

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

MEMBERSHIP

There's a difference between having an acquaintance or a family member over for dinner. Your time with the family member is typically much more intimate and interactive in regards to your personal life and daily activities. While the time with an acquaintance is more formal and less personal.

I think that illustration often parallels the difference between an AUC **member** and an AUC **attender**. The church member is typically more intimately involved with the workings, ministries, and direction of the church family. While the attender enjoys their visit; they can easily leave without a commitment to or care for the wellbeing of the AUC body as a whole.

Perhaps you've considered becoming more a part of the AUC church family by becoming a member. **We are offering a one-day membership class on Saturday Oct. 22.** We will be meeting from **9:00AM to 3:00PM.** Lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact Pastor Ed during connection time or call him at 610-256-9060.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

BRIAN AND SANDY ROBINSON

Thanks for your faithful prayers and financial support over so many years. Brian rejoices in all God did during six weeks of Handi*Camp as he served as a Counselor and Assistant Director. Fall is the start of a new program year for all of us in H*VMI and Sandy in her role as Director of Disability Ministries at Calvary Church. Pray for her as she continues to recruit buddies and other volunteers - the number of participants with disabilities is growing. She and her assistant are BUSY, getting people to fill each need. Brian continues his Office Manager responsibilities and looks forward to helping in one of the monthly Bible Clubs starting in October. Pray for good results from a medication change we are beginning for daughter Kisha. Pray for wisdom for daughter Jessie as she is searching to purchase her first house (crazy market!). We have two special ministry events coming in September: Tuesday, 13 - Annual Golf Outing (looking forward to guys from AUC Men's Ministry joining us as they've done so faithfully). Wednesday, 14 - a special day to collectively "Pray...Praise...Ask" for our Ministry Center Project (see our upcoming Spotlight newsletter or visit our website for details). Pray as we wait on the final steps to be able to break ground this fall.

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



SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Psalm 86:10 "You are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. "

CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN THIS MONTH

No auditions or previous musical experience are necessary to join the choir. Anyone middle school age or older is invited! Our Christmas choir meets Thursdays at 7:30PM starting September 29, with a special rehearsal from 9:30AM to noon on October 1 (refreshments included). Our Sunday choir, which leads singing in many of our weekly worship services, has rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30PM. Contact Pastor Michael with any questions.

SMALL GROUPS

Sign up to join a small group today at the table in the gym or through the church center app. Try several groups and see which one fits you best. If you are not sure which group to sign up for, Joe & Nancy Nath would love to have you join their group.

KIDS CHOIR & BELLS | TODAY

Children grades 1st - 5th are invited to join the Joyful Noise Choir and the Hosanna Bells/ Chimes! We meet every Sunday night starting at 5pm in the music room and will perform during several Sunday services as well as during special services. Choir practice is at 5PM and bells/ chimes are at 5:30PM. We begin our first practice on September 11. We hope to see you there!

AUC KIDS GAME NIGHT | SEPTEMBER 23 | 7PM | GYM

Kids, some of your favorite games will be brought to life size! So bring your families & have some fun friendly competition. For kids ages PreK to 5th grade.

PERSONAL MONEY AND FINANCE CLASS | BIBLE SCHOOL

There will be a Biblically based adult class beginning 9/25 on Budgeting, Tithing, Getting out of debt, and more. Phil Giambri will be our lead teacher, supported by a panel that will provide insights, tools, a proven framework, and some personal assistance will be offered to help you implement. This class will be downstairs in Fellowship Hall in the sections closest to the kitchen, 11AM to 12PM, on Sundays 9/25, 10/2, and 10/9.

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.

ANSWERS IN GENESIS CONFERENCE | MARCH 30-APRIL 1

The annual Answers for Women conference will be March 30-April 1, 2023, titled "Abide", in Williamstown, KY at the Ark Encounter. The conference will focus on abiding in Christ and holding fast to the anchor of our souls through suffering and persecution. With an early bird group discount, the registration would be \$100 per person, and the early discount deadline is 9/30! More information is at AnswersforWomen.org, and if you have any questions or are interested in joining our group, please let Ashley Detwiler know (ashedetwiler@gmail.com). Transportation from AUC may be available, and some financial assistance is available from AUC Womens Ministry.

