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You Are  
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Our Services!

Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> Morn. Worship.....8 a.m.  
Sunday School .....9 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Morn. Worship .....10 a.m.  
Wed. nights.....6-7:30p.m.

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## January

- Sunday, January 8th -6:00 p.m. Board meeting
- Tuesday, January 10th -6:30 p.m. The Man Up group meeting at Tom Stevens' home
- Wednesday, January 11th -6:00-7:30 p.m. Family Night
- Friday, January 13th -5th Quarter after Basketball Game
- Sunday, January 15th - -11:30 a.m. Annual Board Meeting  
-5:30 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting
- Monday, January 16th -6:00 p.m. Camp Fellowship at Table Grove Community Church
- Wednesday, January 18th -6:00-7:30 p.m. Family Night
- Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> -CANCELLED Soul Sisters' meeting
- Saturday, January 21st - 5:00 p.m. Rivermen Hockey Game
- Sunday, January 22nd - 11:30 a.m. Haiti Meeting  
- 6:00p.m. Community Chili & Soup Cookoff at Astoria Schools
- Wednesday, January 25th -6:00-7:30 p.m. Family Night
- Sunday, January 29th - Fifth Sunday Youth Offering during both services  
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting at Oak Ridge Cafe

*Dates and times are subject to change. Please check your weekly bulletin for updates.*



# Astoria Christian Church





**I'M NOT SURE THERE IS ANYTHING THAT MAKES US FEEL POWERLESS AS MUCH AS GETTING SICK.** It

seems like already this year our community (and my household, too) has been hit hard by all kinds of bugs. And when we get sick there is not a magical wand to wave and fix it (despite our medical care). Often it just takes time to heal. And most of us (especially guys) often feel the need to push through the pain because taking time off often leaves us feeling guilty.

The more severe and chronic the sickness the harder it is on our emotional well-being. For those who have dealt with a handicap or long-term illness, I can't imagine how that weighs on your heart and soul, much less the struggle to live as 'normal' as possible physically.

But despite all the pain, both physical and emotional, Jesus is there. And one of the most wonderful things about Christmas is that we are reminded that Jesus came and dealt with all the same pain and sicknesses each of us deals with. I just imagine little toddler Jesus lying on his bed struggling with the pain of an ear ache or rushing to the bathroom clutching his stomach. Jesus, being human, dealt with those kinds of things, which, I think, is one reason he spends so much time healing the sick.

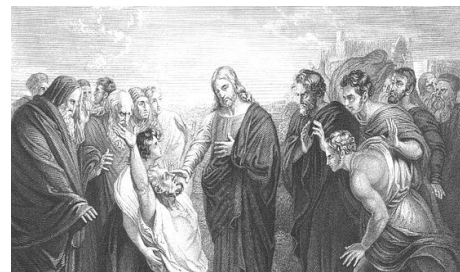
When Jesus interacted with people, we can see how he desired to provide healing. He touched and interacted intimately with those who had chronic pains and illnesses. And he restored them. He gave the cripple fresh legs, he gave the blind man new eyes. But more than any of those things, Jesus offered them new life,

But Jesus didn't heal everyone. He didn't hop on a camel traveling far and wide healing the masses so that the entire world was physically well. Though that would have been cool, that wasn't the point of his coming. He came to restore our whole lives to God.

We know that he might not heal our sicknesses. He might not heal our handicaps. But he can, and will, restore our souls. Heal our emotional hurts. Heal our brokenness. And even if he doesn't heal us physically here on earth, he promises to make all things (including your leg or your back) new. In his time, he will restore all things to himself.

And so, as we lie on the couch for a week or two feeling like we're going to cough up a lung or complaining about a gimping leg, I pray we remember that Jesus wants to restore all things, to bring new life into our broken bodies, and he will, someday, if we can trust in him with our whole lives.

Serving Him and you,  
Matthew



## Haiti mission trip

We need a final count and commitment for anyone interested in the Haiti mission trip in the fall of 2017. We will have a short meeting following the second service on January 22<sup>nd</sup> for anyone interested.

## New S.S. Class

Starting toward the end of January, there will be a new, specially focused Sunday School class starting called "The Journey". It will emphasize discipleship and personal growth. Anyone who is willing to commit to this continuous, year-long study, please talk to Matthew or one of the elders.

### Attendance/Offering for december

Date	1 <sup>st</sup>	S.S.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Offering	Needed
4th	14	32	48	\$1,005.25	\$1,685.56
11 <sup>th</sup>	20	22	47	\$949.00	\$1,685.56
18 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	\$-	\$1685.56
25 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	64	\$2,287.00	\$1,685.56
Toals	33	54	159	\$4,241.25	6,742.24
Averages	17	27	55		

## Prayer list (12/25/2016)

*Please let Matthew or Marcia know prayer list updates. Thank you*

- Olivia Anaganostopolus - cancer and treatment
- Donald Anderson - cancer and treatment Pam Shaw's B.i.L. (10-16)
- Doris Baker - Alzheimer's
- Alisha Belville - medical condition P.O.T.s
- Joyce Belville's niece, JoAnn, cancer (10-16)

- Betty Bucher - hospice (11-16)
- Marian Carithers, broken wrist (10-16)
- Richard Chockley - bladder cancer surgery & complications (12-16)
- Justin Cozad- surgery to remove cancerous tumor (10-16)
- Hurley Crossman - biopsy kidney tumor (12-15)
- Jack Danner - hospice (12-16)
- Ashley Davis- pregnancy risk and blood disorder, Pat B.s granddaughter (12-16)
- Shirley Derry - surgery on sores (11-16)
- Sharon Griffith - heart, breathing problems
- Franz Grimmer - eye surgery (10-16)
- Lenard Kaufman - cancer (10-16)
- Rachel Koenig - pregnancy (10-16)
- Terry Lehman - ongoing monthly treatments
- Jake McCombs - surgery January 23rd (12-16)
- Lloyd McCombs - fell (12-16)
- Verna McCormick (9-16)
- Bobby Mummert - health issues (12-16)
- Bob Mummert - bladder cancer, working with Moffitt Cancer Center (12-16)
- Dan Palmer - finalizing treatments, surgery mid January (12-16)
- Karen Sager - life-flighted to ICU in Peoria (12-16)
- John Smith - persistent cough (12-16)
- Tammy Smith (9-16)
- Robert Wills - Nicole Elliott's father, having heart trouble (12-16)
- Chelsey Wilson- surgery Nov. 17th (10-16)
- Judy Wilson - needs kidney transplant
- Praise:**
- Laurie Martin -Lung Function 94%! (12-16)
- Pam Klinebough - heart ablation went well (12-16)
- Chris and Pamela Carlock celebrated 15 years of marriage in December