

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

STEWARDSHIP

The Lord has a financial plan for his people and his program on earth. In Malachi 3:10 he tells us to "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this" says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." In 1903 a young man started a business selling cheese to Chicago retail merchants from a rented cart pulled by a horse named Paddy. He was soon thousands of dollars in debt, and the harder he worked, the more money he lost. At the end of a discouraging week he cried out to God, "What am I doing wrong?" He later told friends that he heard a voice say to him, "You have left me out of your plans." At that moment he determined he would make God his business partner. The young man who made the commitment to tithe 33% of his earnings was J.L. Kraft, founder of the Kraft Cheese Company. Within a few years, the company owned over 50 subsidiary companies with operations in Australia, Canada, England and Germany. Mr. Kraft started tithing when he earned \$20.00 a week and continued throughout his career, supporting not only his church, but also Christian colleges, and he gave liberally to home and foreign missions. Many of his wealthy children follow his example to this day. Next time you see the Kraft logo it might be appropriate to ask "Have I left God out of my plans?"

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

JANET MORRIS

I just returned from a two-week trip visiting, and in some cases speaking at, four campuses, as well as to a group from several Christian campus ministries. I was able to collect names of new people interested in exploring opportunities for service with us. Praise God for the many interested students and pray for me as I follow up with each one. Also prayer is needed as I make preparations for a five-day mini-translation course the end of June. I'd appreciate prayer as well for my sister Laura, who has severe dementia, is still living at home alone and refuses to move to a memory care facility where she could get better care. My niece Audra continues to be treated for lung and liver cancer. She just finished a procedure where beads of radiation were placed on the tumors on her liver. Later she'll begin chemo again for the lung cancer. Please pray for God's intervention and healing. Thank you for your faithful prayers interceding on my behalf. I'm very blessed and grateful to have you standing behind me.

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

DEDICATION OF CHILDREN will be on Sunday morning May 21st. If you would like to have your child dedicated, please call the church office.

ALDAN BIBLE CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are already planning for this year's Aldan Bible Camp! It will be held Monday, June 26th - Friday, June 30th from 9:00 AM - 12:20 PM each day. If you might be able to serve with us that week (and we need lots of help!), please fill out a form and put it in the box (both located in the hallway by the Nursery) or contact Pastor Brock (kevin.brock@auc.org or 610-259-8010).

CHURCH WORK DAY

An All-Church Work Day has been scheduled for this Saturday, May 13, 9:00 AM - Noon with lunch served afterwards. Please plan to attend!

CAREER CROSSROADS

"What's Your Plan?" Thursday May 11th, 7:00PM Chapel

"What am I going to do today?" This is a question that you may ask yourself when conducting a job search. What job website should I investigate? Should I attend that job fair? Who can I talk to that may be able to help me? These are all legitimate questions. If you have a documented search plan, they become relatively easy to answer. Without a plan, you waste precious time and energy, and reaching your goal will probably take longer. Please join us as we review how to develop a winning job search plan. Questions? Contact Dan Willard, 610.659.3562, wdwillard@verizon.net.

THE 2017 NOMINATING COMMITTEE is accepting nominee suggestions from the congregation. If you have a church member that you would like the Committee to consider, please contact one of the Nominating Committee Members: Larry Belluscio, Steve Darragh, Joe Fisher, Barb Gingrich, Julie Hegman, Dawn Hobbs, Takashi Ida, Terry Montgomery or JK Williams.

STAFF OPENING AT AUC

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Carole Pinkstone for her 23 years of dedicated service at Aldan Union Church. Due to her upcoming retirement, we are looking to fill the newly created position of "Communications Coordinator".

Position Summary: Working with the Pastoral Staff, this team member is responsible to assist in the vital process of communications with the Aldan Union Congregation, and outreach to the local community through written and social media platforms. This individual must possess strong interpersonal and writing skills; have a thorough understanding of social media platforms and strategy, as well as content management. The position will also include some office/secretarial support functions to supplement the current secretarial staff. This position is expected to be full time, but we will consider part-time options.

To request a complete Position Description and to submit resume's for consideration, please send an email to: office@auc.org or call the church office at (610) 259-8010. If anyone knows of people outside of our congregation who might be a good fit for this position, please pass this information on to them. We would want the person filling this position to become a regular attender of our services, moving toward becoming a member.

SPRING SUNDAY NIGHT ELECTIVES will also be presented on May 21st. Here are that week's topics in the 3 electives:

Sharing Christ with Muslims, taught by Will Longenecker, WEC missionary
May 21 - ***Share the Message***

Practical Biblical Finances, taught by Phil Giambri
May 21 - ***Tithing vs. Giving*** and ***How to Teach Your Children and Grandchildren About Money***

Worship Walk Through the Bible, taught by Paul Isensee
May 21 - ***The New Testament: New Ways for a New People***

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY | 6:30-7:30 AM | CHAPEL
Our teacher for the first half of May is Dan King. Coffee is provided.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Ever wondered what goes on in Fellowship Circles? Then please join us on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:15 pm for an evening of fun and friendship in Fellowship Hall. Get to know some wonderful women and find out about opportunities for service. And as always, there will be delicious snacks & desserts! Two Circles will be meeting together that night, so come and see if this is something you would like to be part of in the fall. Contact Dawn Hobbs for more information at 610-626-2004 or dawnhobbs72@gmail.com.

CANVAS PAINTING CRAFT NIGHT

Come learn how to paint a very easy painting! Friday, May 12th, 7:00 - 9:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Registration with a \$15.00 payment is due **today**. Sign up at the Women's Ministry table. If you have any questions, please e-mail Ashley Harris (asharris91@gmail.com) or Loretta Stott (stott1@comcast.net).

FLOWERS GIVEN BY :: Ruby Hays, Phyllis Todd and Families
IN MEMORY OF :: Ruby & Herbert Williams, Parents

HOMEGOING: Eckie Lynch, April 28.
Frank Davis, May 2.
