

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship living involves all aspects of our lives: our time, our talents and our treasure. The beginning of a new year is an opportunity to reflect, evaluate, and make adjustments. Here are some areas we may need to evaluate. Practice gratitude: cultivating a grateful heart is a hallmark of a Christian steward. Recognize that everything we have has been entrusted to us by God as gifts to be shared. Don't define yourself by your possessions... someone will always have more or better possessions than you, and there is little correlation between things and happiness. Solomon described pursuing riches as "chasing the wind". Nurture friendships: friends are gifts from God who need our time and our love. There is much joy and sorrow, celebration and mourning in people's lives. It is a blessing to be cherished to share those times with fellow believers and not let them experience them alone. The gift of your time and your presence are irreplaceable. Make a difference in our church: Offer your time and talents to the church family. Many ministries of the church need your help. And, what better way to tithe your time than joining in corporate prayer on Wednesday evening or joining a small group. The tithe of an extra hour a week can change your life.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

PIERCE AND LEE BARNES

"We appreciate still being members of AUC and have many happy memories there at Aldan. Pray that we will be able to stay here at our home...for the strength to maintain it. We do have the opportunity to go to AIM retirement village in case we need it. Pray that we will know when the Lord will direct us to witness to our neighbors. We have prepared the ground work and have a good relationship with them. As you know, this is important before we share the Gospel. We lean heavily on the Lord to engineer those circumstances relative to witnessing. Pray for Lee to rest and commit things that are beyond her ability to do at this age. Lee is concerned over her sister, Betty who is a nominal Christian and is overly medicated in a facility. We both can kick...but not high. We need the wisdom to know what we need medically to keep going until the Lord takes us home. Rather than sending a typical commercial Christian card with someone else's canned "words of greeting", we send our own personal words of greetings to you. We celebrate God's special gift to us at this time with **you** for sending Jesus, who paid our debt in full. He provided us an entrance into heaven to enjoy riches provided for eternity. That's a long time! A hard reality to get your mind around! But that's His promise. He cannot lie. We're close to going there, and we can't wait. Keep in touch...as long as we are here. Agape love." *You can send a note of encouragement to Pierce and Lee at pile235@gmail.com*

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.



SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Our memory verse for January is John 13:35 "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE STARTING TODAY

Please note our Sunday morning schedule starting today: We will have one Worship Service from 9:30-10:45 AM, followed by a Connection Time in the Gym from 10:45 -11:15. Children's Bible School classes will start at 11:00, and adults will be in their classes by 11:10 with all classes ending at 12:00.

GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY

The GriefShare Ministry provides grief recovery support to anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one. The program consists of 13 sessions. The meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month from 1-3 PM in the Lounge (next to the Library) now through May 16th, 2020. You are welcome to begin attending our group at any point. Register on-line at www.griefshare.org/groups/113685 or contact a Group Leader at griefshare@auc.org or 610-259-8010.

AWANA | TONIGHT | 6:15PM-7:45PM

AWANA starts back up tonight from 6:15 to 7:45. Sparks (K-2nd grade) and T&T (3rd - 5th grade) meet in the Primary Room (LL19). If you would like to help with AWANA or have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact Rob Burton, 484-995-5091.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | FEBRUARY 12 | 7:30 PM

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12th at 7:30 PM. All treasurers of various organizations (or anyone who usually gives a report for the Annual Report Book) are to submit their reports to the church office **by January 19th**. You may also email your report to office@auc.org.

ISRAEL AND GREECE TRIP

Have you thought about going to Greece, visiting Athens, the Acropolis, Corinth, Thessalonica, and Philippi? Perhaps you'd like to visit Israel and walk the streets of old Jerusalem. Aldan Union Church is hosting a trip to Greece and Israel, May 11-25, 2020. There is an informational meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 12 after Bible School (12:15 PM). Bring your lunch and meet in the Fellowship Hall next to the kitchen to find out more about the trip. Any questions, contact Ed Lochmoeller at 610-259-9060 or ed@pirministries.org.

