

SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING | OCTOBER 20TH & 28TH

We see the need as a church to put more focus on our small groups. and we also want to see some new groups start. You may already belong to a small group that has not been connected to the church but you may be willing to voluntarily join with us so that we can direct people to your group if you are willing to consider new additions. So we are asking that all leaders/teachers of our existing groups and anyone who would be interested in possibly starting a new group attend an initial three hour session that will explain what we would like to see in our groups and also will provide some training to help you in leading or teaching a small discipleship group. This will be offered on **Friday October 20th** from 7– 10 PM and **Saturday October 28th** from 9 AM–12 PM (you only need to attend one). This training will be required for someone to be approved to be a leader of a new group. Please contact Pastor Brock (kevin.brock@auc.org or 610-259-8010) if you have questions or to let him know which training session you will attend.

CAREER CROSSROADS | THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH | 7:00 PM CHAPEL

"Discovering the Hidden Job Market": Most employment professionals are aware of the hidden job market. Recent studies have shown that as much as 85% of all new jobs are found as a result of tapping into this vast field of hidden positions. "Okay how do I find this market?" you may be asking. Our next session will be led by Ernie Russom, Executive Director of The Westview Associates. With over 20 years dealing with the job market, Ernie works with the hidden market on a daily basis. He understands why this is the most effective way to undertake a job search and how to do it successfully. He will share this knowledge and techniques with us at our next session. Questions? Contact Dan Willard (wdwillard@verizon.net or 610-659-3562).

PRAYING FOR OUR COUNTRY PRAYER GROUP will meet on **Monday, October 16** in the large conference room (next to Chapel) from 11 AM-12 PM. Our prayer focus is our President, national and local leadership. Come and receive timely materials to help you pray more effectively. Questions, call Linda Weiler at 610-284-0268

TRUNK OR TREAT | OCTOBER 31 | 6-8:30 PM

Fall is in the air, and every year the community's participation in Trunk or Treat gets larger! Last year, our generous congregation responded very well in donating enough candy for all the little ones. The Outreach Committee needs that great response again! We have room for 80+ *trunks* in the Park and would love to see you there! But if you can't attend, there will be a container across from the nursery to leave your candy donations. Thank you in advance for your help.

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Our teacher for this week is Louis Voyer. Coffee is provided.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SIDE BY SIDE | NOVEMBER 12TH

"Side by Side", based on Titus 2:3-5, where a spiritually mature woman comes alongside a younger Christian woman in a six-month mentoring and/or discipleship relationship, will be starting **November 12**. If you are interested, please fill out a profile sheet at the Women's Ministry table across from the nursery throughout the month of October, and place it in the box provided. You may request to be matched or choose someone on your own. This ministry is for all women (college age and up) who regularly attend AUC. Mentors need to be church members. If you have any questions, contact Dawn Kiker (dawnk55@verizon.net) or call (610) 543-0454.

NAOMI'S MINISTRY BOOK STUDY | OCTOBER 3RD–DECEMBER 12TH | 7 -9 PM

will be based on the book "From One Widow to Another" starting **Tuesdays October 3rd** through **December 12th** from 7 PM –9 PM in the large conference room next to the Chapel. For more information call Carol Eskridge at 484-557-0826 or Denise Sweeney at 610-955-1257.

LADIES FALL DINNER: HARVEST HOEDOWN | OCTOBER 24TH | 6:30 PM

Join us on Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 PM for our 2nd Annual Harvest Hoedown Dinner catered by Cocco's. We will have special music by Pam and Joe Jacobson, and our guest speaker, Janice Brown, will be sharing her story, "Bundles of Joy." Stop by the Women's Ministry table for more info.

WOMEN'S CIRCLES | 2ND TUESDAYS

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.

FLOWERS GIVEN BY :: Tom, Carolyn and Karen Hanna

IN MEMORY OF :: Tom & Betty Hanna, parents and grandparents

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

L.O.T.S. (LOVING OTHERS THROUGH SERVING)

Since 1988, L.O.T.S. has been involved in meeting needs within the Body of Christ based on Galatians 6:9-10, "...So then, as occasion and opportunity open up to us, let us do good... Be mindful to be a blessing, especially to those of the household of faith.." We work on a rotation basis so no one person would grow weary in doing good. We provide rides, meals, and cards to shut-ins and the bereaved, and we help if needed at the time of death of a loved one. We continue to look for those who can serve the Lord in any of these ways. If you are interested and have not already contacted me, please do so by calling Nancy Armentario at 610-622-2049. Thank you.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

SHIRLEY COOK

Seven million five hundred thousand and counting...In the 1990's BCM established a ministry in Peru. It was a time of unrest and social disaster as communist terrorists drove tens of thousands of people from their homes. This meant there were many children, homeless, living on the streets. This was the situation in which BCM began a ministry to the children. They addressed the physical needs of the children as they taught them Bible truths. In conjunction with Aldan Union Church, Pennies for Peru was established. The response at church was amazing. Folks were giving their hoarded pennies, kids emptied their piggy banks, and BCM began Saturday morning programs complete with fun and games, a Bible story, a quiet time, and a treat for every child. We might not consider what was shared as a treat—but bananas, oranges, etc--were well received. Social and economic situations have improved although Peru is still a poor country, but the weekly programs have reached thousands of children with the Gospel—and a treat. December means daily programs, not weekly, which also means many more treats. Do you have pennies stored away somewhere? Or maybe a forgotten piggy bank? There are still marked containers at church. Won't you set aside a bit of time on Saturday mornings to pray for these outreaches: for missionaries, volunteers, and for the children who continue to come. That number—that's how many pennies we have sent...and that is \$75,226.32.

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.



SHEPHERDING SUNDAY | OCTOBER 22 | 9AM

We're getting ready to launch a new focus on our shepherding ministry on Sunday, October 22! That morning we will worship the Lord together as one body in a combined service at 9:00 AM, with children in grades 1 and up remaining in the Sanctuary for the entire service. After the service, instead of our regular Bible School classes, we will split into shepherd groups to give each person an opportunity to connect with his/her shepherding elder. More details are contained in a letter that was recently mailed to the entire church family. Shepherd group assignments are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

FALL ELECTIVES | OCTOBER 8, 15, 22

Our Fall Electives during our Sunday night services will continue tonight, **October 15 and 22**. Topics include "Ministering to Those with Mental Health Issues" by HVMI staff; "The Study of the Person & Work of the Holy Spirit" by Pastor Kevin Brock; and a "Walk Thru the Old Testament Mini-Series" by Bill Williamson.

COMMUNION NOTE | OCTOBER 15

Communion will be next Sunday morning, October 15, during the early part of the services while children from age 4 - 5th grade are present. Parents, please speak with your children in advance so they will understand why they should or should not participate.

HELP NEEDED

Bible School: We need a Coordinator for the Beginners Department, a teacher in 2nd grade, a boys teacher in 4th/5th grades and substitute teachers for any grade (especially for grades 4 and 5). Need to be members of AUC. Contact Pastor Brock if interested.

Kids Worship: We need a teacher during the 2nd service for the 1st Sunday of each month. Maybe you attend the first service but you are willing to stay and teach for the second service! Must be a member. If interested contact Carolyn Rosko-Davis (mic77ah@aol.com).