

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

### MISSIONS CONFERENCE

The 88<sup>th</sup> Missionary Conference's Theme is Partnership in the Gospel (Philippians 1:5). This Conference will provide opportunities to understand what God is doing around the world and how we can continue to partner well as there are still many who need to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Along with missionary speakers for each of the Bible School Classes and hearing from our Key Note Speakers Bob Evans (BCM) and Dr. Bulus Galidima (Lausanne) each Sunday morning and evening, here are some other opportunities:

On Monday evening we will have a Panel Discussion. The topic for this year's is "Ministering to Muslims". A number of our participating missionaries have years of experience working with Muslims. Come and learn ways how to share the Gospel with our 'cousins' as they are sometimes known. There will be a Q&A so do bring your questions! Friday Night there will be a Family Potluck. Three of our participating missionaries will be sharing briefly and there will be a time for Q&A. This is a great time to fellowship and you will as hear more about what God is doing in His world. There will be the popular Roundtable on Wednesday. Ten missionaries will be sharing about their ministries and how we can pray. And yes, the chocolate fountain will be there!

Please check the Conference Brochure for an overview of the whole week. There will also be messages coming through the week to remind us of events.

## MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

### TONY & BECKY RIZZO

Thank you for all your prayers. Tony's back is healing and his health is much better. We also were able to purchase a new vehicle because of your prayers and support. In 2023 we hosted over 20 Youth and Kids Safety Zones with over 500 students. We had multiple Safety Zones every month in Kensington and surrounding areas to preach the Gospel. We traveled to multiple churches to preach and train Christians to share the Gospel boldly and clearly. Praise God for multiple souls who met Jesus right where they are.

This year, we have multiple conferences this spring that we are preparing for. We have also been developing an online presence through podcasting and YouTube videos. Keep us in your prayers as we learn how to impact those in Philadelphia and on the internet with the all-consuming love of God. We have written five children's books about God working in Tony's life as a child called "Tony's Tales". We desire to donate a book to every child who hears the Gospel through our Safety Zones this year. Please pray that God continues to give wisdom and provision for these projects in 2024. Please continue to pray for good health for both Tony and Becky. *You may send a word of encouragement to Tony and Becky at [tony3rizzo@gmail.com](mailto:tony3rizzo@gmail.com)*

To learn more about the 50+ missionaries we support, check out our Missionary Wall located in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Gym.



**FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION:** Lamentations 3:22 - "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end."

### MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Our 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Missionary Conference takes place from March 9-17, 2024. There are events for all ages! The Conference starts with a Family breakfast on March 9. Other highlights include fellowship for women on Tuesday morning and evening, Family Potluck on Friday evening, Men's Breakfast on Saturday as the ever-popular Roundtable on Wednesday evening. Please plan to attend as much as you can to hear how God is working around the world. A brochure will be coming soon with the full schedule.

Please see Jim or Molly Olshefsky at the Connect Time to sign up for hosting a missionary for a meal or providing lodging. In addition, please let us know if you'd be willing to allow the use of your vehicle during the Conference.

### GOD'S SPECIAL PEOPLE CLASS

The GSP class has resumed **weekly** Sunday School! This is a class for those who learn differently. We meet in the GSP room located next to the nursery, across from the lounge. We spend time singing, hearing God's word and praying. Any questions please contact Debbie McDevitt, [jdmacampers@gmail.com](mailto:jdmacampers@gmail.com) or contact the church office.

### NEW MEMBERS CLASS | SUNDAY, MARCH 3 | 11:15AM-3:30PM

Considering finding out more about Aldan Union Church or considering joining the church family? Join us for our 1 DAY Membership event on Sunday March 3. Pastor Joe will share various doctrines, practices, and functions of the church that are helpful to know before applying for membership. Lunch will be provided. You can sign up through Church Center, on the church website or call the church office 610-259-8010 and let us know you're planning to attend. Also, let us know if you would need nursery care during the event.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed Monday, February 19 for President's Day.

Please take a moment to 'Check In' to the morning worship service and Bible School either through the Church Center App or at the Welcome Center. You can also submit donations to the church through the Church Center App. If you need help visit the Welcome Center in the Foyer.

## **STUDENT MINISTRY PASTOR SEARCH**

Please be in prayer for the man God would have for our church, the CE committee and the search committee. We are currently in process with a new candidate. The candidate and his wife will be visiting our church the weekend of February 23-25!

## **FOOD BANK HOURS**

The food pantry will be open Sunday, February 25 from noon to 1PM. AldanCare is very grateful for the AUC congregation for allowing us to serve so many families. Please consider a donation of the following: spaghetti sauce, cereals, rice, hygiene products, paper products etc. Without your faithful donations, it would not be possible. Thank you.

## **AIR CONDITIONING FUND**

The Deacons are arranging for the replacement of the air conditioning systems in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. This could cost as much as \$500,000. In order to limit the amount that we must borrow to finance this project, and to make monthly payments on a loan, the Deacons have created an Air Conditioning Fund. Please consider contributing to this fund, be sure to indicate AC Fund. The Deacons will provide regular updates. Thank you for supporting this project.

## **ELECTION RESULTS**

At this year's Annual Congregational Meeting the following people were affirmed to the position of Elder, Deacon and 2025 Nominating Committee:

Elder: Dave Gingrich, Tom Hanna, Ed Lochmoeller, David Ong

Deacon: Daniel Bourne, David Graham, Ray Kiker, Bill Neef, Joe Reilly, Rich Riley

2025 Nominating Committee: Kathy Bickford, Deb Churchill, Karen Craemer, Gerry DeVita, Ray Kiker, Scott Lowery, John McDaniel, Joe Nath, Ruth Pentecost.

Annual Reports for 2023 are available in the Foyer, contact the church office if you still need one.

## **SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 25**

Next Sunday we will be celebrating God's gift of life as we examine God's word and host guests from the Amnion Pregnancy Center. As we look at life and abortion we want to understand how deeply God values the lives He knits together as well as His continued grace, mercy and love for anyone who has ever endured the pressure or experience of abortion.

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

### **MOMS IN PRAYER | 1ST & 3RD MONDAYS | 7:00-8:30PM**

This prayer group is designed for anyone who wants to pray for our children and what they are dealing with today. Contact Lysa Burton (484-995-5165 or rlrburton@verizon.net).

## **MEN'S MINISTRY**

### **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY | 6:30-7:30AM | CHAPEL**

Our teacher for this week is Pastor Ed Lochmoeller. Coffee is provided.

### **MAN UP | SATURDAYS | 9-11AM | CHAPEL**

We meet Saturday morning to discuss various subjects relating to sermons, book studies, videos, etc.

## **STUDENT MINISTRY**

### **MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY | 7PM**

Students are welcome to join us every week for Bible Study on the Student Floor. We will continue our study in the book of Proverbs this Wednesday!

### **STUDENT GAME NIGHT | FEBRUARY 23 | 6:30PM | GYM**

Join us for a night of fun in the Gym and don't forget to bring a friend! Contact Lauren Cavanagh with any questions.

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**FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF ::** Roger & Dawn Bickford, loving parents and grandparents  
**REMEMBERED BY ::** Wayne & Kathy Bickford and family

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