

Most of the shows and movies I

watch and enjoy have a significant communal and relational aspect. I used to watch shows just because they were funny or had dynamic fight sequences or engaging storylines. I still enjoy those things to a certain extent, but to continue to watch a TV show episode after episode or to go back and re-watch a movie or see any sequels, I really want there to be some deeper relational dynamic or teamwork piece.

That's why I really enjoy the Marvel movies, especially the Avenger movies where they all come together. It's why I enjoy the Chicago series and older shows like Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Angel. All of them had these have necessary teamwork and community to accomplish what needed to be done.

And that's why I love living in Astoria, too. There have been a number of activities, events and programs that we've done in just the last few years that have required a significant amount of people to be involved to accomplish our goal and objective. And though different individuals have helped and served at different activities, I've enjoyed working with everyone I've had the opportunity to serve with.

And this past Wednesday night that especially stuck out to me. Though some might have thought it foolish to try and have a revival meeting while having our normal Family Night program, I felt like we had enough leaders and space to accomplish both and do them well. I did fully anticipate a certain amount of disruption in the revival service when the kids came in and tried to do their lesson and craft.

And, honestly, from my perspective it couldn't have gone much better. Even though I had to adjust my own plans, others were willing to step up and accommodate my absence and allowed me to be where I was needed most. And I

appreciate so much all the hands and effort that went into making it go smoothly. But it just encouraged me so much that we can still do something as significant as that. It's been a while since we've had almost 100 people in our church, and it was so wonderful that each one was hearing more about Jesus.

And though I don't know that my stress level can handle that type of Wednesday for a while, it was great to have a powerful and dynamic revival tied with our usual Family Night for this week. And I'm excited to keep moving ahead with what we've done up to this point.

Ecclesiastes 4.12 gives us the image of that unity and the strength we have when we work together. Solomon writes, *"A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken."* (NLT)

I'm excited moving forward about all that we will do and accomplish together. I pray that we continue to strive to meet needs in our community and in our world. And though we (at least I do) like to think we can do an awful lot on our own, we know that we can do so much more together.

Serving Him and you,
Matthew

Revival

A HUGE thank you for everyone who helped make the revival this past week a wonderful and purposeful experience. It took many hands doing lots of different things to make it happen and for it to go well. Please continue to pray for our churches and community to draw closer to God from this time of revival.

Community Thanksgiving/Christmas

This year we will be combining our Thanksgiving and Christmas community services into one. That means that on **Sunday, November 27th at 6:00pm** we will be meeting at the United Methodist Church for a Christmas sing. Each church is invited to bring two songs to share with the group to help consider our thankfulness and also prepare for the Christmas season. If you'd like to sing a song, read a poem or present something else, please let Matthew know.

Hanging the Greens

On **Sunday, November 27th at 4:00pm** we will be hanging the greens around the church to help make the church more festive for the holidays. There will be food provided so we can make it to the community service at 6:00pm.

Family Night

This years has been going really well so far and we're excited about what we've accomplished and what is to come. This program is for all ages, kids through adults, and so we want to make sure you're inviting and encouraging people to come and check it out, each Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm.

Our costs for Family Night each week for food and such is about \$75 and while we have enough in our youth account for this year to cover those costs, I ask that we prayerfully consider our giving to the youth offering that we have every fifth Sunday. This meal is significant **for the 30+ kids and 10+ adults** we have each week attending our program.

This week's 5th Sunday offering was \$153.00.

Prayer List

Dorothy Cleavinger – health issues
Bill Danner – hospitalized, dialysis
Jody Dean – health issues
Kyle Dean – accident, recovering
Don Elliott – recover from surgery
Mike Grater – cancer
Gary Hulett – heart failure
Danny Jones – new treatment
Rita Jones – nursing home
Debbie Opp – biopsy
Glenna Perry - hospice
Clyde Prater-cancer, experimental treatments
Carol Riley - cancer
Lori Rodriguez – stage 4 cirrhosis of liver
Gale Roosa - cancer
Paul and Carol Stambaugh – travel safety
Mike Thomas – hospital, dialysis

Condolences:

Donna Gibboney family
Mike Robenson family

Praise:

Revival Outcome

October Financials

Date	Weekly Actual	Yearly Actual	Yearly Budget
Oct 2nd	\$645.00	\$41,780.62	\$40,807.60
Oct 9th	\$515.00	\$42,295.62	\$41,827.79
Oct 16th	\$810.00	\$43,105.62	\$42,847.98
Oct 23rd	\$637.00	\$43,742.62	\$43,868.17
Oct 30th	\$583.00	\$44,325.62	\$44,888.36

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.

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Events:

Tues, Nov. 8th- Man Up @ 6:30 pm

Sun, Nov. 13th- Board Meeting @ 6 pm

Wednesdays, Nov. 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 30th-Family night 6-7:30 pm

Sun, Nov, 13th-OCC Packing @ 10:30 am

Wed, Nov 16th - Family Night Thanksgiving Potluck 6pm

Sun, Nov. 27th-Hanging the Greens @ 4 pm

Sun, Nov. 27th-Community ThanksChristmas @ 6 pm at UMC

All events are subject to change. Please keep up to date by checking the bulletin, Facebook page or website.

