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You Are
Welcome At
Our Services!

Sunday

1st Morn. Worship.....8 a.m.
Sunday School9 a.m.
2nd Morn. Worship10 a.m.
Wed. nights.....6-7:30p.m.

October

- Wednesday 5th - 6:00 p.m. Family Night
Sunday 9th - 6:00 p.m. Board
Meeting
Wednesday 12th - 6:00 p.m. Family Night
Saturday 15th - 1:00 p.m. Man Up
group Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Man Up Trap
Shoot
Monday 17th - 6:00 East Lamoine
Camp Fellowship
Wednesday 19th - 6:00 p.m. Family Night
Thursday 20th - 6:00 p.m. Camp
Lamoine Annual
Meeting @ camp
- 6:30 p.m. Soul Sisters
Meeting
Wednesday 26th - 6:00 p.m. Family Night
Sunday 30th - 6:00 p.m. Prayer
Meeting
Monday 31st - 5:00 p.m. Trunk or
Treat

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

Prayer 31 Campaign - during the
month of October we will be daily praying for
spiritual awakening and renewal in America.
Prayer Atlases for daily topics are available at
the church.

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My chains are gone; I've been set free.



We're not as free as we think we are. As Americans we tend to believe we have complete freedom, and in many ways, we do have significant freedom. We can look around the world and see the visible chains that hold people in oppression, living as slaves to varying degrees. But in America, we don't see those chains. In many ways we wake up every morning and believe we can make any choice we want. We are that free.

But are we really? Can I make any choice I want? You might say, 'as long as it doesn't hurt anyone.' But if we limit our choices to not hurting anyone, doesn't that limit our freedom? Or we could argue that I can do whatever I want, I'll just have to pay the consequences. And there's truth to that, too. We regularly deal with those consequences from indigestion to relational chaos to spiritual turmoil.

But what about when we want to make a particular choice and we've decided to make that choice but when it comes time to make that choice, we don't make the choice we want. The most visible example of this is in our addictions. We tell ourselves we need to stop after the first cookie or this is our last cigarette or I'm only going to watch one more episode but we rarely stop at that. Addiction is that thing that pulls us into its grip and severely hinders our ability to choose what we ultimately want. And so when we're addicted, do we really have freedom? Are we truly able to make a choice when we're caught up in 'needing' that fix?

I would argue, yes. I would always say that we are ultimately responsible for

our choices, no matter what factors lay before us. Even if someone puts a gun to my head, I still have a choice. But even with that freedom, that doesn't mean I'll always make the choice I want to make. But the great news is that we don't always have to stay in that place. We don't need to be slaves to those addictions and habits forever.

Romans 6:6-7 tells us, ***"We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin."***

When Christ died we often talk about how he took our sin so that we could be restored to God. And that is true and essential. However, what we miss sometimes is that when Christ died and took our sin it also means that we are given freedom from continuing in that sin. We have the opportunity, because of Christ on the cross, to allow him to live through us so that we do not need to stay in that addiction. He truly has given us the greatest freedom. We are free to make any choice and because he's given us that freedom it means we can live a life for him.

Serving Him and you,
Matthew

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MAN-UP Trap Shoot

October 15, 2016 - 2:00pm to 8:00pm

Need some stress relief... maybe you just like to blow stuff up... maybe you just need some time with the boys. Join us for a trap shoot with wiener roast to follow! Bring shotgun & shells and eye & hearing protection if you have it, otherwise we will have some available. Beverages, hot dogs, sides and clay pigeons will be provided. Everything is FREE, donations will be accepted. *Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers. This is open to the community.

Gift Card Prizes and Grand Prize will be Awarded!

Meet at the church at 1:45pm to carpool down to our shooting spot or meet us at 2:00pm out at Bill Danner's home south of Astoria

The Soul Sisters

We were able to raise \$185.00 for the kids' milk money at Astoria Schools. That is 616 milk cartons! *Thank you* so much to everyone who donated for sharing the love of Jesus with these kids.

A big *Thank you* goes out to everyone who was able to help with painting the foyer. It is so bright and welcoming! We really appreciate the hours and labor that you contributed

Our next Soul Sister meeting is October 20, 2016. As always we invite all ladies to join us. Hope to see you there.

Attendance/Offering for September

| Date | 1 st | S.S. | 2 nd | Offering | Needed |
|------------------|---------------------------|------|-----------------|----------|------------|
| 4 th | 16 | 27 | 48 | \$1,467 | \$1,685.56 |
| 11 th | 16 | 32 | 60 | \$1,396 | \$1,685.56 |
| 18 th | Community Worship Service | | | | \$1,685.56 |
| 25 th | 18 | 25 | 48 | \$1,038 | \$1,685.56 |
| Totals | 50 | 84 | 156 | \$3,901 | \$6,742.24 |

Averages 16 28 52

Prayer list (9/25/2016)

Olivia Anaganostopolus - cancer
 Doris Baker – Alzheimer's, fractures, seizures
 Mike Bankes – cancer
 Patricia Barnes - home now, started Physical Therapy (6/26/16)
 Sharon Jones's niece
 Alisha Belville -episodes of passing out, diagnosed with P.O.T.s
 Denise Belville - Shingles (9-11-16)
 Joyce Belville's niece, JoAnn, brain tumor removed, cancer found, radiation begins wk of 7-3-16 and chemo after
 Hurley Crossman - biopsy kidney tumor (12-13-15)
 Jack Danner - hospice
 Linda Danner - continued healing on arm
 Shirley Derry - healing of sores
 Mary Ellen Farwell - home (9-11-16)
 Brenda Fawcett – Lori Rodrigues mom, tumor
 Sharon Griffith - heart
 Sharon Harris – home, decided no more medical intervention
 Jeanne Hartman - Broken Hip, Joyce Palmer's sister
 Rick Heller - kidney transplant recovery (5-22-16)
 Rachel Koenig - pregnancy, 2 months along with cramping and bleeding (9-18-16)
 Terry Lehman - ongoing monthly treatments
 Shirley Molenbruck - heart attacks, not doing well (Kay Mathewson's mother-i-l)
 John Moose – partial intestine removal & blood clotting issue
 Bob Mummert - bladder problems 7-3-16
 Dan Palmer - Radiation/Chemo (9-11-16)
 Rodney Parks - skin grafts complete, pray for healing (6-26-16)
 Bill Pollitt - cardiologist (9-11-16)
 Kathy Pollitt - surgery recovery (9-11-16)
 Joel Rittenhouse (4-10-16)
 Alan Snyder - personal
 Judy Wilson - needs kidney transplant

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