



Manito United Methodist Church

Spokane, Washington

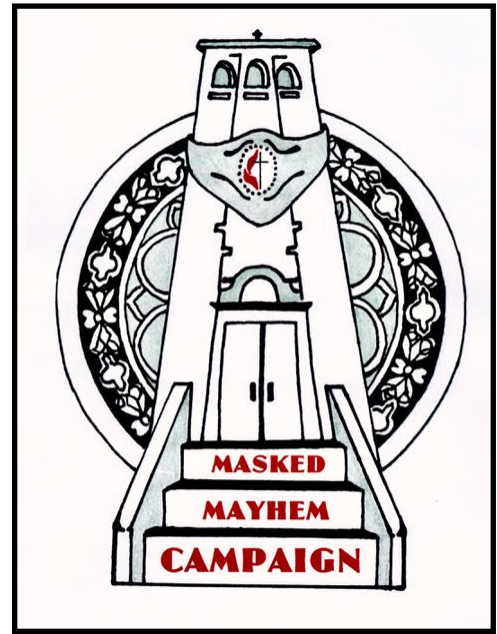
Masked Mayhem Fundraiser

Annually, as part of our budget, Manito UMC puts on a fun dinner and fund raiser—The Auction, and also raises money with a huge Rummage Sale. Due to the restrictions of the quarantine, we are not able to hold that function. However, we STILL NEED the \$\$!

So, in August we will kick off The Masked Mayhem Fundraiser to replace the Auction and the Rummage Sale. You will be receiving a flyer in the mail and then a hand delivered invitation to encourage you to participate.

Some of the money will be used for purchasing the equipment we need to continue to record and produce our online services, including much needed computer upgrades, equipment and software for recording and live-streaming, service to optimize our existing equipment and training for staff and volunteers. Up until now, we have been using borrowed apparatus, but with funds from this event, we will purchase what we need to produce quality worship and online community experiences for our congregation and constituents, now and into the future. And, of course, money is needed for our operating budget.

If you've attended the Auction before, you know how much fun it was to bid on items. Sometimes we bid



outrageously on items we didn't really need. And the Rummage Sale always provided those items we were sure we'd use, someday. This time around we can DONATE and not have to worry about what to do with the calories we won or the pretty tchotchke we purchased!

So be looking for your Flyer and your Invitation! Have fun with this! Even though we are apart, we are all in this together!

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Hello Manito Church Family,

The beginning of this month marks the end of my first year as Pastor at Manito UMC. None of us could have ever imagined the changes or hurdles we would face both personally and as a community between then and now, and never in my wildest dreams would I have guessed that we would spend almost a quarter of my first year of ministry with you worshipping online instead of in person. And yet, here we are.

The road ahead of us will most likely be a long one. There is still so much that is uncertain, and we are not done adapting or changing. But here is the good news: there is a road. Things will eventually become clearer and we have the ability to evolve and acclimate as needed. Friends, we are in this together, and God is not

done with you or this community.

May you and I embrace this season of change and adaptation, and may we find new ways to be God's hands, feet and voice in our community and world.

Peace,

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Annual Operating Budget: \$246,685

<u>June 2020</u>		<u>Year To Date thru June 30, 2020</u>
Income	\$20,705	\$128,574
Expenses	<u>\$18,307</u>	<u>\$106,787</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 2,398	\$ 21,787

Financially, Manito continues to be healthy. Pledged giving is very strong at 132% of budget partially due to some families giving their annual pledge at the start of the year. Operating cash on hand on June 30th was \$36,391.

Please continue to support Manito through your tithes and gifts. Checks can be mailed to the office. You may also choose to give through PayPal – there is a link on our website. 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.

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

Updates On Our Ministry Partners

Family Promise of Spokane

Even before COVID-19, thousands of Spokane families experienced homelessness every year. A job loss, a devastating medical expense, or another life challenge left many families without the means, savings, or anyone else they could turn to. These families ended up homeless and hidden, sleeping in cars, in a garage, in a tent, in a backyard, or on someone's couch.

This global pandemic has impacted all of us, but low-income families are some of the hardest hit by this crisis. Many parents who were already living paycheck to paycheck have now lost their jobs. Coupled with schools closed and grocery expenses rising, it's become impossible for many parents to provide even the basic needs for their family.

In the midst of this pandemic, Family Promise is not only focused on serving 94 families during the emergency, but are actively preparing to address the increased number of homeless families that will seek assistance once eviction protections are no longer in place.

Family Promise has the only 24/7 walk-in emergency shelter for families experiencing homeless in Spokane, and they are finding creative ways to continue their work:

- For the safety of the many church members who have faithfully hosted our families in their own churches, families have been temporarily be relocated to the Open Doors emergency shelter and the administrative building.
- Donated trailers and RVs are parked on the Family Promise property to isolate anyone who is ill while they care for 60 people, including 31 children and two expecting mothers.
- Family Promise interns and volunteers have been asked to "stay home and stay safe," and staff are being used to care for families in need across multiple locations.

As you can imagine, our assistance is needed. Donations can be made through Manito United Methodist Church or by clicking here (<https://www.familypromiseofspokane.org/donate>). Every Wednesday from 1:30-2 pm, Manito volunteers will take food or check donations in the south parking lot off 33rd Avenue. **In addition, Manito is taking donations of small household items (small kitchen appliances, towels, utensils, potholders, lamps, cleaning supplies, etc.) at that time for families who are managing to find housing during this time.** Please make sure they are in very good to excellent condition. Thank you for your help!