AUC STUDENTS FALL RETREAT | OCTOBER 7-9

We're going back to High Point Camp for a weekend of Bible study, fun activities, good food, late night, and a bonfire. It'll be a great time to hang out with one another, and focus on Jesus! Early registration is now through September 10. After that the price goes up. There is also a sibling discount, and scholarships are available. The cost includes sleeping arrangements, main meals, activities, retreat materials, and a t-shirt.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES will be available starting in October. If you are interested in using envelopes and do not have them, please contact the church office (office@auc.org) by October 31.

PUZZLES....PUZZLES!!!

In the lounge there are many puzzles to choose from. Take a puzzle or two do them and then return them so others can enjoy them too. If you have puzzles you want to donate just bring them to the lounge. This ministry is for EVERYONE!!! Enjoy puzzling. Any questions call Christine Armentario @ 610-622-2049.

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Our teacher for this week is Tony Rizzo. 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.

HVMI GOLF OUTING | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

AUC Men's Ministry will again be supporting HVMI by attending the HVMI Charity Golf Outing at Tanglewood Manor Golf Club. We will be leaving the church at 10AM and returning by about 8PM. Cost for golf and dinner is \$140. Please contact Bill Pennington at wkp3iii@yahoo.com or John Sykes at sykfam1@yahoo.com to sign up.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE | SEPTEMBER 24 | 8:45-1:30PM

All women are invited to join us for this year's conference, *Come to the Well*. Our speaker will be Laura Sommons, Women's Ministry Coordinator at Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church in Bethlehem and founder of Lavishly Loved Ministry. Her desire is that women know Jesus as their personal savior, that His grace is greater than all our sin, and that His love for us is for a thousand generations. We hope you will join us and have His living water poured into your life. Cost of the conference is \$10 and includes lunch. You can register at the Women's Ministry table or online. **Please register by September 18.** Contact Loretta Stott (stott1@comcast.net) or Pennie Lochmoeller (penniemail@verizon.net) with any questions.

WOMANWISE

We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 9:30-11:30AM. Our first meeting is September 15. This year we are going to be doing a DVD study of Exodus entitled God of Deliverance by Jen Wilken. We are meeting in person this year and also have childcare for children up to preschool age. We would **LOVE** to have you join us as we study and grow together! If you have any questions, please contact Lysa Burton at rlrsturton@verizon.net or 484-955-5165.

MOMS IN PRAYER

This prayer group is designed for moms, grandmoms, aunts, or anyone who wants to pray for our children and what they are dealing with today. We meet the 2nd and 4th Monday nights from 7-8:30PM. Our first meeting is September 19 in the Chapel. We would **LOVE** to have you join us and pray with us! Contact Lysa Burton (see above for contact information) with any questions.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups are committed to help women grow in their faith, grow in meaningful relationships with one another through fellowship and prayer, and grow in loving service toward the AUC family, its missionaries, and the Aldan community. There are six *Life Groups* which meet the second Tuesday or Wednesday of each month from September through June. We invite you to sign-up either on-line or at the Welcome Center in the gym during Connect time.

PLANT.GROW.BLOOM

Ladies in their 20's and 30's are welcome to join us Sunday evenings for Bible study, application and fellowship. We begin meeting September 25, 5:15PM in the first floor of the Manse. Questions, contact Debbie Pruette

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY | 9:45-11:00AM | CHAPEL

We will begin meeting September 19 in the Chapel for light refreshments and begin Bible study in the large conference room at 10AM. We will continue looking at *Life on the Highest Plane* by Ruth Paxson. All women are welcome. Any questions call Nancy Armentario (610) 622-2049.