MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

MOTHERWISE

Motherwise - or should we really say, Thursday morning Bible study!! It meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays or each month - typically. It is open to any mom of any age that would like to come and join us! We begin at 9:30AM and go until 11:30AM, we hope to be able to provide childcare when we come back together in the fall. This year we are continuing in our study of The Armor of God by Priscilla Shier which is on DVD and has a workbook that goes along with it. As long as everything stays this way we will be meeting in person again beginning on September 23, 2021.

If you have any questions please contact Lysa Burton (<u>rlrsburton@verizon.net</u> or 484-9955-5165).

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

S & T

It's such a blessing knowing you all keep us in mind and want to hear how things are here. Things have not progressed much with Covid-19 here. We're back in a lockdown similar to what we experienced one year ago. Things are much worse than they were then. This has been our norm here, but it's fatiguing, and we wish it would end. We are only allowed to leave the apartment for food or other essential needs. Despite that, we see the Father doing some really exciting things here. We launch the workshops we've been preparing for multi-cultural community building in this context. We started with an online conference in June. We have more opportunities coming. We also got our vaccines! Homeschooling is going well. With the lockdowns, there is a real need for emotional and mental health. Pray for the capacity to handle the many mentally heavy things we need to do. These include leadership programs, grad school, and continuing to refine our workshops. Pray for more interest from local believers. Pray for D&J, who have joined our team but won't be able to come now. The border is closed. Pray, we are sensitive to needs and start the needed conversations with as many as possible. This could significantly help bridge the gap between believers and unbelievers here and open up many doors for the good news.

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 July is Psalm 113:3 "From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!"

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

If you are visiting Aldan Union Church for the first time today or you would like to receive our weekly church email correspondence, please fill out the Welcome Card on the table by the entrances and place it in an offering box. We would like to acknowledge your visit. If you have items you would like to place on the churchwide prayer list, you can either fill out a Prayer Request card and place it in an offering box or call the church office at 610-259-8010.

COFFEE TIME

We will be offering coffee in the back parking lot after the morning Worship Service. Come enjoy a cup and a bit of fellowship before you leave. And don't forget that our Coffee Time doesn't work without volunteers! We need you, especially as we consider returning to a normal Sunday schedule in September and restarting our Connect Time. If you are willing to serve your church family in this way, please contact John Sykes at <u>sykfam1@yahoo.com</u>

XTREME XPLORERS

XX is a ministry of AUC aimed at reaching boys 1st through 6th grades. We meet on Monday nights, at the same time as Explorer Girls and offer a high energy, Bible based program geared toward building, encouraging, mentoring, and equipping boys for Christ.

Men of Aldan, Xtreme Xplorers needs you to help mentor and equip the future leaders of the church family. This is a desperate need so as God stirs your heart for Xtreme Xplorers, please contact Bruce McCollum (bdm151121@gmail.com) or the church office (office@auc.org) to see where you can be plugged in to this exciting program.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed July 19-23. Any items that you need from the office should be requested by July 15th, or wait until July 26th.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE INFORMATION SESSION | TODAY

Many people assume that to teach ESL, you need to know the language that the students know. This is absolutely not the case! You just need to know English! If you have a heart for those who are trying to learn English and are looking for a tremendous outreach opportunity, please come to an information session in the chapel immediately after the church service on 7/11. Bring any questions you may have and stay as short or long as you wish. We will try to keep it brief so you can still get to Bible School. If you're even remotely thinking about helping, come to the information session! There are many different ways to help out. We can also help you decide which position might be right for you!

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASS | AUGUST 20-21

For anyone who wants to teach or assist in teaching an ESL group, come to the info session and also sign up for the training class our church will be hosting <u>Friday</u>, <u>August 20 (6:00 pm to 9:30 pm)</u> and all day Saturday (8:45 am to 5:30 pm) that will teach us how to teach ESL. The training will be given by Mission North America and those completing the class will be receiving a certificate. Not all positions need to take the training, but we would like all teachers and assistants to take the training. The class will be open to other churches in the area, so please sign up quickly to ensure your spot. There is a fee for the class: \$45 per person or \$75 per couple/family (fees cover food/snacks/drinks and class materials). If the cost is preventing you from signing up for the class, please let Molly know, as scholarships are definitely available. We are using textbooks that make teaching really easy. It's always a lot of fun interacting with these students and it can have an impact for eternity! Contact Molly Olshefsky <u>molshefsky@gmail.com</u> to register for the class.

COVID-19 UPDATE

At this time, during Sunday mornings in our Sanctuary, there are no seating restrictions and masks are optional. Please note that the service will continue to be livestreamed in the Gym, where masks are required. The Fellowship Hall will also remain as a livestream option for families. Please respect the mask requirement in the Gym and Fellowship Hall for the sake of our members who have immune deficiencies or other concerns.

SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP | OCTOBER 9TH

Women's Ministry and the Body Life Committee will be taking a trip to Sight and Sound to see **Esther**, on October 9th! This trip is open to *all of our church family*. Thirty tickets are available that must be confirmed by September 9th. We will be using the church vehicles for transportation. We plan to have lunch at Hersey Farms prior to the 3 pm show. Cost of the tickets for the play, including lunch and transportation is \$110.00. To reserve a spot or if you have any questions please contact Loretta Stott (610-996-6089) or Ed Lochmoeller (610-256-9060).

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Our teacher for July is Walt Huddell. Coffee is provided.

MAN UP | 9:00 AM-11:00 AM | CHAPEL

Man Up is a group of men that meet each Saturday morning to discuss various subjects relating to sermons, book studies, videos etc. This month we are starting a study in the book of Romans. Coffee and donuts supplied.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Ministry has been trying to locate a few tablecloths that are unaccounted for. If you have used them for different functions in the past and have taken them home, or if you are a volunteer that has helped to wash and hang them, please check to see if you have stored them away in your closet until we were able to get back into Fellowship Hall. We appreciate all that have helped to maintain the cloths for future events. Please let Irene Zahner (610-909 -3636) know if you have located any, she is willing to come to your home to pick them up. Thanks so much for your help!

STUDENT MINISTRY

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY | 7PM | PROVIDENCE PARK

Join us most Monday nights at 7pm in the park as we learn about World Religions. We will begin meeting June 14th.

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF :: John Lancello-Loving Dad and Pop **REMEMBERED BY ::** Carolyn Davis and Family.