OFFICE STAFF OPENING AT AUC

We are looking to fill the position of Church Secretary/Administrative Assistant. To request a complete Position Description and to submit resumes 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 be a member or a regular attender of our services moving toward becoming a member.

CAREER CROSSROADS | THURSDAY JANUARY 9, 7:00 PM | CHAPEL

"Finding Your Key Skills" : We all possess many skills, and they are important to your next career position. Employers are interested in many areas when hiring a new employee. What, however, is the key skill that will enable you to land that next job? How can you identify the area your new employer is most interested in? What are the best ways to communicate your key skill? How do you differentiate yourself from the other candidates? These are all critical questions that we will review, and we look forward to you joining us for this interactive session. Questions? Contact Dan Willard (wdwillard@verizon.net).

BIBLE READING PLAN FOR THE NEW YEAR

Daily Bible Reading is a spiritual discipline that has a profound impact on our lives for it is the way we know God. We encourage each member of the AUC Body to make Bible reading a daily practice for the upcoming New Year. As we come together around the Word, our hope and prayer is that in doing so the bond of Christian love and unity will be strengthened, our faith will be deepened, and His Kingdom will be advanced. The plan we have selected to use for this endeavor is The Gospel Coalition's "Two Year Bible Reading Plan" prepared by Stephen Witmer. This plan also has the option to include a companion book titled *How to Read the Bible Book by Book*. Visit the AUC website for more information or to access links to both the Plan and the companion book. If you do not have access to the internet, copies of the Plan can be found at the Welcome Center.

BIBLE TRAINING CENTER SIGNUP

Bible Training Center of Delaware County offers a strong Biblical foundation to those who are unable to attend a Bible college or Seminary. We offer a certificate upon the completion of five classes that must be taken in order: "Bible Study Methods", "Old Testament Survey", "New Testament Survey", "Bible Doctrine Survey", and "Personal Spiritual Life & Church Ministry". If we have enough interest, we are looking to offer "Bible Study Methods" on Thursday nights from 7 - 9:30 starting February 6th and going through May 21st. Brochures are available at the Information Center outside the back of the Sanctuary. Please contact Pastor Brock (kevin.brock@auc.org) by Sunday February 2nd with any questions or to let him know you are interested.

MINISTRY HELP NEEDED

HELP NEEDED IN OUR PARKING LOT MINISTRY

Do you enjoy greeting people? Do you enjoy being in the outdoors? Then please consider helping with the Parking Ministry. If interested, contact Ken Neely (610.872.7922 or kdneely@comcast.net).

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Our teacher this month is Pastor Ed Lochmoeller. Coffee is provided.

STUDENT MINISTRY

WINTER WEEKEND EARLY REGISTRATION

Winter Weekend is an event held here at AUC for middle and high school students. Students stay in host homes overnight with their friends and leaders while the main part of the weekend takes place at the church. There will be worship, a guest speaker, fellowship, small groups, meals, and games. Cost is \$85. For more information and to register go to auc.org/students.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MOMS IN PRAYER

We will be meeting again for MOMS IN PRAYER this coming week. Come and join us this Monday January 6th at 7 PM in the C&C Rm. 207 or Thursday morning in the Chapel at 9:30 (child-care is provided this morning). Any questions contact Lysa Burton (rlrsburton@verizon.net).

GAME NIGHT

Friday January 10th at 7 PM in the Chapel. Put your game face on for a fun evening. Sign up by January 7th at the Women's Ministry Table. For more information call Cheryl Smith at 610-364-7932.

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF :: Henry & Jean Stienstra—Parents and Grandparents
REMEMBERED BY :: Matthew & Deborah Pruette & Family

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF :: Nelson & Ethel Harper and Tom & Agnes Daniels—
Loving Parents

REMEMBERED BY :: Tom & Dot Daniels
