

Christmas Corner

The American Tract Society published a tract with the title *It's a Wonderful Life*. It makes reference to the Christmas movie of the same name starring Jimmy Stewart, produced and directed by Frank Capra in 1946. Toward the conclusion of the tract these words help us to take a step further than the classic movie takes us: "What a wonderful discovery is the moment we realize God is present in this world and that He loves us and wants to help us. And help is exactly what God has done by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to save us. "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him" (John 3:17). Jesus sacrificed all His goals and aspiration, even His own life, to bring us to God." To have God's wonderful life we need to receive His gift of salvation offered freely to those who will receive God's Son through faith.

WEEKLY PRAYER EMPHASIS

MILITARY PERSON OF THE WEEK: Pray for each of our people serving in the military—some will not be home for Christmas—pray for each family and each individual that Jesus Christ will be very real to them at this Christmas season.

COLLEGE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: Lauren Peltz is a Senior at Bloomsburg University. Daniel Pennington is a Junior at the Art Institute of Philadelphia.

LEADER OF THE WEEK: Terry Montgomery, Treasurer, Board of Trustees

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK: Lori Nied, CrossWorld, Senegal—Lori arrived home safely, praise God, after a year of intensive language study in Albertville, France (despite the threat of their first snowfall since she's been there!). She passed all of her exams and graduated on December 16th - another praise! Lori is grateful for the wonderful cards, e-mails and notes of encouragement, but especially for our prayers. She'll be home for at least 2 months to raise the additional support she needs for her ministry in Senegal, and is looking forward to catching up with each and everyone of us while she's here, so be sure to look her up! Her prayer requests are for the necessary funds needed in order for her to leave for Senegal, and for continued practice to improve her conversational fluency in French. Praise the Lord - three women have already agreed to help her in this endeavor! *"I will exalt you, my God the King;..." Ps. 145:1a*

HOMEGOING: Rick Curtis, December 18.

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Contemporary Worship Service: Sundays, 8:15-9:30 | Bible School: Sundays, 9:45-10:45
Traditional Worship Service: Sundays, 11:00-12:15 | Evening Worship Service: Sundays, 6:30-7:30
Prayer Meeting: Wednesdays, 7:00-8:15



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Shirley Cook (Ret.)	Pennsylvania	Jonatan and Shantal Odicio	Peru
Sanjay and Keren Dalavai	India	Iwona Pater	Poland
Warren and Barbara Day	Minnesota	David and Susan Pennington	Pennsylvania
Al and Judy Edinger	Pennsylvania	Brian and Sandy Robinson	Pennsylvania
Stacey Everline	Pennsylvania	Nathan and Cory Sandahl	Nicaragua
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Dave and Lois Haas	Pennsylvania	Raul and Carola Torrejon	Bolivia
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Carolyn Hart	Florida	Chad and Leah Tyson	Papua New Guinea
David and Trisha Hoy	Maryland	Lecio and Ilma Wanderley	Brazil
Beth Kidd	Massachusetts	Janet Kay Williams	Pennsylvania
Bill and Janet Kraftson	Texas	Wes & Cindy Williamson	Honduras
Beulah Kruhmin (Ret.)	Colorado		
Larry and Victoria Lamina	Ghana (West Africa)		

*Some missionaries not listed because of security reasons.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2011
TODAY

WELCOME TO ALDAN UNION CHURCH! Visitors, please give us your name and address on the Friendship Pad as it is passed down your row. We trust that you will enjoy your time with us today as we worship the Lord Jesus Christ. When children ages 4, 5, and Kindergarten are dismissed during the service for their worship time, parents are permitted to accompany them to the Narthex in the back (where a children's leader is available for any questions) and then return for the rest of the service.

Aldan Union Church mortgage activity to-date

Mortgage taken April 2008	\$2,091,722	Contributions last 4 weeks	\$ 19,467
Scheduled principal paid	250,601	Targeted mo. mort. paymt.	16,000
Additional principal paid	287,800	Over/(Under)	3,467
Mortgage bal. remaining	<u>\$1,553,321</u>	Yrs. to retire at this rate	<u>11.42</u>

ELDER & TRUSTEE GREETERS at the doors this month are: Dan Lefferts, Fran Larkin, Gerry DeVita, Dan Hegman, Dave Pilgrim, Sunny King, Ray Kiker, Mark Bretz, Bruce Garner, Ed Lochmoeller.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2012 are in the Hallway across from the nursery. Please pick yours up today.

THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH STAFF extend holiday greetings to everyone, with a prayer for God's best to you and yours throughout the coming year. Thank you also for innumerable thoughtful kindnesses expressed during the Christmas Season.

WE WILL NOT HAVE Kid's Worship for grades 1-5 this morning. We want families to worship together during the service today, so children in grades 1-5 will remain in the Sanctuary for the entire time. Beginners' Church Time (3's and young 4's) will meet during the entire service in Room 108, and Wee Worship for ages 4, 5, and K will meet as usual today in Room 109, so there is a time during the service that we will have children ages 4—Kindergarten leave.

POINSETTIA PLANTS are available right after the combined service TODAY..AN INVITATION TO TAKE PLANTS FROM THE PULPIT IS WELCOMED. If you know of someone who would be encouraged by a plant this Christmas season, we invite you to take a plant for that special someone as well. ALL 75 YEAR OR OLDER AND MISSIONARIES ARE INVITED TO TAKE A PLANT

DO YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE in developing websites or interest in or knowledge of HTML web design? If you do, we are looking for you. Would you be willing to help us evaluate AUC's website/on-line presence? We plan to have a meeting soon to explore how we can enhance this area of our ministry. If you are interested in joining us please email Bruce Garner at bruce@clairpruett.com. If you are a college student who is usually away at school and you have experience or interest in this area we still would like to hear from you.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27.

SUMMER STUDENT MINISTRY INTERNSHIP—The Student Ministry is looking for an intern for the summer of 2012. This is a full-time, paid position working with our middle school and high school students. If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact Pastor Rich Landosky. All applications must be in by February 26th. (E) rich.landosky@auc.org (O) 610-259-8010 (C) 610-291-0729

TONIGHT 6:30 PM

A Brief Informal Service in the Chapel
Devotional Message: **"I'm Dreaming of a Joseph Christmas"**
Missionary Prayer: Terry Montgomery

THIS WEEK

MEN'S Tuesday morning Bible study meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 AM in the Chapel. Michael Taylor, a missionary to the Middle East, who was with us at last year's Missionary Conference and in October's evening service elective, will be with us for 4 weeks beginning 12/27. Join us to learn more about Islam. What do Muslims believe? How can we relate to them? Coffee is provided.

PRAYER MEETING WEDNESDAY IN THE CHAPEL AT 7:00 PM

Please join us for prayer and a devotional message from Elder Chuck Young

LOOKING AHEAD

REMINDER: All year end tax deductible gifts need to be in the office by Friday, December 30th or postmarked by the 31st of December. Thank you.

JUDO CAMP—The Judo Ministry at the church announces its first winter Judo Camp for school-age (8yrs. & up) children. The Camp will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 28, 29, & 30, from 9:00-11:00 AM. For more information please contact Kevin Hobbs at 610-626-2004 or kevindawn98@gmail.com.

EXERCISE CLASSES in the church gymnasium will start on Saturday, January 7 from 8:45—9:45 AM through May...(take note of the new time). These classes are for women of all ages and all levels of fitness. Please consider joining in the fun! Patricia Hall will instruct us with a variety of aerobics, stretching, abs, bands and hand-weights from her wealth of knowledge in these areas. Contact person: Donna Bayley 610-622-6874. Nursery available.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BOOK CLUB—Our next selection is *In a Pit, with a Lion on a Snowy Day* by Mark Batterson. What if the life you really want and the future God wants for you is hiding right now in your biggest problem, your worst failure...your greatest fear. The author will show you how, to not only survive, but to thrive when opportunity roars. You will learn how to turn lemons into lemonade. The church library has one copy. Come join the discussion on Tuesday, January 24th at 7:15 PM at Linda Weiler's apartment.



THANK YOU NOTE: "Thank you for your prayers and cards and for the beautiful flowers. I still have two more treatments but I'm doing much better."

Joan Pinkstone