

**You Are Welcome
At Our Services!**

Sunday

Morning Worship.....9 a.m.

Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

October Events:

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| Wed, Oct 3 rd | 6:00 Family Night |
| Sun, Oct 7 th | 7: 00 p.m. Love
Feast @
Woodland |
| Tues, Oct 9 th | 6:30 p.m. Man Up |
| Wed, Oct 10 th | 6:00 Family Night |
| Sat, Oct 13 th | 5:00 p.m. Jr & Sr
High Fall Festival
@ Opal
Stambaugh's |
| Sun, Oct 14 th | 6:00 p.m. Board
Meeting |
| Mon, Oct 15 th | 6:00 p.m. Camp
Fellowship –
Vermont |
| Wed, Oct 17 th | 6:00 Family Night |
| Thurs, Oct 18 th | 6:00 p.m. Camp
Lamoine Annual
Meeting |
| Sat, Oct 20 th | 4:00 p.m. Man-Up
Trap Shoot |
| Sun, Oct 21 st | 4:30 p.m. Youth
Committee |
| Wed, Oct 24 th | 6:00 Family Night |
| Wed, Oct 31 st | 4:00 p.m. Trunk
or Treat – NO
Family Night |



When was the last time you simply cried out to God?

I mean like ‘weep and wail’ type of stuff. When was the last time you were on your knees or maybe in the fetal position in agony over life issues? And in that moment you cried out to God for something. Maybe relief. Maybe help. Maybe guidance. Maybe even just another breath. When was the last time you responded to God that way?

For me, it hasn’t been that long ago, honestly. I wouldn’t say I do that often, but the past several months have brought about those moments and days of true crying out. And I’ve found that in those moments, God showed up. It may not have solved my problem. I may not have felt something emotionally and certainly not physically, but I knew that he was there. I knew that he could hear me.

And then the pain seems to dwindle slightly and I tend to go back to my normal routine. I go back to what I’ve always done and relate to God the way I usually do. And I’m not saying that I want to constantly be weeping and wailing before him in agony and pain, but in those honest moments of crying out, it seems like something should change. Our relationship should change after that, right? It seems like it should be more intimate. It seems like it should be more of a priority to me. But it doesn’t change much. And for me, that’s a problem and it’s something I desire to work on. But maybe for you it’s different. Maybe you’ve never experienced that gut-wrenching agony where you felt the need to curl up and simply cry out. Or if you have, which I think all of us have, maybe you didn’t know where to cry or felt too ‘mature’ to cry out. And if that’s you, I encourage you to read the Psalms. The longest book in our Bible is filled with those moments, and many

come from a man that God considered to be a very connected individual (King David was called ‘a man after God’s own heart’).

So, maybe the starting point for some of us is getting honest about our feelings and honest with God. Cry out to him in an honest, real way. Maybe for some of us, like me, it’s taking the next step from just crying out to God in the darkest moments of our life to crying out to him daily, even hourly. Maybe, for some, it’s taking that step toward him where we begin to allow him to come into our life in a personal and intimate way.

Wherever we are, I pray that we take steps to move toward a loving savior who takes our pain, hurt and agony and turns it into life.

Serving Him and you,
Matthew

LaMoine Events

Even though summer camp is over, there are still lots of events coming up at LaMoine. Keep up-to-date on these events by checking out our calendar on our website (astoriachristian.com/calendar) as well as checking out the bulletin board in our foyer.

Annual Meeting – Thursday, October 18th at 6pm. The church van will leave about 5:00pm, please let Matthew know if you’re coming (open to everyone)

Scrapbooking Retreat – October 19th & 20th starting at 1pm on Friday (open to everyone)

Junior High Fall Retreat – November 2nd & 3rd starting at 7pm on Friday (open to all junior high students) – *rides available on request*

Registration can be done on the camp website lamoinecamp.org.

Trunk or Treat

There will be NO Family Night on Halloween this year, but we will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat event in front of the church. Join us with a decorated trunk, or just a bag of candy, to hand out from about 4pm to 6pm on Wednesday, October 31st.

Man Up Trap Shoot

The Man Up group is hosting our annual Trap Shoot at Bill Danner’s home south of Astoria on Saturday, October 20th. Details are coming, put plan now for a fun time of blowing off steam (and blowing up pigeons) that afternoon.

Junior High & High School Fall Festival

Saturday, October 13th will be our annual Fall Festival for all junior high and high school students. Join us at Opal Stambaugh’s home for a fun night of hot dogs, s’mores, games and a hay rack ride starting at 5pm. Let Matthew know if you need a ride.

Youth Offering

The youth offering for September 30th was \$509.00. Thank you for your gifts!

Financial Report

	Weekly Actual	Yearly Actual	Yearly Budget
Sep 2	\$994.80	\$49,143.60	\$55,921.60
Sep 9	\$1,027.00	\$50,170.60	\$57,519.36
Sep 16	\$920.00	\$51,090.60	\$59,117.12
Sep 23	\$1,676.00	\$52,766.60	\$60,714.88
Sep 30	\$1,179.00	\$53,945.60	\$62,312.64
Totals	\$5,796.80		

Prayer List

Tina Althiser (Judy B’s friend) – cancer treatments (7-15)

Debbie Bailey – biopsy not needed (9-16)

Beckie Beaird (Laurie M’s friend) – chemo treatments (6-10)

Mary Belville’s friend – cancer (9-23)

Sheila Belville – hospice (8-12)

Cory Canada – kidney issues (9-16)

Evelyn Carlock – surgery and recovery (9-16)

Shelly Claxton (Pam K’s friend) – cancer spreading (8-19)

Cory Chockley – job praise but leg issues (9-23)

Mike & Jody Dean – recovery at home (9-23)

Kim Ford – Lyme disease (9-2)

Gene Griffin – health issues (9-16)

Todd Hamm - cancer treatments (7-30)

Doris Harper (Cindy M’s mom) – hospice (7-22)

Frankie Jones – tests (9-23)

Leonard Kaufman - cancer (10-16)

Laurie Martin – broken foot (9-23)

Garry Myers (Dusti H’s coworker’s dad) – late stage cancer (9-23)

Jake McCombs – memory health better (9-16)

JoAnn Miller (Clause) – declining health (9-23)

Roberta Oest – health issues (9-23)

Jed Rhoades – surgery October 10th (9-30)

Kim Rodgers – stroke (9-23)

Brandi Rudd – cancer treatments (7-29)

Marissa – cancer (Letha Stambaugh’s friend) (11-5)

Karen (Jones’ friend) – cancer treatments (4-22)

The lady who Pam K takes care of has severe back pain issues (7-29)

Hailey (14 y/o friend of Carlocks) – cancer (8-26)

Condolences

Family of Joyce Lehman

Praises

Cory Chockley got a job

Ledena’s Nephews 1st Birthday