



# Manito United Methodist Church

Spokane, Washington

## Equity Corner: From Talking the Talk to Walking the Walk

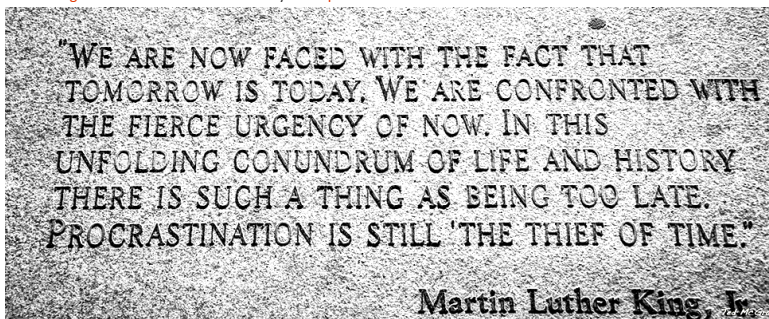
At the conclusion of the MUMC small group discussion on the book, "So You Want to Talk About Race", the participants compiled a list of ways to make changes to start to dismantle systemic racism. Some of these changes occur at the personal level, some at the congregational level, and some at the regional and national level.

One of those suggestions was to focus on equity throughout the entire year, not just during Black History Month. We would also like to discuss issues affecting all persons of color, LGBTQ persons, the disabled, and women.

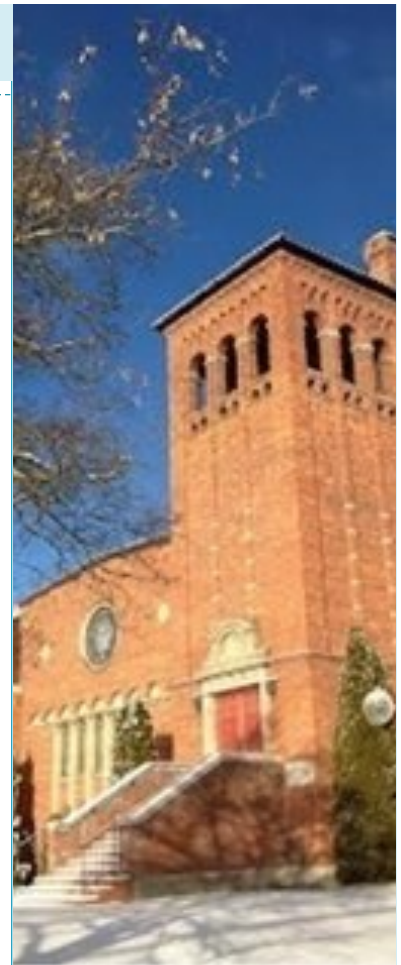
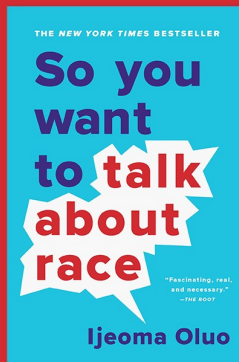
Beginning in April, we will further this discussion by creating a new communications project called "Equity Corner". This project is being spearheaded by Maureen Miller and Liz West, but they welcome submissions and suggestions from all our parishioners. They plan to include things we are doing in our congregation, local events that are pertinent, legislative issues on the subject, historical events, book reviews, prayers, and maybe even some personal stories.

The first issue of Equity Corner will come out after Easter, so be sure to check your email inboxes! The first installment will include a list of ways to "Walk the Walk" at the personal, congregational, and regional/national level as well.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.



