



Manito United Methodist Church

Spokane, Washington

Holy Socks, Not Holey Socks!



As Manito did last year, we are going to collect socks through the month of November for local shelters. Socks are one of the most asked for items by people in shelters. We are collecting men's, women's, and children's socks. There are several ways for you to participate in the collection, whatever you feel comfortable with. Socks can be dropped off in (masked and socially distanced) person in the church office M-F from 10-2 or dropped off curbside in the north parking lot on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:00 pm. If you are not comfortable going out and shopping for socks, you can make a monetary donation to the church and label it for "SOCKS". The socks will then be purchased either in person or online. Our hope is to reach out to our sheltered neighbors even when we cannot be present in person.

Fall Work Day Scheduled

The date for the Fall yard clean up is November 14. We have beautiful trees on our property, but, unfortunately, they drop a lot of leaves. Bring your rakes and join in the fun. We will begin at 9:00 am. Normally there are donuts and coffee, but we cannot currently serve food. Come for the fellowship, wear a mask, and enjoy the fall weather with your church family.

Digital DVD Ministry Expands



Manito UMC has been working hard to increase connectivity to all members and attenders. These portable DVD players have been delivered to members without internet so they can watch the DVD's of

Manito UMC's worship services. If you are a member or attender in need of a device to watch DVD's is our services on please contact the church office.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Hello Manito Church Family,

I am pretty sure my birthday car parade will go down as one of the best birthday surprises of my life! Thank you for showing up to celebrate and love me in what has been a difficult and strange season in ministry.

I was recently speaking with another minister who is a church planter, and he said that when he was preparing to plant his congregation, he met another church planter at a training put on through their denomination that wanted to plant a virtual/online church community, and at the moment my friend thought the guy was crazy, but he told me when COVID happened he thought “man, I really wish I had that guys number!”

Most of us ministers weren’t prepared for the hurdles that this pandemic has placed before us, we weren’t trained for this and so we have been learning as we go. But even in this strange and hard season you and I are not alone. God is with us. And God will show up for you and I in surprising and unlikely ways, just let you showed up for me on my birthday!

As we head into November and prepare for the Advent season, we are reminded yet again that our God is Emmanuel which means “God with us.” God is not distanced, God is with us, even in the middle of a pandemic. And God will show up in unlikely places, people and situations. So, how might you and I discover Emmanuel (God with us) this advent season?

Peace,

Pastor Tiffany

Dedication Sunday & Advent Care Packages

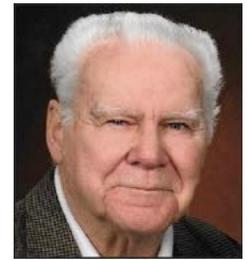
Please make sure to mark your calendars for our Drive Through Dedication Sunday and Advent Care Package pick up on **November 22nd, from 1:00-2:00pm**. You can drive through to drop off your pledge card, tithes and offerings and pick up your Advent Care Package from the church. If you have been watching our services online and are looking for ways to get more involved in the life of the church -- stop by and pick up one of our Advent Care Packages, it will help to connect you with all that our community has going on for the Advent Season.



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.



We wish to observe the passing of a beloved member of our Manito community this past month, Dr. David Groenig, who peacefully passed away on October 9th, two days before his 96th birthday. He will be remembered for his kindness, his generosity, and his many gifts beyond his chosen field of medicine, including his beautiful singing voice. Please remember Jennie Groenig and the rest of the family in your prayers at this time.



Dr. Groenig's full obituary may be read at this link to the Spokesman-Review. <https://legacy.co/37kb7hA>

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Annual Operating Budget: \$246,685

October 2020	Year To Date thru October 31, 2020	
Income	\$15,445	\$204,508
Expenses	\$24,447	\$193,527
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 9,002)	\$ 10,981

Financially, Manito continues to in a good position. Pledged giving is strong at 111% of budget, and unpledged giving is very strong at 145% of budget. Operating cash on hand on at the end of October was \$35,097. Note that year to date income includes a \$24,003 CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program loan. It is anticipated that this loan will be forgiven 100% by the end of the year. When it is forgiven, the \$24,003 liability will then no longer be counted against operating cash on hand, as it is now.

Manito has three savings accounts with the Northwest United Methodist Foundation. At the end of September, the fund balance for each of the accounts was: Parsonage Fund, \$175,685 (interest from this account is used to help offset the pastor's annual housing allowance); Centennial Campaign Fund, \$34,172; and Maintenance Endowment Fund, 131,752 (interest from this fund is used to finance capital repair projects).

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 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. Greg Plummer will be glad to provide information on how to do that.

When you have the opportunity, please consider giving through Manito's **faithful, hopeful, loving**, Faithful Generosity stewardship campaign for 2021.

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

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.



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 by the 15th.

Please join us in celebrating Brian Newberry, who has been inducted into Marquis Who's Who. Selection for inclusion in this prestigious publication is based on noteworthy accomplishments, visibility, and prominence in the member's field and community. A press release and more information can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/y2bmk8xp>. Congratulations!

Invitation to Join the Tuesday

Under the leadership of John Barber, every Tuesday morning a group of guys who are members or friends of Manito get together at 6:45 am for an hour to talk about what is going on in their personal and church lives, and to spent time reading and discussing an interesting book. Traditionally the Men's Group has met in the Memorial Lounge, but during the current pandemic they have been meeting through zoom and drinking their coffee at home. Past books read have greatly varied in topics from humor, to military experiences, to reviewing another religion. At this time the group is going in a far different direction: learning about astrophysics by reading A Brief History of Time by Stephen Hawking. Want to know about the expanding universe, the uncertainty principle, black holes, wormholes and time travel? If so, then zoom in with them. Having a copy of the book is not necessary as some attending have copies and take turns reading a few pages during the meeting. Right now the group has a special guest, a "color commentator", joining the meeting to help answer questions that come up: Dr. Julia Plummer, associate professor at Penn State University, now has a degree in astronomy. This has made the discussions much more interesting. Do consider zooming in with the group every Tuesday morning. For the zoom link, contact John Barber or Greg Plummer.

November Birthdays!

Joey Toulou - 11/1	Gordon Davis
Andrew Whitman - 11/1	- 11/22
Eli Cabrera - 11/7	Kim Potter -
Luke Whitman - 11/13	11/24
Leon Vostrez - 11/19	Krista Branson - 11/27
John Blunt - 11/22	Cole Bafus - 11/28

Upcoming Dates to Remember!

November 22nd, from 1:00-2:00pm - Drive Through Dedication & Advent Package Pick Up

November 29th, 6:00 PM Online - Virtual Tree Lighting Service and Carol Sing

December 24th – Christmas Eve

- Christmas Eve Online Service premiering at 7pm
- Christmas Eve Walk Through 4:00pm – 6:00pm, come light a candle and signify your presence. (This event is in-person and is limited to small groups. Keep your eyes out for

