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You Are
Welcome At
Our Services!

Sunday

Morning Worship.....9 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.

August

- Sat, Aug 5th - 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Jerry Bubb's 80th Birthday party State Street Grill
- Tue, Aug 8th - 6:30p.m. Man Up at Church
- Sat, Aug 12th - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Bader VBS
- Sun, Aug 13th - 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
- Wed, Aug 16th - 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Kids Summer Splash Bash
- Thu, Aug 17th - 6:00 p.m. Soul Sisters
- Sun, Aug 20th - 5:30 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting
- Mon, Aug 21st - 6:00 p.m. Camp Fellowship at LaGrange Chapel, Versailles IL
- Sun, Aug 27th - 4:00 p.m. Galilean Service at Camp Emmanuel

Dates and times are subject to change.

Please check your weekly bulletin for updates.

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SUMMER SPLASH BASH!

& FREE LUNCH

Wednesday August 16th

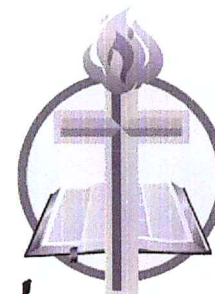
12:00-12:15 p.m. free lunch of hotdogs, chips, & cookies

12:15 -1:00 p.m. Come prepared to get wet!!! Chalk the walk, water games & face painting.

Join us for some fun before school starts!

If rain - moved to

Methodist Church Basement
Sponsored by Community Church
Ladies' Group



Astoria Christian Church

I forgive you . . .



Be kind and compassionate
to one another, forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

There's a story that Max Lucado recounts in his book "When Christ Comes" about a couple that decides to resolve some of their issues through 'do-it-yourself (DIY) marriage counseling.' (As with any DIY project, I encourage you to proceed with caution before trying this at home!) Anyway, the couple resolves to make a list of each other's faults and then read them aloud (again, I am not advising this!). So, she made her list and he made his and they sat down together and the wife handed her list for her husband to read: "you snore, you eat in bed, you get home too late and up too early..." After he finished reading her list, he passed his list for her to read. But as she looked at the paper she began to smile. Her husband, too, had written a list of grievances but next to each one he had written, "I forgive this." How many of us could perfectly honestly write "I forgive this" next to a list of grievances, annoyances or shortcomings of our spouse? For our friends? Our neighbors? Our enemies?

Honestly, I don't know if I could. I'd like to say I've worked out all my issues with others, but then I'll be surprised by a burst of anger or jealousy when I see certain people or hear their name. But isn't forgiveness exactly what Jesus calls each one of us to do? Jesus tells us in Matthew 5.23-24, "So if you are offering your gift at the altar and remember there that another believer has something against you, leave your gift at the altar. First go away and make peace with that person. Then come back and offer your gift." (GW)

And I believe forgiving others is probably the hardest things in our lives to do, especially those who have purposefully or maliciously hurt us. But I also believe that it is the most rewarding. In the relationships that I have taken steps to forgive and seek forgiveness, I now have the most calm and assurance. I can look at individuals and just know that I've done all I can to make it right. It removes anxiety and frustrations when I am willing to forgive.

And so, I challenge you this week to take a step toward forgiveness. Maybe that means sitting down and writing a list of grievances you have against someone. Feel free to start with your spouse or a friend. But keep it a secret, this isn't about getting the other person to change or beating them up. The goal is to find a way to purposefully, practically and honestly write "I forgive this" next to each item. May you find peace with God, yourself and others through your efforts.

Serving Him and you,
Matthew

Soul Sisters

Soul Sisters will meet Thursday, Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. (Notice time change)
All women of the church, no matter what age, are invited to join us!
This month we will be sharing what we would like to do throughout the year.

Astoria Backpack Program

We had a great response from you about participating in this wonderful program offered to our local youth. We will determine which month is available and works best for us and update you on details as they are available.

International Conference on Missions (ICOM)

On November 16-19 a world-wide presence will be on display in Peoria and the church has paid for you to attend all of it. In order to register for this event, you will need to use the code "peoria17" at the website <http://theicom.org/register>. Click on the 'Individual Registration' button and use the 4th option. Anyone needing assistance or without internet access, please let us know and we can help. The church van will be going up for at least part of this event, but individuals or groups are welcome to attend as they are able. This will be an incredible opportunity to see what God is doing throughout the world.

Next Level Leadership Conference

The Astoria Ministerial Alliance is bringing in expert training for us to learn and grow without much of a commute. This conference is supplied by Ozark Christian College and will be held at Sumnum Christian Church on September 9th from 9am to 4pm, and September 10th from 1pm to 4pm. This is an event for everyone but especially for teachers, board and committee members, and anyone who helps lead in any way. We will focus on conflict resolution and leading through change. Registrations and flyers for this event are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. There is a \$20 registration fee that includes lunch on Saturday. See Matthew with questions.

Prayer List

(7/30/2017)

Donald Anderson - cancer treatment (10-16)
Denny Belville – no insurance waiting on surgery (7-30)
Mike Busby – radiation treatments
Justin Cozad - battling cancer
Bob Fawcett cancer (7-16)
Todd Hamm - cancer treatments (7-30)
Danny Jones - surgery recovery (7-30)
Frankie Jones - health issues (5- 14)
Leonard Kaufman - cancer (10-16)
Shirley Kleinlein - battling cancer (Kathy Stambaugh's aunt) (6-11)
Declan Llewellyn - EKG shows hole in heart, monitoring at this time (7-23)
Jeff McCartney - medical decision (7-16)
Sharron Musson - cancer treatment (7-30)
Gerald Nelson - cancer in bones, chemo (1-1)
Dan Palmer - infection /hospital (6-25)
Amanda Rennert - starting meds for thyroid issues (7-13)
Karen Sager - radiation (1-17)
Linda Schneider – cancer treatments
Letha Shaw's friend, Marissa - cancer
Condolences:
Family of Jo Ann Cooper
Family of Phyllis McCombs
Family of Doris Baker
Praises:
The baptism of D.J. and Daisy Ratcliff
The upcoming baptism of Larissa Carlock

Attendance/Offering July

Date	Worship	S.S.	Offering	Needed
2	49	23	\$806.00	\$1,636.41
9	50	25	\$927.00	\$1,636.41
16	63	33	\$1,454.01	\$1,636.41
23	68	25	\$1,343.20	\$1,636.41
30	65	25	\$1,438.00	\$1,636.41
Totals	230	106	\$5,968.21	\$8,182.05
Averages	57	26		

The Youth offering from July 30th was \$778.00, thank you to all who gave so generously to support our youth