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### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Saturday, March 27th—Palm Sunday Drive-thru from 11:00 am to Noon.
- 3/28—Palm Sunday @ 10:45 am
- 4/1—Maundy Thursday @ 7:00pm
- 4/2—Good Friday @ 7:00pm
- 4/4—Easter Service @ 10:45 am



## Birthday Season!

George Chinn	02/22
Tedd Swanson	02/25
Chloe Bafus	03/02
James Kieswetter	03/08
David Potter	03/09
Brian Newberry	03/10
John Sharp	03/12
Chris Rundquist	03/15
Jerry Nash	03/20
Ryan Longmeier	03/22
MaryAnn McCurdy	03/23
Judy Boone	03/27
Megan Whitman	03/27
Dave Reynolds	03/28
Paul Caryl	03/29
Tim Rundquist	03/31
Liz West	04/01
Jennie Groenig	04/03
Peggy Leslie	04/07
Pam Patrick	04/10
Valerie Whitman	04/16
Ina Larson	04/21
Rod Pennebaker	04/22
Mark Everest	04/26



## Memorial Fund Gifts Support Kitchen Update

Chris Bafus, Shelly Kuney, and Pat Nash comprise Manito United Methodist Church's Memorials Committee. The committee's primary task is to be good stewards of all memorial funds donated to the church in memory of a church member who has passed away. Many gifts given to the church's memorial fund are designated to a specific project. And, there are so many projects around our building that have been funded by these designated gifts. But, there are also gifts that are given and can be used at the church's discretion. The committee is responsible for assuring that the donor's wishes are achieved.

It became apparent this winter that updates are needed to the church kitchen. The church leadership authorized installation of a new cooktop, counters, flooring, along with plumbing repairs and painting. In an effort to assist with the cost of this project, the Memorial Committee agreed to provide \$1,883.95 utilizing monies from many of the smaller, undesignated funds. Below are the names of those members whose memorial gifts were used to reach this monetary goal:

Ralph Boese	Lenora McBirney
Helen Bright	Carl Milton
William Brown	Emmett Nelson
Carl Carlson	Jerry and Phyllis Richards
Shirley Corbit	Muriel Smith
Cleo David	Betty Strickland
Lois Fullington	John Stuen
Ed Gilman	Ervin Thompson
Suzanne Jackson	Jim and Lucy Thosath
Jeff Kuney	Cynthia Wiggins

We sincerely thank the family and friends who honored the above Manito members by providing a monetary gift to our church. Every time we go into our beautiful new (and safer) kitchen, we should remember these members and the generosity of the gift-givers.

## 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

Manito Church Family,

We have been worshipping online for a year now.

Now that is a sentence, I never thought I would have to write in my lifetime. This time last year we had to close our doors to in-person worship, and even then, I could have never imagined that we would still be worshipping online a year later.

It has been a hard road and the road has been much longer than any of us could have imagined. But I wonder if the journey we have all been on will allow us to engage in the story of Jesus' death and resurrection in a whole new way. You see, the disciples never imagined Jesus would die, they couldn't fathom it, even when Jesus told them that it was going to happen. Because in their minds, Jesus' mission and ministry could never have been carried out without his physical presence among them. But Jesus' mission and ministry did continue after his death and resurrection. And not only that, it flourished!

You and I know what it is like to have our well-made plans thrown out the window, the stinging pain of grief and loss. We know what it is like to believe that our church community can only carry out its ministry and mission in-person. Like the disciples we could have never imagined that our community would be able to carry out its mission and ministry in a virtual world and yet, we have been doing it. And I have faith that our community will come out from the other side of this and continue to flourish.

Church, there is always new life waiting for us on the other side of death. So let's keep the faith, let's maintain our hope, because God is not done with us yet.

Peace,

Pastor Tiffany DeTienne



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## Who, What Where? Meet Your Friendly Office Staff!

Have you ever had a question about something related to the church and thought “Who do I contact about that?” Well, we have you covered! Here's the run-down:

### **Pam Patrick , Office Manager - M-T-W**

- Manages church directory program & birthday lists
- Keeps Records of: deaths, baptisms, new members, membership transfers
- Sends out church Birthday Cards
- Manages Church Calendar
- Schedules/manages all Facility User Group contact
- Orders office supplies
- Keeps a record of funds received via USPS.
- Creates and sends invoices on behalf of the church
- Prepares the bills for payment
- Prepares timesheets and green sheets for staff

