



Manito United Methodist Church

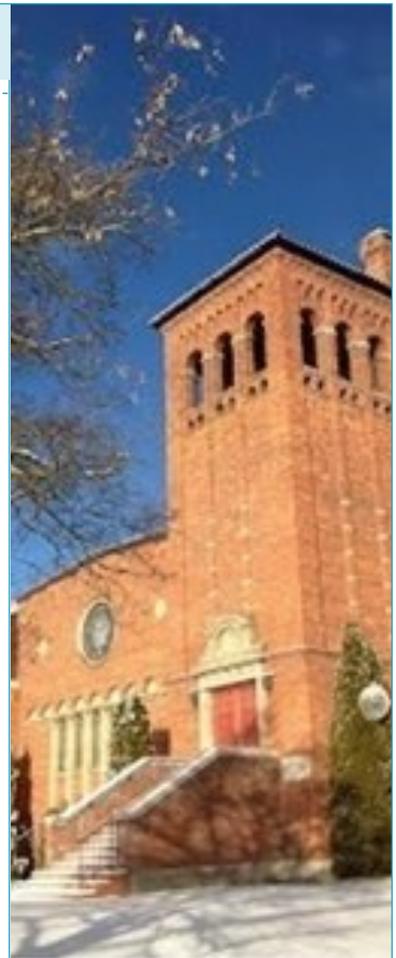
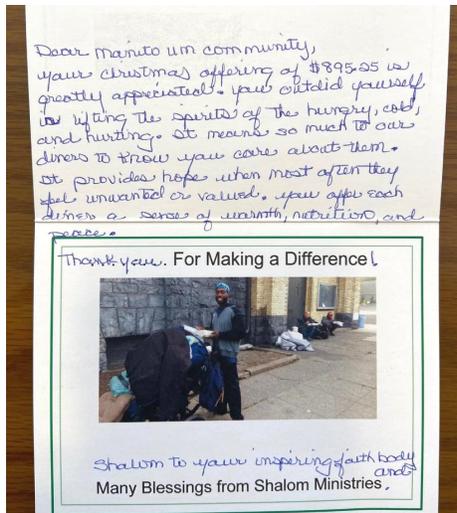
Spokane, Washington

Ministry Partners Serving Hope

As was recently posted on the Family Promise of Spokane Facebook page, the most essential service is HOPE. We heartily agree, and for this reason, we are so grateful for the continued faithfulness of the Manito UMC Family and your generosity towards our Ministry Partners, [Family Promise of Spokane](#) and [Shalom Ministries](#), both through our Christmas Offering and other donations. In this challenging time, with a “tsunami of need” predicted for those who face food insecurity or are experiencing homelessness, your support continues to make a difference in providing hope where it is needed most.

Even with the challenges of COVID-19, along with the usual challenges of winter weather, Family Promise of Spokane transitioned multiple families into permanent housing this January. They also continue to shelter and support numerous families still in transition or at risk, providing a “wraparound” approach to helping families acquire and maintain permanent housing. Shalom Ministries continues to provide “Dining with Dignity” with 6 weekly meals (4 breakfasts Mon - Thurs + 2 dinners Mon and Tues) and individual case management, helping clients navigate what can feel like a bureaucratic maze to access needed services.

Each week we will continue to send out links highlighting these organization’s urgent needs and links to their websites and social media. Please visit their sites and follow their social media accounts to discover more ways you can help. As always, you can drop off donations on Wednesdays between 1:30pm and 2:00pm in the church parking lot on 33rd Ave across the street from the building.



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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- February 11th—Online Choir Meet & Sing
- February 14th—worship with Pastor Mark McMurray at Kennewick FUMC@ 10:45am
- February 15th—Church office closed for Presidents Day
- February 17th—Shared Virtual Ash Wednesday Service @ 7pm



January & February

Rebecca Caryl	1/5
Jan Abrams	1/6
Louise Tower	1/8
Cecilia Lauder	1/10
Jim McCurdy	1/11
Maureen Miller	1/13
Wendy Budge	1/14
Chris Bafus	1/16
Tom Eberle	1/18
Amy Branson	1/20
Patti Herbey	1/23
Skyler Branson	1/25
Carol Delaney	2/2
Walter Sauer	2/4
Ben Branson	2/13
Pat McNally	2/14
Ann Heidenreich	2/18
Allison Bafus	2/20
Sue Plummer	2/20
Sarah Kuney	2/23



New Partners, New Horizons

We are excited to welcome the YMCA Children’s Center South as a new partner in our building. You may have seen the crew hard at work in our basement, bringing everything up to code for our new tenants and further outfitting our building to safely serve new partners well into the future. Greg Plummer has been hard at work for months coordinating this project, and we are so grateful for his expertise and willingness to serve in this capacity.

