



Manito United Methodist Church

Spokane, Washington

Love Our Building

As our old church building approaches its 100-year birthday, we need to give it some love so it can continue to embrace us as we worship and gather. The education wing is getting painted professionally this summer. However, the old church building needs painting, as well as some maintenance, to help prevent damage and allow it to move into the next 100 years. Other outside structures, the gazebo, also need some painting to maintain their integrity.

This summer so far has proven itself not conducive to painting outdoors. Work parties were talked about but dismissed because of the unpredictability of the weather. So, we ask if you can, to put the

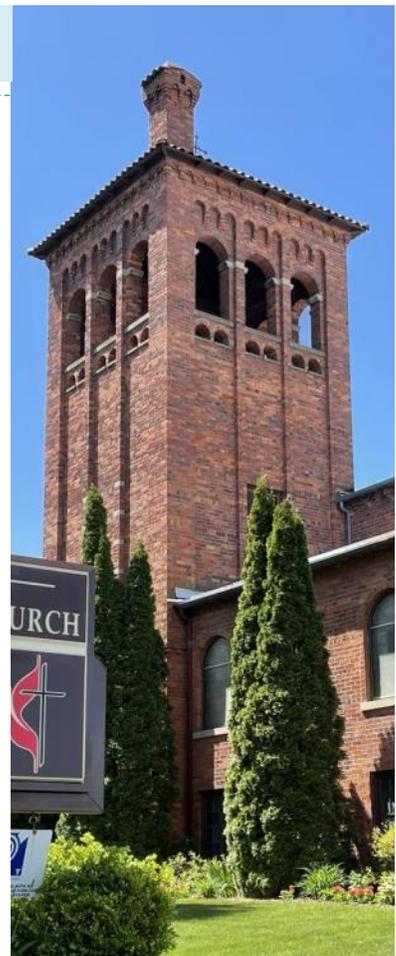


church projects on your calendar for the fall. We will need everyone who can help, as a lot needs to be done in a shorter period. There are projects for all levels of ability and time. It would be nice to get the job done before winter.

Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary, How Does Your Garden Grow

Actually, this should be “Sue, Sue, how does our garden grow?” We are so fortunate to have Master Gardner Sue Plummer as one of our faithful and hardworking members. She is helping to transform one of the garden beds that has been overgrown into a native bee garden. The old garden is being tamed a bit, and new plantings will be added as weather allows. We hope to highlight it for our community to learn and enjoy God’s creation. Keep watching as we open and gather at the church to see the changes.

Also, a big shout out to Bryan Branson. He quietly sneaks in and does pruning and clean up in the church yard. The church grounds and property look great because of his behind-the-scenes work.



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A Message from Our Pastor

Manito Church Family,

Summer is here, and it has announced itself with some force this year! I hope you are all finding ways to be comfortable and cool. We hate discomfort don't we, many of us live our lives trying to avoid it. And with enough money and privilege, we can often do so! But then we have moments like COVID-19 and this heatwave that remind us

that we are not in control of everything. But discomfort can also bring

growth, a cast and limited movement can help heal a bone, time in a walking boot can heal a strained ligament, physical therapy often painful at first, can relieve the pain that drove us there. I recently went back to counseling, because I had some inner pain that needed healing. The process of therapy and counseling can often be painful at first, but if we stay the course, we can find relief from the pain that brought us there in the first place.

Sometimes, discomfort can bring growth if we are intentional about it. Now that doesn't mean that the pain or discomfort we are experiencing isn't real. It is always okay to say "this hurts," "this is hard," or "I wish things didn't have to be this way." It is okay to say, "I miss the way things used to be." Because those statements are all true, and yet, it is also true that our discomfort and pain can help us grow.

Church, we have been in a VERY uncomfortable and painful season for much longer than any of us ever imagined. But you know what, we have also grown as a church community during this season. Has it been hard, yes, has it been painful, yes? But we have also grown. We have learned to worship in new ways, become better connected as a church community. We have embraced technology in new ways, and because of that, we have connected with more individuals as a result. Are things still a little uncomfortable, yes? But let's lean into the discomfort, let's treat the pain intentionally so we grow stronger as a result of it.

Manito, let's keep asking ourselves how it is we can grow in this uncomfortable season. Let's keep asking ourselves, how we can use this time to become stronger as a church community.

Peace,

Pastor Tiffany DeTienne



Birthday Season!

Dick Holling	07/03
Bill Budge	07/19
Jamie Potter	07/23
Brynn Lauder	07/27
Mike Adams	8/7
Birdie Holling	8/8
Nora Allen	8/9
Mark Longmeier	8/20
Mary Alice Eberle	8/21
Lynn Swedberg	8/24
Ellie Tupper	8/25
Evelyn Torkelson	8/29
Britt DeTienne	8/16
Audrey Gilpatrick	8/25



In-Person Worship Is Back!

After over a year of heavy restrictions and having to spend Sunday mornings in front of our computers, the time has finally come for us to worship in each other's presence again! July 4th was our first Sunday back together, and we are looking forward to getting back to "normal" with in-person worship as well as continuing to offer online worship.

When you are ready to come back, we have just a few simple steps for you to follow to keep everyone safe and healthy:

Step 1: RSVP!

Every week before coming to worship, you have to RSVP. Check your weekly email for a link to RSVP online, or call the church office to RSVP over the phone!



Step 2: Mask Up!

Wear your mask! Masks are required to be worn at all times inside the church, regardless of vaccination status!

