

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

PASTOR'S CORNER

The school year is restarting at last, and so are all of the programs here at AUC... and from ESL to Xtreme Xplorers, we need you! There are several spiritual exercises that we see the early church practicing; exercises that, in part, caused them to prosper (of course God was mightily at work!). We find these in Acts 2 where they were devoted to prayer, to study of God's word, and to fellowship. And if we look carefully we can see that they were also devoted to serving one another, taking care of one another and providing for each other's needs as they also reached out to their community. I pray that AUC would be like that! Let's each be sure that we are finding a way to serve our church family. Consider and pray over a ministry that has volunteer needs and seek out how you might become involved in helping others grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Some ministries you might think about are: AUC Choir and Worship Ministries, EG's, ESL, Grief Share, Sunday Morning Nursery, Small Groups, Xtreme Xplorers, Student Ministries or Kids' Ministries. These programs won't work without all of us finding ways to join our gifts and time together in order to share Jesus and encourage the Body, and as you do, may the Lord bless you and energize you to accomplish more than you thought you could for His greatest glory!

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

WARREN AND BARBARA DAY

Please continue to pray that the Lord would provide food to meet the needs of inner-city Minneapolis. Pray for us to be able to share with those who come to the food pantry. We would also appreciate prayer for our neighbors here in our circle. We want them to know Jesus. We do have a few who are Christians, and that is so wonderful. Pray for the Lord to provide more opportunities to witness to them. Please pray for our next-door neighbor. His wife just died recently, and he needs Jesus. Pray for God to comfort him. I (Barbara) am organizing a get-together for National Night Out. Please pray that I will be a testimony to everyone as I work with them. Warren has balance issues, and we would appreciate your prayers for him. His physical therapy is helping. We are so thankful for you and your many years of faithful prayers and support. *You may send a word of encouragement to Warren and Barbara at warren.day@aimint.org.*

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



AUGUST SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: John 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

KID'S MINISTRY

We have a variety of family friendly events happening this August, join us if you have kids from Kindergarten to fifth grade! **After in the Park will be TONIGHT** following our evening service in Providence Park. This is open to families with children in both Kid's and/or Student ministry.

XTREME XPLORERS

Xtreme Xplorers is entering its ninth year of operation and is continuing to grow. With our projected growth the need for additional men is critical for Xtreme Xplorers to provide the boys with the best, fun, most educational and spiritually challenging experience possible. We Need You! Please contact the AUC Office or Bruce McCollum directly (bdm151121@gmail.com).

WOMANWISE

Womanwise is starting up again in September. Any woman who like to join us is welcome! We are continuing our study in Exodus, *The God of Freedom* by Jen Wilkin. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings of each month from 9:30-11:30AM. We will be starting on **September 7**, and we would love to have you join us! If you are interested in coming out or have questions contact Lysa Burton (484-995-5165 or rlrsburton@verizon.net).

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK | SEPTEMBER 16 | 6PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come out for the All Church Potluck at AUC! Sign up in Church center and let us know whether you will bring a main dish, side /salad, or dessert, and how many adults/kids in your group. We have some fun things planned. RSVP by September 10. Any questions please contact Sandy Crawford (sjcrawford317@protonmail.com).

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.

NEW SMALL GROUP

This fall, a new small group will start for families with young kids at the home of TJ and Kristen Urglavitch, who live in Secane. Group discussion will be very informal but will focus on a new chapter each month from the book "A Practical Guide to Culture" by John Stonestreet & Brett Kunkle (\$9.50 on Amazon). The group will meet every 3rd Saturday from 6:30-8:00PM starting October 21. In addition to the regular meetings, the group will utilize a group messenger app to communicate between meetings, share prayer requests, and offer encouragement. Bring your kids, be prepared to talk about raising them in our current cultural climate (as it pertains to the book), and bring a snack to share! If you are interested in joining or need more information, please get in touch with TJ Urglavitch (psu12@yahoo.com).

STUDENT & FAMILY MINISTRY PASTOR SEARCH

The Search Committee and CE Committee have been working diligently to fill this position. After two rounds of collecting resumes and interviews we are unfortunately back to the beginning. Though there were some technical obstacles to overcome we have reposted the position with some refined nomenclature (eg. changing the title to simply "Student Ministries Pastor") and we have already received two applicants. Let's earnestly and boldly before our Almighty God about our needs as a church family and for this position to be filled.

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry will NOT be open in August. We need time to replenish our supply. We are in need of the following items: full-sized toothpaste, shampoo, bars of soap, laundry detergent, dish detergent, deodorants, toilet tissue and paper towels. Also, shelf-stable milk, cake mixes, frostings and peanut butter.

Thank you for your donations and for making the food pantry a success!

DEDICATION OF CHILDREN

If you would like to have your child dedicated during the 9:30AM service on October 8, please call or email the church office and let us know.

KIDS CHOIR & BELLS | SEPTEMBER 10

Children in grades 1st - 5th are invited to join the Joyful Noise Choir and the Hosanna Bells/Chimes! We meet every Sunday afternoon following Bible School in the music room and will perform during several Sunday services as well as during special services. Choir practice is at 12:30PM and bells/chimes are at 1:00PM. We begin our first practice on September 10. We hope to see you there! Also for those in middle & high school we are looking to restart Bronze Bells, if interested contact Karen Hanna (zoey3280@yahoo.com).

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Our teacher for this week is Pastor Perry Messick. Coffee is provided.

MAN UP | SATURDAYS | 9-11AM | CHAPEL

Man Up is a group of men that meet each Saturday morning to discuss various subjects relating to sermons, book studies, videos, etc.

HARVEY CEDAR BIBLE CONFERENCE | SEPTEMBER 22-24

Men's Ministry is planning to attend this year's conference at Harvey Cedars. The topic this year is *Majesty of God*. Cost is \$235 which covers meals and lodging, cost for attending only Saturday will be \$80. Any questions please contact John Sykes (610-453-6828).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL CONFERENCE | SEPTEMBER 30 | SANCTUARY

All women are invited to join us for this year's conference, *Courageous and Contagious Christian Women*: Finding the courage in today's uncertain world to stand strong in your faith and pass it on to others. Our speaker will be Karen Knight, an inspirational speaker, actress and author who will present three sessions on Courageous women of the Bible. She will deliver her last session as a musical drama portraying Mrs. Noah. Cost is \$20 which includes lunch. Registrations and payments may be done online <https://auc.churchcenter.com/registrations> and must be received by September 24. If you need further information, contact Loretta Stott (610-996-6089) or Pennie Lochmoeller (610-259-1896).