

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

NAOMI'S MINISTRY

We offer spiritual, emotional and practical support to new widows and ongoing fellowship to all widows at Aldan Union Church and surrounding communities. We meet every Tuesday evening at 6:30PM in the Large Conference Room. Currently we are going through Christian materials for widows, as well as devotions and ministry through talking.

For more information, you can contact Carol Eskridge at 484-557-0826, Denise Sweeney at 610-955-1257 or Lisa Farnese at 610-348-6484.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

ELSA AND LUIS BAILLY

We thank God for the blessing of having been at Aldan Union Church for the Missionary Conference in March. This was the first time Elsa was able to attend. We both had a beautiful time and felt the love of the entire church.

Janelle is currently at home and has a job teaching at a school. God willing, she will begin her university studies to become a teacher. Jeremy and Keilah are missionaries in Argentina working in a Bilingual Program.

We are grateful to the Lord for the new stage of our missionary service in which we are responsible for providing evangelistic radio programs throughout Peru. We currently have 340 stations to which we send these programs. The programs are 3 and 15 minutes in length. We enjoy hearing testimonies from people who listen to the programs and are interested in learning more about Jesus.

Here are some prayer requests regarding upcoming plans:

1. We plan to travel to the interior of Peru to offer and distribute radio programs to Christian and non-Christian stations.
2. We plan to visit churches in Peru since some pastors and churches have radio stations.
3. We plan to distribute programs to more people through personal WhatsApp.

Please pray that God will continue to help us in the work we do. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers. *You may send a word of encouragement to Luis and Elsa at luisbailly@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.



APRIL SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Romans 6:11 - "So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to Christ Jesus."

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry will be open on Sunday April 28 from noon to 1PM. If you feel led to donate, we could use the following items: toilet tissue, paper towels, small bottles of laundry detergent (from the \$1 store), shampoos, toothpaste, cake mixes, peanut butter, shelf stable milk, and cereal. Thank you.

A Food Pantry Note for Gardening Enthusiasts- As you begin to plant your seeds, ask yourself: Can I Grow More? Do I Have Excess I Can Share? The Food Pantry would like to offer an opportunity to sow seeds of eternal impact. Consider growing a little extra and sharing the abundance of your vegetables and fruits with our AUC family and community. As your crops flourish, so will the blessings. Bring your donations to church on Sunday mornings throughout July and August and we will distribute them after the Sunday evening services. For questions or more information, see Carolyn Heron.

NOW RECEIVING ELDER AND DEACON NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee is now open to receive your nominations for open seats on the Elder and Deacon boards for the next election cycle. Because we are a congregational church we desire the power of nomination and election to be in the hands of the congregation at large. So, if you are a member of AUC you can nominate anyone you see fit to run on the ballot for the board of Elders or Deacons. Please be sure to remember, however, that they must be a member of the church and they should meet the qualifications of an Elder or Deacon as we read them in Scripture (1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9). To send in your nomination for consideration, please contact any of the Nominating Committee members listed below by May 5.

Joe Nath - Chairman

Ray Kiker - Vice Chairman

Deb Churchill - Secretary

Scott Lowery, John McDaniel, Kathy Bickford, Gerry DeVita, Ruth Pentecost, Karen Craemer

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.

VBS-SAVE THE DATE | JUNE 24-28 | 6:30PM-8:30PM

The theme, *Breaker Rock Beach*, is all about standing on God's solid rock in a world of shifting sands. We're looking for volunteers to help make this VBS great for all the families! Even if you don't feel like you have a gift with kids, we could use people who can build and create cool sets, people who can help families check in, craft supplies, snack donations, etc. If you're interested, please contact our Children's Director, Christy Bickford!

OUTREACH PACKING PARTY | MAY 3 | 5:30PM

We are celebrating this year being able to partner with *SaturateUSA*, a gospel minded organization with the goal of reaching every household in the USA with the good news of Jesus Christ, through churches like ours and people like you! They are providing the Jesus film DVD in multiple languages and gospel tracts along with bag hangars for every door (free to us!). From our church we will add a postcard inviting everyone to our outdoor summer services, community picnic, and VBS! We will need to put the packets together before we hand them out, so we are having a packing party on Friday May 3, starting at 5:30PM. Dinner will be provided, sign ups are available on Church Center or by contacting the church office.

OUTREACH NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRIBUTION | MAY 4 | 9:30PM

Meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:30AM to hand out our Gospel Saturation Packs to the Aldan area!

AMNION PREGNANCY CENTER SUPPORT RESULTS

Over the last few months we have been supporting the Amnion Pregnancy Center through the Baby Bottle Campaign and the 5K Walk for Life. The Baby Bottle Campaign raised \$1,003.89 and the 5K raised \$2,210 for a total of \$3,213.89 Thank you for your support!

STANDING IN THE GAP

As a church Body we love to help one another meet our tangible needs, and the Body Life Committee is excited to share that they are bringing organization and coordination to this effort. At this point we are taking a survey in order to discover the skills and availability of our church family who may want to help others in need. The first areas of need that this ministry would like to address are: meal preparation, transportation, minor home repairs, yardwork, and home health care. Please take the time to fill out an SIG Survey so we can prepare to launch this ministry in the fall. You may return your paper surveys to the boxes located at the Welcome Center or the table across from the Nursery. If you have questions or might be willing to become a 'coordinator' please contact Kathy Bickford (kbickford316@gmail.com) or Sandy Crawford (sjcrawford317@protonmail.com).

KIDS MINISTRY

KID'S EVENT | MAY 3 | 7-8:30PM

Parents, drop your kids off for a time of games, devotional, snacks, and fun! Nursery will be provided.

MISSIONS

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

During the Missionary Conference, Luis Bailly shared that they need to replace their old car with a new one. This will enable him to travel to more distant radio stations to increase the impact of their evangelical radio broadcasts. The Missionary Committee has decided to start a designated missions project for this need. We invite you to contribute to a fund to help them purchase a reliable used car. Please contribute online (using option "Missionary Bailly Car") or write "Bailly car" on a multi-purpose envelope in the pews. We will be collecting funds until April 30.

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Our teacher for this week is Carroll Wynne. Coffee is provided.

MAN UP | SATURDAYS | 9-11AM | CHAPEL

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

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).

WOMANWISE | 1ST & 3RD THURSDAY | 9:30-11:30AM | LL09

We are studying God of Freedom by Jen Wilkin, if any woman would like to join. Childcare is available. Any questions contact Lysa Burton (484-995-5165 or rlrburton@verizon.net).

JUST US GIRLS | MAY 3 | 7-9PM | CHAPEL

Just Us Girls will meet for a fun activity, *My Favorite Thing!* Your job is to think of some of your favorite things, pick one you would like to share with others, and bring five of them to the event. It can be something you bake, you make, a favorite snack, candy bar, hand lotion - anything!! But, if you are purchasing something please limit the cost to no more than \$5 per item. As always, everyone is welcome - even if you just want to come out and join the fun as a spectator!

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 are back in the book of Proverbs for Bible Study with Pastor Joe!

STUDENT EVENT | MAY 3 | 7PM | STUDENT FLOOR

Come on out and bring your friends to Star Wars Game Night! We will have trivia, light saber wars, snacks and more. May the 4th be with you even though it's on May 3rd!