YMCA Children’s Center South will be offering free preschool through the Early Childhood Education Assistance Program (ECEAP). ECEAP, (pronounced “e-cap”) is Washington’s free comprehensive preschool program serving high need 3 and 4-year old children and families at or below 110% of the Federal Poverty Level (below \$28,325 annually for a family of four). Additionally, this program is available to children who qualify for Special Education services through their school district, and any children who have developmental or environmental risk factors that might negatively impact their success in school. Beyond preschool, the program supports the whole family, and provides food and health services.

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YMCA Children's Center South Free Preschool – ECEAP

ECEAP is a comprehensive, state-funded preschool program providing free educational services and support to eligible children and their families. ECEAP provides children with a high-quality preschool classroom experience, in addition to comprehensive services for the whole child.

ECEAP Provides:

- Part day preschool | Mon – Thu | 8-11am & Noon – 3pm
- Nutritious meals & snacks
- Health screenings
- Family support

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
Children 3 – 4 years old by Aug 31 who are:

- From a family with low annual income
- OR
- Qualify for school district Special Education services
- OR
- Have developmental or environmental risk factors that could affect school success

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This effort is part of an ongoing process to modernize and outfit our facility so that we can continue and expand our partnerships with organizations who need the kind of space we have to share here at Manito UMC. In addition to our improved building-wide Wi-fi and other upcoming projects, we hope to be in readiness as things reopen, to accommodate all our current building partners and welcome new groups and new organizations to MUMC.

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, and continues to monitor phone calls and email daily . In addition, the exterior doors and office are open Monday-Friday from 10:00am to 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 and must receive prior approval from the church office.

A Message from Our Pastor

Happy New Year Manito Family,

We made it! 2020 is behind us and 2021 has begun. Yes, I know the hardships of this last year are not entirely behind us, and the month of January has had a pretty rough start. But, perhaps like me, you are starting to see a glimmer of hope on the horizon. I want to continue to encourage you to grieve the hard parts of life, but I also want you to celebrate or take stock of the unexpected gifts 2020 may have brought your way.

In the world of Spiritual formation people often talk about Consolations and Desolations. Consolations are the places where you experience faith, hope, and love and Desolations are the places where faith, hope, and love seem absent.

When someone comes out of a season of desolation their spiritual director will often ask them “What was the gift in the desolation?” They do not ask this question because the desolation wasn’t hard, they do not ask this question to suggest that it was caused by God—They ask the question because they believe that we can learn something valuable, that we can receive a gift, even from our desolations. Because God is that powerful—that even after a season of desolation you and I will walk away holding gifts from God for the journey ahead.

So, as we head in to this new year, I want to ask you Manito Family, what have been the gift or gifts in this season of desolation?

Light is more powerful than darkness, consolation and gifts from God are more powerful than the desolations or seasons of desolation we experience.

Peace,

Pastor Tiffany DeTienne



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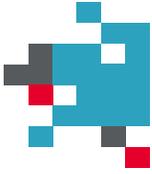
Dave Lauder, SALT of the earth—Thank you!

This year Dave Lauder rolled off of our Spiritual Administrative Leadership Team (SALT) for the first time since its beginning. We are so grateful for all the time that he has invested in our community by being an essential part of this team.

When the church adopted the SALT governance format, replacing the more traditional committee and trustees system, Dave joined the SALT at its beginning. Initially, there was a process of learning and explo-

ration, as the new systems took shape, and as the SALT evolved into the governing body. As the role of the SALT, and the mission and purpose of the church itself, were refined, Dave played an integral part in the process. Dave has served for several years as SALT Chair, providing a thoughtful leadership to the group and perspective to the progress of the church. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us Dave!





Finance Committee Report

2021 Annual Operating Budget: \$255,089

<u>December 2021</u>	<u>Year To Date thru December 31, 2020</u>
Income \$18,767	\$231,009
Expenses	\$228,574
Surplus	\$ 2,435

This is the first update I get to give as your Finance Chair. I want to personally thank Greg Plummer for his many years of service chairing this committee, and I am so thankful that Greg has agreed to stay on as a member of the finance team along with accepting a position of assistant treasurer.

Fortunately, Manito has continued to stay strong financially during these trying times. Our pledged giving ended 2020 at 106% of budget, and our unpledged giving was 154% of budget.

We are continually waiting patiently for our PPP Loan of \$24,003 under the CARES Act to be forgiven. We are in constant contact with US Bank in regard to next steps on this. Unfortunately, the forgiveness applications have been put on hold until further notice.

We will be starting 2021 with cash on hand of \$26,526 and this does not include the money for the PPP Loan that we anticipate will be forgiven. This puts us in a strong place to meet our annual operating budget of \$255,089 for 2021.

The 3 accounts we have with the United Methodist Foundation continue to do outstanding. They are as follows.

Maintenance Endowment=\$149,411

Centennial=\$38,752

Parsonage=\$194,494

The foundation does have the option of utilizing SRI (Socially Responsible Investing) and ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) Funds inside of our accounts. I will be presenting these options to the committee at our next finance meeting in February.

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 reach out to me.

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 Chris Bafus at 509-994-5392 on how to attend. All members and friends of Manito are invited to participate.

Chris Bafus
Chair, Finance Committee



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