

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

### STEWARDSHIP

Twenty million pilgrims will make the journey this year to the Magic Kingdom and spend thousands of dollars to vacation in “the happiest place on earth”. Christians should not be afraid to enjoy rest and relaxation and celebrate God’s goodness, to take a break from labor and delight in the beauty of God’s creation, and to strengthen relationships by spending time together. God who “richly provides us with everything to enjoy” (1 Timothy 6:17) also commanded the people of Israel to participate in annual feasts and festivals because they needed a break from physical labor and they needed time to rejoice in His provision and worship Him. Vacation can be that time for Christians; a much needed rest from work, a time to make special memories, and a special time to celebrate the goodness of our God, especially if we are wise stewards of our affections and resources. When we head out for vacation this summer, don’t seek first the Magic Kingdom, but seek first the Kingdom of God and don’t take your tithe on vacation...it’s needed here at home!

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

### JONATAN AND SHANTAL ODICIO

We are happy to be here in the USA finally. We plan to visit churches, friends, and family until September 10. We continue to do online Sunday School for children. Before Easter, we did a Bible study on the last weeks of Jesus, and we are now going through Acts. We are doing online Bible Clubs via Zoom. We do two meetings every Saturday, and we have between 400 and 500 children who connect with us each week. This has given us opportunities to work hand in hand with nearly 40 churches around Peru. God has opened so many doors. We pray we will be able to do face-to-face ministry soon. We have also been able to open our Bible and Ministry Training Center. We have seven students learning the Bible and all about Children’s Ministries. Some plan to join BCM. Others want to return to their churches for children’s ministries. The Odicio family has not been together in a long time. We are looking forward to this time with the Odicio family. Pray our children will be able to connect to their online classes and doing school. Pray for wisdom as we minister. Pray for safe travels and fruitful visits. We are grateful for your lives, your prayers, support, and love towards our family. *You may send a word of encouragement to [jonatanodicio@gmail.com](mailto:jonatanodicio@gmail.com) or [shartieda@gmail.com](mailto:shartieda@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 August is Psalm 86:5 “For you O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.”

### 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.

### KIDS WORSHIP

Parents should note that nursery and Beginners Churchtime/Wee Worship/Kids Worship for children from infants to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are available during the Worship Service this morning.

### 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 [sykfam1@yahoo.com](mailto:sykfam1@yahoo.com)

### PLANT GROW BLOOM BIBLE STUDY

Ladies between the ages of 21-39 are invited to join us for our Kick Off Get Together on Sunday, Aug 15th in the Park at 5:30. This will be a time to get acquainted with each other, plan our schedule, and discuss what we will be studying. Even if you are just “thinking” about it, please join us for more information. Feel free to bring a sandwich or snack, drinks will be provided. We are excited to start this new community and study the Word together! Questions or comments, contact Debbie Pruette 610-812-0418 [mdpruette@gmail.com](mailto:mdpruette@gmail.com)

### NURSERY MINISTRY

With the return of many ministries in the fall, we are in need of more willing adults and teens to help serve our families who have young children. If you're willing to care for our infants and toddlers up to age 3 on Sunday mornings or during occasional special events, please contact Brittini Nelson at [brittijnelson@gmail.com](mailto:brittijnelson@gmail.com) or 717-818-9837.

## **WANTED: ESL SNACK COORDINATOR**

Job responsibilities: Find many people to volunteer to bring a snack to class, provide Molly Olshesky with a list and a contact numbers, create a schedule and reminders, provide guidance on what to provide and what not to provide, and guide them in their clean-up responsibilities.

This position is mostly organizational and done completely from the comfort of your home. Our goal is to bring as many people as possible in to meet the students and share a few minutes of conversation with them. The snack will be the first thing each night of class and serve as an ice-breaker as well as nourishment for those coming directly from work. Something like cheese and crackers with some fruit would be ideal. This would also allow for others who are running late to have something to enjoy. We do anticipate that some of the tuition money will help cover costs for the food, so that should eliminate that concern for volunteers.

## **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).

## **XTREME XPLOERS**

XX is a ministry of AUC aimed at reaching boys 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **MEN'S MINISTRY**

### **MAN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY | 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM | CHAPEL**

Our teacher for this week is Bill Davis. 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**

### **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, help is needed to clean the 15 E. missionary apartment so it is ready for the Sandahl family's arrival. We will start at 10 am. If you are available to give one hour of your day to help, please contact Nancy Hill at [nancyhill178@gmail.com](mailto:nancyhill178@gmail.com) or 610-574-9075.

## **LIFE GROUPS**

Life Groups are committed to help women grow in their faith, grow in meaningful relationships with one another and grow in loving service toward the AUC family, its missionaries, and the Aldan community. There are 6 Life Groups which meet the second Tuesday or Wednesday of each month from September through June. Two groups meet Tuesday morning here at church, three groups meet Tuesday evenings in various locations and one group meets Wednesday evening here at church. We invite you to sign-up at our table across from the nursery today after the service!

## **ARE YOU PUZZLED? DO YOU LIKE PUZZLES?**

AUC is starting a puzzle exchange. In the lounge there are puzzles if you would like to take or exchange a puzzle, put it together, and then return and pick another puzzle. No need to sign anything out or let anyone know. Any questions call Christine Armentario @ 610-622-2049.

## **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.

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**FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF ::** Faith Esther- Daughter

**REMEMBERED BY ::** Charlie & Caroline Meister

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