

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**ATTENTION LADIES!** Join us for Women's Circle every 2nd Tuesday each month. Meetings include a devotional, social time (fun and food), discussing Fellowship business, and prayer. Meeting times are 9:30 AM, 1:00 PM or 7:15 PM. Contact Dawn Hobbs at (610) 639.9791 or dawnhobbs72@gmail.com.

**EG MINISTRIES, INC.** is sponsoring a Women's Getaway Weekend on February 24-26 for any women from the church. Those who are 19 years of age or up are invited to a fun, relaxing weekend away with other sisters in Christ. If you are interested, there are brochures about this event on the Nursery counter. We hope to see you there.

### COMING SOON:

**Naomi's Ministry** (a new widow's group) forming for Aldan Union and surrounding communities. Look for announcements concerning a kick off luncheon in early Spring. If you have any questions, you can contact Denise Sweeney at 610-583-4184 or Carol Eskridge at 484-557-0826.

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

### KYLE & LEAH ROBINSON

"God works in amazing ways in ministry, and even the date that I was asked to be "Missionary of the Week" is something His hand is on! Tomorrow (February 13<sup>th</sup>) at 7 PM H\*VMI will be at a meeting that has HUGE implications on our ability to purchase and develop the property we have been investigating for several months now. We hope for this to be our permanent ministry center but are trusting God for His provision and guidance. Please pray for this meeting; it is with the local Borough Council, and we need their approval on some zoning items to move ahead. In the other areas of life and ministry, Leah and I are balancing home life, 2 children, and the immense preparations for Handi\*Camp. I am on my recruiting trip relay for the next month, which means lots of traveling, so be praying for Leah as she is at home with the children. Thank you to Aldan Union Church for your support of my and Leah's ministry with H\*VMI. We enjoyed the opportunity to join you at an evening service and share some updates."

To learn more about the 50+ missionaries we support, pick up a copy of each week's *Missionary Moments* located at all of the Sanctuary doors and check out our Missionary Wall located in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Gym.



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At the Congregational Meeting last Wednesday night, we affirmed Bob Frederick, Ed Lochmoeller, Bob Tyson, and Chuck Young as Elders and Gerry Devita, Fran Heron, and Sunny King as Deacons. Steve Darragh, Barb Gingrich, Julie Hegman, Dawn Hobbs, and JK Williams were elected from the congregation to the 2018 Nominating Committee. Larry Belluscio and Takashi Ida were elected to this committee from the Elders, and Joe Fisher and Terry Montgomery were elected from the Deacons. If you did not pick one up yet, 2016 Annual Reports are available in the Narthex (one per family please)

**EASTER CANTATA CHOIR FORMING:** Rehearsals for "Calvary's Love" begin this Thursday: 7:30-8:30 PM in the Music Room LL12. Presentation is April 9, Palm Sunday, at 6:30 PM. All singers high school age and above are welcome. See Dr. Isensee if you have questions.

**ESL** is in desperate need of at least one adult for child care on Thursday nights from 7 to 8:30 PM. There is an average of 6 children, and we have one dedicated teenager who comes each week. If we can't get the help, we will have to stop the child care and end up losing students. Please contact Tania Johnson or Dan Hegman for information.

### WORSHIP SONG PLAYLIST

Have you ever heard our Praise Team lead a song that you want to sing along to throughout the week? We've started a Spotify playlist called "AUC Worship" where we will share songs that we're singing at our 9:00 AM worship service. Be sure to follow our playlist, as songs will be added as we introduce them. You can access the playlist by going to the MEDIA menu on our website!

## SUMMER MISSIONS TRIP OPPORTUNITY

You have an opportunity to be involved in the church-wide missions trip in July 2017 at Place of Promise in Lowell, Massachusetts. We need people to go for a week. We also need people who will help by praying or giving financially or by helping to prepare VBS materials. Please attend an informational meeting **today** at 5:00 PM in the Chapel for more information. You can also get more information or sign up to be involved at the table in the Nursery corridor, or you can also email Claire Garner (clairegarner28@gmail.com) or Dave Gingrich (DMGingrich@aol.com).

## ISRAEL TRIP 2017

If you've been thinking of going to Israel and Egypt with the group from May 10th to 23rd, it's not too late to sign up. Seats are still available. However, the roster needs to be finalized in the next few weeks. There are brochures at the Information Center. Call Pastor Ed for more information at 610-256-9060.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

### MEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY | 6:30-7:30 AM | CHAPEL

Our teacher for February is Pastor Ed Lochmoeller. Coffee is provided.

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**FLOWERS GIVEN BY** :: The Williamson family  
**IN MEMORY OF** :: William Kolp, father and pop-pop  
**FLOWERS GIVEN BY** :: Suzie Smith  
**IN MEMORY OF** :: Peggy Hill, dear friend

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## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

### CAN YOU SING AND WORSHIP AT THE SAME TIME?

Christian song is one of the most meaningful and expressive ways to worship the Lord. But simply singing our songs does not guarantee we are worshiping. As you sing each Sunday (or listen to the radio or your playlist), here are some things to keep in mind:

- Worship must come from your spirit (not just your heart/emotions). Be sure when you sing, your spirit is connected to God's, i.e., worshiping "in spirit" (John 4:24).
- Pay close attention to what you are singing. Ask yourself:
  - ◇ *Who* am I singing to? To whom are the lyrics addressed? God? Believers here with me? Myself? (*Most* of our songs and hymns do not speak directly to God!)
  - ◇ What do the lyrics *do*? Talk about God's nature or greatness? Tell others to praise or worship God? Express a personal praise, thanks, love to God? Ask God to do something or give something? Confess sin or the need of His grace and help, etc.?
  - ◇ Do I *really mean* this now? (Or am I just "doing" the song?)
- Beware of the effect the music itself can have on you. Music generates an emotional, aesthetic and social experience for us, but if we are not careful, it can easily become the main thing we encounter. If we *like* OR *dislike* a particular song, style, sound, or musician, our attention can easily be absorbed by it, and when that happens, we stop worshiping.

Yes, you can sing and worship at the same time! But it takes thoughtful engagement, self-control and genuine communion with God at that moment. When those things are true, singing can be one of the most deeply felt expressions of worship we will ever participate in.