

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

AUC CANTATA CHOIR "ONCE-IN- A-LIFETIME" CHRISTMAS CONCERT

With Pastor Paul's retirement on the horizon, the Cantata Choir will be giving an "encore presentation" of his favorite cantata ("of all time"): *Noel, Jesus Is Born* on Sunday evening, December 18.

For many who have sung in the choir before, this is a familiar work. For others it will be new. In either case, singers will find it very accessible and full of variety, beauty and meaning. We are hoping for 75 singers and plan to use a full orchestra. Our children's choir will join us as well. It will be a wonderful night proclaiming the good news of Christ's birth.

A "Kick-Off Rehearsal" is scheduled for **Saturday morning, October 1**. CDs of the cantata will be available at that time. Regular rehearsals will begin **Thursday, October 6** at 7:30 pm.

Singers high school age and older are invited to be part of this special choir and night of ministry and appreciation.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

AL AND JUDY EDINGER

Al and I are praising God for safety as we travel back and forth to Kensington each week. Pastor Buddy at Rock Ministries has made some changes with the ministry at The Lost Coin, so I am not sure what I will be doing there in the fall. Pray for God's direction. The Coffee House on Tuesday night continues to be busy, and we praise God for the contacts we make with the women. Pray some of the women will go to the other women's ministry opportunities at Calvary Chapel of Kensington. Pray for me as I study and prepare for fall teaching ministries. My daughter wants us to move to be with her. Pray for God to provide the right house for us. Pray for Rob Garrish who is helping to find the best computer for me as my current one needs to retire. Thank you all so much for your cards, emails, flowers, meals, etc during this recent health problem. I will begin 7 weeks of infusion treatments this month as a free trial to see if I can tolerate the medication. After that time, we will decide if I should continue. God has provided a grant to cover the costs of the medication. When the grant is done, my co-pay will be \$30 per month. Thank you for praying for us. You are a real blessing to us and we appreciate you all.

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

URGENT NEED

Large cans to put the pulpit flowers in. If you can help, please call Kathy Bickford at 484.461.1928.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED

The precious little ones in the nursery need "playmates" during one of our three worship services or during Bible School this fall. If you can help fill this "role" once a month, once a quarter or only once in a while...please sign up at the nursery counter or contact our Nursery Coordinator, Jody Puckett, at jdp1teach@verizon.net or 484.802.9732. Thank you!

FALL MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES SCHEDULE

Please make note of the new Sunday morning schedule that will begin on September 11th. The Contemporary Service will run from 9:00-10:10AM followed by Bible School from 10:20-11:20 AM and the Traditional Service from 11:30-12:30 PM.

HELP FOR GOD'S SPECIAL PEOPLE

We have an urgent need for drivers to transport a student from home to GSP class before Bible School and then after the service to transport the student home. This would be a once a month commitment, so we need two drivers. If you can help, please contact Mike and Dee Lindsey (610.259.6638 or mklindsey@aol.com).

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

If you didn't receive a directory, please contact the church office. **There is an electronic version available** to view and print. Call the church office for the link and password or if you have any questions.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

We are in the final stages of preparing the information package for potential candidates. We have also been mapping out the details of our search and review process. Please pray as we plan to begin requesting resumes in the fall. And please continue to pray for our pastor search – for the committee, the congregation, the future pastor, and Pastor Paul and Beth Thompson.

Committee Members: Ashley Harris, Bill Pennington, Bill Williamson, Cheryl Fischer, Chuck Young, Dave Gingrich, Gerry DeVita, Sunny King, and Veronica Hache.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Saturday, August 20th, 2016 David, Amanda and Amanda Rae George invite their AUC family to join them in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of their parents, Shawn & Tami. The ceremony begins at 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary and will be a time of worshipping and honoring God for His faithfulness.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

for the whole family. Wycliffe is sponsoring a Missions Aviation Fair near Lancaster on Saturday, August 20 at the Smoketown Airport. Activities include informative sessions, Kids Zone activities, plane rides and demonstrations, and much more. By bringing in 25 exhibiting agencies related to the technical aspects of missions. Wycliffe is offering the opportunity to learn first-hand about their ministries and opportunities for service. Please pick up an informational half sheet at the AUC Information Center.

THE STUDENT MINISTRY

BREAKAWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL RETREAT

September 30–October 2

Cost: \$130

Sign-up by Sunday, September 11

For more information, contact Pastor Rich @ rich.landosky@auc.org or 610.259.8010.

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Our teacher for August is David Grainge. Coffee is provided.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Ladies, September 10th is just around the corner, and so is our conference event: The Barrick Family and Hope Out Loud! In addition to sharing their miraculous story of tragedy to triumph, Linda and Jen Barrick will also speak on *Joy for the Journey - Discover the Secret in Philippians*. **Pre-registration is required by September 5th.** Cost of the event is \$20 and includes lunch. This is a great opportunity to reach out to family, friends and neighbors and share the Hope we have in Christ. Registrations and payment can be made at the Women's Ministry table.

TO ALL WOMEN OF ALDAN UNION CHURCH

Save the date: Monday, September 12, 2016—Is your heart yearning to know if there's something more to this life? More purpose? More joy? If so, join "God's Gals Growth Group" starting September 12 as we study "Joy! A Bible Study on Philippians for Women." We meet Monday evenings in the large Conference room next to the Chapel from 6:45 to 8:30. If you enjoy studying God's Word, praying and building relationships within a small group, we would love to have you join us. Registration and workbook are required. Cost: Approx. \$12. Contact Judy Edinger, 610.534.2686 or j.edinger1@verizon.net to register.

THANK YOU NOTE

"Many thanks to each of you in the congregation for recognition of over fifty years of service last Sunday. Your presence at the service and words and notes of encouragement are much appreciated! We rejoice upon every remembrance of you! "

Love in Christ, Bill and Signe Ressler