### **Cynthia Romoff, Worship Assistant - Th, F**

- Weekly e-blasts and Newsletter, content and editing
- Bulletins
- Mailing out weekly bulletins and updates to shut-ins
- Monthly DVD Mailings
- License & Copyright Management & Reporting
- Worship Slides, Video Titling & Songsheet Resources
- Weekly Video Worship Production & Editing

### **Shared Duties—because it takes a village!**

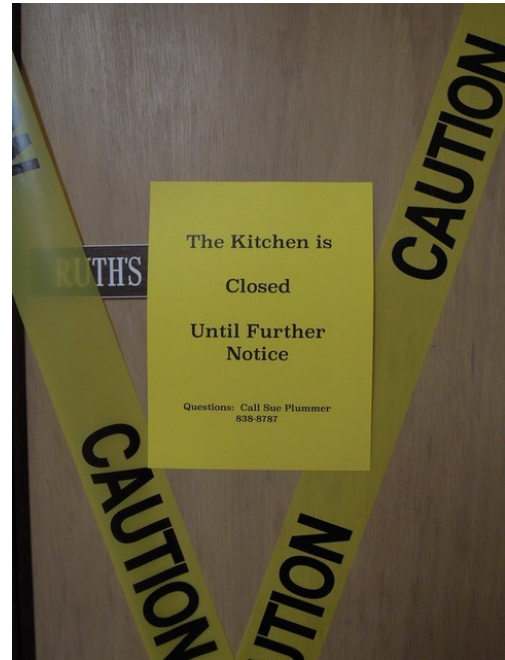
- Collecting mail
- Answering the phone
- Monitoring the church email
- Greeting and assisting members or walk-ins during church office hours



## The Kitchen is Closed!

It all started with a little paint. Ann Reinhart thought that during the COVID closure we could cheer up the church kitchen with colorful paint. And maybe investigate getting a new stove top as the 1986 model had only two burners working.

As Ann and Sue Plummer were cleaning during paint-prep, we noticed the flooring was curling up. In several places. Trip hazards everywhere! And the chipped Formica countertops! When did that happen? So, we put the painting on hold, consulted with SALT, the finance committee, a local decorator, flooring contractors, a countertop finisher and came up with a plan to put new finishes in the kitchen.



Of course, the plan had a few stumbling blocks along the way, normal in any redecorating project. We discovered a grease trap with a rotted steel cover. Jerry Nash quickly replaced that with a lovely polished aluminum cover. A plumber was called to remove sinks but we had to spend ½ an hour searching for where to turn off the hot water. Cold water comes in to the kitchen from the old part of the building. Hot water comes in from the education wing.





A part of the wall covering had to be reglued. The handwashing sink was moved forward. Greg Plummer is in the process of polishing the stainless-steel sinks. And new paint was applied to the walls! What a difference. As of Feb. 22, the kitchen is closed for the application of new countertop material—an epoxy that will take a while to cure. New faucets will be installed and new flooring will be put down. And a beautiful new stovetop will be installed!

So, when we return to in person services, we'll have a fresh clean new kitchen! Thanks to Ann's vision, the thoughtful money management of the finance committees of the past, and the volunteer labor of Greg, Mike Adams, Jerry Nash, Ellen Adams, Liz West, Donna Mead, and Sindy Barber and Sue Plummer as project director.

Again, the Kitchen is Closed until Further Notice.

By Sue Plummer





## Finance Committee Report

### 2021 Annual Operating Budget: \$255,089

#### Year to date Thru Feb. 28th 2021

Income	\$57,257
Budget	<u>\$34,287</u>
Total	+\$22,962

Fortunately, Manito has continued to stay strong financially during these trying times. Our pledged giving ended the month of 2021 at 185% of budget. While this is fantastic news, many people do utilize QCD's or Qualified Charitable Distributions out of their IRA's at both the beginning and end of the year, so this number is a bit inflated, and we expect it to level off throughout the year.

We are still 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.

At the end of February, we have \$57,257 of cash on hand. However, there are a lot of projects that are going on in the church and much of these funds will be utilized to help fund these projects.

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

Maintenance Endowment=\$152,110

Centennial=\$39,452

Parsonage=\$201,061

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 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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