Family Promise Needs:

- Milk (whole preferred)
- Eggs
- Pre-Sliced Cheese
- String Cheese
- Lunch Meat
- Oranges, Apples & Bananas
- Baby carrots (individual packages)
- Cereal (kid friendly)
- Whole Wheat Sandwich Bread
- Individual oatmeal
- Frozen chicken nuggets
- Ground beef
- Boxed mac & cheese
- Pasta
- Canned soup
- Peanut butter
- Condiments
- Folgers ground coffee
- Coffee filters
- Coffee creamer
- Water bottles
- Pre-made frozen meals
- Single use paper plates, utensils, etc.
- Zip-lock bags all sizes
- Toilet paper
- Paper Towels



Updates On Our Ministry Partners, continued



Shalom Ministries

There is good news from Shalom! An additional 7th weekly meal is now provided on Thursday evenings. Breakfast is now served on Monday through Thursday mornings from 7:30-8:30, and dinner is served on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 4:30-5:30. All meals are served through a walk-up window on a "grab and go" basis. 4137 meals were served in April and 4605 in May.

These meals are served by staff, and there is an additional expense (\$2000 last month) to provide lunch bags and other disposable serving and eating supplies. For many, this is their only meal of the day, and many are thankful that someone cares to provide this important lifeline while Shalom follows CDC guidelines, keeping everyone safe from the coronavirus.

Again Manito collects food, check, and paper and plastic product donations on Wednesday afternoons, or you can donate through Manito United Methodist Church or by clicking here (<https://shalommeal.org/>). Thank you for supporting those whom Jesus calls us to serve.

Manito UMC in Phase 2

On Tuesday, June 16th the Bishop loosened the restrictions on in-person worship and building closures, allowing Manito UMC to transition from Phase 1 to Phase 2 of the Greater Northwest Area of The United Methodist Church's plan for reopening.

Office Hours and Access:

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. Facility user groups may again access the building by meeting Phase 2 guidelines and requirements and must confirm the details of their return with Pam Patrick in the office.

Please note: Anyone entering the church must wear a mask or face covering while in the building and practice physical/social distancing.

Ministry Events & Gatherings:

- ✱ Sunday School - via Zoom @ 9am on Sunday
- ✱ Fellowship Coffee Hour - via Zoom immediately following 10:30am Sunday Morning Worship
- ✱ Children's Ministry - programming is on hold
- ✱ Youth Ministry: via Zoom 2X month @ 4:30pm Wed.
- ✱ Men's Group - via Zoom @ 6:45am on Tues.
- ✱ Choir - on hold-see Music Notes p.6 for updates
- ✱ M&M Tots - programming is currently on hold

Sunday Morning Worship:

Manito UMC continues to provide an online worship service each Sunday. The link to each week's service is sent out via email and posted on the church's Facebook page. Members are invited to "tune in" on Sunday mornings at 10:30am as we continue to worship and celebrate together from the comfort and safety of our own homes.

Previous sermons can be found on the Manito UMC website and YouTube channel.



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 to manitoumc@gmail.com.



Jennell and Louise Branson Celebrate 70 years of marriage! Jennell and Louise met at Twinlow, the United Methodist Church's camp in 1946. They were married at Manito United Methodist Church on June 4th 1950.



Wes and Peggy Ackerman celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 11th!

Online Worship - It's for EVERYONE!

Did you know that YOU can get involved in our weekly worship online? The venue may be virtual, but the community is the real deal. Last month we had contributions that ranged from backyard garden photography to original poetry and instrumental music. This month, we hope everyone will participate in our "Photos in Worship" challenge, and there are other

opportunities as well—when it comes to online worship, creativity is the word of the season!

What talents are you called to share? If you have an idea or if you have questions, send an email to Cynthia Romoff at mumcchoirdir@gmail.com and we will see you in (virtual) church!

PHOTOS IN WORSHIP - MONTHLY THEME CHALLENGE JULY - MUMC@HOME

You have been joining in worship at home, now we would like to celebrate your home in our worship! If you would like to participate, please send a photo of you, your family, your pets, in your home environment. Snap a casual photo on your front porch, backyard garden, or wherever you feel comfortable! Photos should be submitted to mumcchoirdir@gmail.com by July 20th at the latest, in order to be included in our worship slideshow on July 26th. We can't wait to see your smiling faces!





Music Notes



While our online choir rehearsals are on a brief summer hiatus, we are busy in the planning stages for some fun and exciting new music opportunities, both virtual and in reality. Please check out all the information below and see where you can get involved in Music@MUMC!



We're Bringing Back the Bells!

As we are currently restricted with singing in church, we are hoping to bring back the Bell Choir to Manito UMC. In order for this to happen, we have to create a plan for sanitation, safe distancing, and scheduling that will be approved by our district. The first step towards this is to get an idea of how many people are interested in joining. Ellie Tupper will be heading up this project, so please connect at etupper51@gmail.com if you would like to be part of this opportunity.

Call the Hymn Request Hotline

Okay, maybe it's not an actual hotline, but we want to hear about the hymns and songs you love to sing. We know it can be challenging to sing alone at home, but it helps when there is a favorite tune on hand. In addition to working on our YouTube hymn playlists, We are preparing an online singing gathering next month for both choir members and the congregation, featuring your faves, and maybe some new tunes, so get your requests in now! Send your requests to mumcchoirdir@gmail.com, or call Cynthia Romoff in the office on Thursday or Friday between 10-2.



They sing because they can.

Sign, Sign a Song. . .

We may not be able to sing together yet, but what if we SIGNED together? Like the Bell Choir, we would like to create an approved plan to restart an ASL Choir at Manito UMC. This will be a more "project-based" ensemble, with commitments to a particular Song/Sunday instead of a year-round weekly commitment. We also may rehearse virtually, which expands the number of people who can participate. If you are interested in participating in this group, please contact Cynthia Romoff at mumcchoirdir@gmail.com.