Step 3: Worship!

Now you're ready to worship! We have seating in the sanctuary and the fellowship hall to help everyone stay socially distanced during worship.



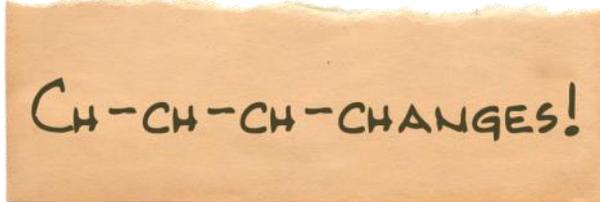
Step 4: Fellowship!

After worship ends, come outside and enjoy fellowship with each other. We are so excited to see you back in-person!

Staff Changes

As we move forward into the summer, you will notice some changes going on in the church staff. We are so excited to have Gloma Milner on staff in the Worship Assistant position and are looking forward to all of the gifts she will bring to our community in the area of communications and worship production.

One of the commitments we made as a community early on in the pandemic was to embrace the new connections that an online worship opportunity can provide. As a part of this decision, the church invested in a new online streaming system that will allow us to simultaneously worship in person and stream a well-produced online worship service the same time. As you can imagine, this is no easy feat and requires a lot of new equipment and training. Our new staff member Gloma will be spearheading the process of how to best use our new presentation software so that our in-person and virtual worship opportunities will both remain the highest quality possible. After interviewing Gloma, Pastor and the Chair of the SPRC believed she was the right person for the job. Gloma possesses the technical skills and abilities needed for this role, but she was unable to work during our normal office hours. Because of this, we will be making a few changes around office. The office will continue to be staffed Monday-Thursday from 10am-2pm. Pam will continue working Monday-Wednesdays, and an office volunteer will be covering the office on Thursdays. We have decided to close the office on Fridays, as it will make it easier for Pastor to take her day off and not have to answer any questions from staff.



If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Tiffany or Evelyn Torkelson.

Office Volunteers Needed

The church office will need to be staffed on Thursdays, by MUMC volunteers, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Evelyn Torkelson will be coordinating a list of volunteers and a schedule for this coverage. She will staff the Thursdays in July (unless someone else volunteers for them). Training (which takes approximately 20 minutes) can be done by phone or in-person (with Evelyn). Each volunteer will need to receive an exterior door and office key to access the building. PLEASE contact Evelyn at 509-863-6931 to obtain answers to your questions and to fill in your desired Thursday. OF NOTE: Evelyn will be out of town from August 19 through September 9th - so please consider both current and future dates.

Meet Our New Worship Assistant

Hello, my name is Gloma, and I am excited to introduce myself as Manito UMC's new Worship Assistant! I am happy to have the opportunity to serve here working with MUMC's communications. I will be making the bulletins and newsletters and will be sending your weekly emails to you on Tuesdays. I'll also be working on helping us transition from pre-recorded worship to live worship streaming on our Youtube.



A little about me, I was born and raised in the rural southern US. I attended the University of Mississippi after high school, and ultimately found myself moving to Spokane last summer. Spokane has welcomed me in ways that I was not expecting, especially during such an odd year as 2020. I like getting to step outside and enjoy the natural beauty of the area while still having the benefits of living in a city. It really is great to be here!

In my spare time, I do a lot of volunteering. Most days, I spend my time moderating an online support group for disabled persons. I think it is important to advocate for accessibility and inclusion, and I am glad to do my part. When I am not volunteering, I like to engage in my hobbies. They include singing, embroidering, soap crafting, going on walks, and riding my bike.

Thank you for welcoming me into your Manito family. I hope to get to know more of you as time goes on. If you need to contact me, feel free to send me an email at MUMCcommunicate@gmail.com.

All the best,

Gloma



Is the Church Office Open?

Monday-Wednesday: Yes! 10am-2pm

Thursday: Yes! 10am-2pm, staffed by volunteers

Friday: No, the office is no longer open on Fridays.



Finance Committee Report

2021 Annual Operating Budget: \$255,089

Year to date Thru May 31st 2021

Income	\$178,028
Budget	<u>\$84,890</u>
Total	+\$93,138

Please bear with me as I attempt to explain why these numbers look so great. There was a lot that went on in the month of May that brought a tremendous amount of income into the church that has not been spent yet. There are 3 main reasons why our income looks so good right now but please know it will even out by the end of the year as some major expenses are paid. All this extra amount is budgeted for the year.

They are:

#1 The distribution of \$31,755 from our foundation accounts to pay for the many projects occurring around the church.

#2 The \$24,003 that was forgiven on our PPP Loan.

#3 The amount of pledged giving that we have received so far this year where people are utilizing the great tool of a Qualified Charitable Distribution out of their IRA's and our members making a lump sum pledge at the beginning of the year instead of monthly throughout the year.

These are all things we expected as a finance committee, so I wanted to make sure to communicate it to the entire congregation. If you have questions about how to utilize a Qualified Charitable Distribution, please consult your financial professional or feel free to contact myself and I will point you in the right direction.

The 3 accounts we have with the United Methodist Foundation continue to do outstanding. At the end of May their balances are:

Maintenance Endowment=\$158,240
 Centennial=\$9,076
 Parsonage=\$207,123

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. I personally have started using the VANCO app on my phone to do this and it is extremely convenient and easy. If you would like help setting this up, please make outreach to me.

The Finance Committee is back to meeting in person. We will be meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at noon in the Memorial Lounge. 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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