



Manito United Methodist Church

Spokane, Washington

Mission Trip to Mexico Update

Last fall our church raised enough funds to build two homes in the small Mexican community of Tlancualpican. A relationship between Manito United Methodist Church and this community began when five of our members — Jamie Potter, Kim Potter, Polly Thosath, Pat Nash, and Liz West — volunteered there in Fall 2019. Construction began on the first home this January; the second home will follow. We are building a new missions team to travel to Tlancualpican to work on that construction (as well as other projects in that community) in the next year. **At this point, we are hoping to go some time during November or December 2022.** It says something for the experience that at least three of the original team members plan to return. Please contact Liz West for an informational brochure or ask questions. We need to gather potential names as soon as possible in order to pick dates for our travel. Expressing interest does not commit you!

Thoughts from the SALT

Things are changing. In particular, two big changes are coming to us at Manito Methodist. For one, Pastor Tiffany will be departing at the end of June. The other, we are resuming in-person worship on Sundays.

Pastor Tiffany's upcoming departure leaves a big hole for us; she has been instrumental in guiding our church community through the Covid chaos—developing ways for us to stay connected, maintaining our spectrum of church activities, developing our online live streaming Sunday services and installing the equipment needed for it, and more. Her contribution to our church family has been enormous, and that includes broadening the base of



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our ministry within our church facilities, with new participants (the Y program and the Youth Symphony, to mention a couple) and the existing ones (AA, scouts, M&M Tots, etc.). But, while we will miss her, we are looking forward to a new pastor who will pick up where she has left off. The SALT and SPRC are working with the District Superintendent, Rev. Daniel Miranda, on finding the successor to Pastor Tiffany.

The Covid virus is receding (for now, at least, and we hope it stays there), and we are resuming (again) in-person Sunday morning worship services. A bit cautiously at first, since the virus is still around, albeit diminished and diminishing. We will be singing again, and since singing is the all-time champion mode of transmission of the virus, we initially will be masked. But still singing. The choir will be cranking up soon, so we will be able to enjoy hearing them singing to us again in the near future. We will continue to live stream the services, for those unable or not yet ready to attend in person. As a side note, the live streaming is a bit demanding of staffing. It takes three people up in the "AudioVisual booth" in our balcony to make the system run, and we need enough participating so we can rotate through. With upcoming departures, and choir resuming, the lineup is getting a bit thin. If any of you are interested, we'd love to have you join the team. It's not nearly as intimidating or difficult as it may seem, and the advantage is a great bird's-eye view of the goings-on.



Birthday Season!

Chloe Bafus	3/2
James Kieswetter	3/8
David Potter	3/9
Brian Newberry	3/10
John Sharp	3/12
Chris Rundquist	3/15
Jerry Nash	3/20
Ryan Longmeier	3/22
MaryAnn McCurdy	3/23
Judy Boone	3/27
Dave Reynolds	3/28
Paul Caryl	3/29
Tim Rundquist	3/31
Liz West	4/1
Jennie Groenig	4/3
Peggy Leslie	4/7
Pam Patrick	4/10
Rod Pennebaker	4/22
Mark Everest	4/26

A Message from Our Pastor

Hello Manito Family,

There are signs of spring all around us. The days are getting longer and more filled with light, the spring flowers are starting to burst through the soil. I've even seen buds on some of my trees outside. New, fresh, bold, beginnings are on their way.

Every year nature reminds us that change is a part of life, and not only that, it reminds us that new life and growth often come right on the heels of what looks like a barren and dark season.

Sometimes you and I can only see change in a negative light, but change and new growth are not always a bad thing. In fact, they are often a good thing! New growth is often the result of change. Sometimes change can help us to grow and expose us to new beauty, joy, relationships, and experiences.

Now, none of this means that we cannot name or mourn the things that we may lose or need to let go of in order to welcome change. I think it is important for each of us to recognize the complexity of change. Change is not all bad, and it's not always all easy or good. Change can be both hard and beautiful, grief-filled and life-giving. This is why I don't want us to only focus on the hard or grief-filled parts of change, because if we only do that we will miss out on so much! Can you imagine what it would be like if we didn't allow spring to happen because we didn't want to go through a change in seasons!?

So I want to encourage you, church, to enter this season of change with your eyes wide open and your hands outstretched, ready to not only grieve and recognize the losses of this season of change but also poised and ready to accept the gifts that this season of change will inevitably bring to this community.

Every year you and I look forward to spring. We look forward to the new growth and beauty that the change in season will bring us, and so I hope you will do the same for this season of change we are entering into. Let's approach this season with wonder and curiosity. What might be budding in our community? What new beauty might emerge in this season of change? And how might nature help us to embrace the upcoming change and growth with hope?

Grace & Peace

Pastor Tiffany DeTienne





Finance Committee Report

2022 Annual Operating Budget: \$264,101

Year to date Thru Feb. 28 2022

Income \$48,767

Budget \$44,016

Total +\$4,751

Both our income and our expenses have started out in line with where we budgeted they would be for 2022. It is obviously only the end of March, but we hope it continues that way.

Our books are looking good, and I want to give a special notice of thanks to Liz West and all of the time and effort she has put into this. The treasurer position in the church must be one of the most time consuming and tedious positions, and without Liz and her dedication I don't know where we would be. As a small gesture of thanks, the Finance team presented Liz with a gift card to one of her favorite restaurants "Wild Sage" as a small token to show our appreciation for what she has done.

I also want to thank Pat McNally for agreeing to audit our books for the year 2020. This again is not an easy job and I appreciate him taking on the task.

I also want to thank the boiler for making it through one more winter :) You will start to see progress on its replacement once the weather gets warm enough. While we are intending to get a loan for this project, we did have to make a down payment for half of it last fall. With the market being where it is at right now, we couldn't have timed it any better. We sold at the peak and will hopefully buy back in with the loan proceeds at a lower amount. I am very pleased with that.

As of March 1st, here are the account balances on our 3 accounts with the foundation

Parsonage-\$133,775

Maintenance Endowment-\$149,586

Centennial-\$8,579

If you have any questions about the 2022 budget or the accounts we have with the foundation, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. My contact information is below.

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.

The Finance Committee is back to meeting in person. Our next meeting will be at 12:00 in the Memorial Lounge on Tuesday April 12th. 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



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