receive and transport your donations to Shalom Ministries and Family Promise each Wednesday from 1:30pm-2:00pm.

Just bring your items to the Church parking on 33rd (across the street from our building).
Ministry Partner Needs:

(See next page for lists)

