

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

SLF DRAMA MINISTRY

With the 2020 Christmas season slowly becoming a distant memory, one thing we think is certain for us all: it certainly won't be forgotten quickly. We all have stories about how different our celebrations looked this year.

Church life during this past Christmas season was no exception. Salt, Light and Fragrance's traditional Christmas drama was just one example of that. For obvious reasons, we had to adapt to a different style of presentation. That style lacked so much of the things encompassed in our previous dramas. What ended up happening was our team tried to honor the birth of Christ, using the best tools we had to accomplish that task,

When we read the accounts of Jesus and the disciples, so often they too didn't have the optimal earthly tools to work with...but through the grace and power of God, their efforts were used to offer glory and move the Kingdom of God forward! Perhaps that's just one lesson we can take away from this past year. Despite the limitations placed on us through various circumstances, the cause of Christ marches forward. We just need to recognize who has given us our marching orders and use the tools that He has given us.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

JUDI TROUTMAN

"For each of you, 2020 has been a year of uncertainty, unexpected changes, and re-working of plans. Even amid these realities, the ministries of Africa Based Support (ABS) ministry have carried on. We are still free to share the Gospel and provide support services to missionary personnel throughout Africa. I have been able to continue in the ministry of administration and personnel, sometimes virtually, but much of the time in person (following all the COVID protocols, of course!!). AIM celebrated 125 years in Africa in 2020 (<https://aim125.com/> has lots of pictures, stories of God's amazing work in Africa in the past, and current ministries). Praise God that He does not change; His faithfulness is great. Pray for God's wisdom and sensitivity to His leading as we plan for 2021. Pray for God's provision of resources needed for each of the ABS Ministries. Pray for boldness to be faithful witnesses for Jesus Christ and His grace to walk in a manner pleasing to Him." *You may send a word of encouragement to Judi at judi.troutman@aimint.org.*

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 Psalm 1:1-2, "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD and on his law he meditates day and night."

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES THIS MORNING:

Bible School (with nursery) for children from infants through high school will be offered today from 10:45 - 11:30 AM after the morning Service. Though our regular Adult Bible School classes will continue to meet by Zoom and not meet onsite, we do offer a class in the Gym for all adults who are onsite while the children are in Bible School.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | FEBRUARY 10TH | 7:30 PM

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10th 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 17th**. You may also email your report to office@auc.org.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER TIME

The first Wednesday of the month is a time of corporate prayer. On the other Wednesdays the church will be open to any small prayer groups that would like to meet for prayer from 7- 8 PM. They do need to contact Pastor Kevin (kevin.brock@auc.org) to be assigned a room. Groups will still need to follow our mask and social distancing guidelines.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Do you have a heart to reach kids with the Gospel? Aldan Union Church is looking for a leader to oversee our After School Program. This program is one of the most valuable ministries of our church in reaching out to support families in our community and reach kids with the gospel who would otherwise never hear about Jesus. Joe DeAngelis has faithfully run this outreach for the past 9 years and is retiring. It is the strong desire of the church leadership that we continue this program, but we cannot continue this outreach without a leader. It is a paid position, and it is also a labor of love that runs from about 3 to 6 in the afternoon 3 or 4 days a week. This ministry has made a difference in the hearts of some kids for eternity and is especially important now. If you are in any way interested, if you sense the Lord's leading, or if you have any questions, please contact Scott Lowery at 610-623-6778 or slowery028@gmail.com.

AUC 2020 BABY ROSE GARDEN | "Children are a heritage from the Lord" (Psalm 127:3).

The roses at the front of the Sanctuary are for these babies born during 2020:

- Hannah Jane Pidgeon (12/31/19) - parents Paul and Stephanie Pidgeon;
grandparents Mark and Gwen Bretz.
- Charlotte Crawford (3/18) - parents Tim and Carla Crawford.;
grandparents Dave and Sandy Crawford.
- Mikasa Mae Farnese (3/21) - parents Kevin and Ning Farnese;
grandmother Lisa Farnese
- Samuel Christian Graham (3/31) - parents Sarah and David Graham
- Cooper Thomas Ecker (4/29) - parents Chris and Becky Ecker;
grandparents Dave and Barb Gingrich
- Josiah Malachi Nelson (4/30) - parents Michel and Brittani Nelson
- Logan Paul Pentecost (5/10) - parents Scott and Laura Pentecost;
grandparents Bill and Ruth Pentecost
- Zion Hope Olshefsky (5/19) - parents Caleb and Kayla Olshefsky;
grandparents Jim and Molly Olshefsky
- Isabella Grace Fisher (7/3) - parents Joseph and Paige Fisher;
grandparents Joe and Lois Fisher
- Stella Ryan Zahner (7/27) - parents Adam and Taylor Zahner;
grandparents Tom and Irene Zahner
- Abigail Rose Prentice (8/4) - parents Chelsea and Josh Prentice;
great grandparents Tom and Carolyn Hanna
- Abigail Schein (8/20) - parents Amanda and Ben Schein;
grandparents Tony and Becky Rizzo
- Henri Jack Denzie (9/11) - parents Henri and Rebecca Denize;
grandparents Michael and Marianne Antes
- Sydney Ryann Hiddeman (11/18) - parents Kevin and Kaitlin Hiddemen;
grandparents Bill and Judy Neef
- Kennedy Lynne Hanna (12/7) - parents Caleb and Jenna Hanna;
great Grandparents Tom and Carolyn Hanna
- Noelle Grace (12/10) - parents Dave and Laura Cook;
grandparents Milton and Marilyn Cook, Adele Ressler and Mark Ressler;
great grandmother Helen Doherty and
great grandfather Bill Ressler

*Please take your rose home after the service. If you're not present to take your rose home please email Dianna McCollum (Dmcitaly25@gmail.com) so we can get it to you.

STUDENT MINISTRY

HANG TIME | WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 – 8:00 PM

The student floor is open on most Wednesday nights for an informal time to do homework, hang out, pray, talk, etc. Please follow AUC's current indoor guidelines during this time. Contact Pastor Mike if you have questions (mike.motta@auc.org)

Q&A NIGHT| FRIDAY JANUARY 15TH | 7:00PM

A night where students can ask questions about God, the Bible, etc. from a panel of church leaders. Students will be able to text in their questions the night of the event and will be able to choose to come in person or watch over livestream!

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Our teacher for this week is Jim Nielsen. Coffee is provided.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY | 9:45 AM-11:00 AM CHAPEL

Women are welcome to join us each Wednesday from 9:45 AM -11:00 AM. We meet in the Chapel due to COVID-19, and masks are required. No refreshments will be provided. Any questions call Nancy Armentario at 610-622-2049.

MOMS IN PRAYER

Moms in Prayer meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights each month on Zoom from 7- 8:30 PM. Any mom, grandmom, aunt, etc. we would love to have you join us. Please contact Lysa Burton at rlrsturton@verizon.net or 484-995-5165 and let her know you will be joining.

MOTHERWISE

Moms of all ages and stages are welcome to join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings each month on ZOOM from 9:30 - 11:30 AM. We are studying Priscilla Shirer's *Armor of God*. Please contact Lysa Burton (rlrsturton@verizon.net or 484-995-5165).