

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. 21.** We will be meeting from **9:00AM to 2:00PM.** Lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact Pastor Ed during connection time or call him at 610-256-9060. Registration for the class is available online.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

STACEY EVERLINE

The North America Conference for BCM has finished, and what a great time we had! There was a new excitement among the 78 people who attended, partly due to our new President, Rick Rhoads, having time to convey his vision for BCM going forward. Seeing so many people there was great, especially their excitement! Bible Adventure will be starting again in October. Our teacher let us know at the end of the last school year that he would not be teaching this year. This school year, three of us will be sharing the teaching. Please pray for us that we will each have good times of preparation and that we will communicate clearly. And most importantly, pray that many children will come to know the Lord! Thank you for standing with me in prayer and financial giving. *You may send a note of encouragement to Stacey at severline@bcmintl.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.



SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Romans 1:16a "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes."

STUDENT MINISTRY PASTOR SEARCH

We have sent out multiple applications and have received three back. They have each had their initial interview and the results will be passed onto the Search Committee this week. Please pray!

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry will remain closed in September due to low stock. Please consider donating food & hygiene items so we can reopen in October. Thank you.

HELP NEEDED

Homeschool Meetup group is now 15 families - Praise the Lord! Due to the number of kids attending, there is a need for 2 adult volunteers to play with the 2-4 yr. olds while the older kids are in the gym. The group meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 12-1:30PM. If you are able to assist, please contact Sarah Graham. (sarahgraham7474@gmail.com)

JOYFUL STITCHERS

Do you knit or crochet? Join us this Tuesday 9/26 at 2:00PM. We will meet in the Large Conference Room. We work with an emphasis on charitable donations. Bring your project, start a new one, or learn to crochet. If questions contact Bonnie Sharp, 610-724-7431.

FALL BIBLE CONFERENCE | NOVEMBER 3-5

Our conference speaker, Dr. Andrew Snelling, will present several sessions throughout the weekend related to Scripture, fossils, rocks, and the flood. For a detailed schedule and to register, please visit auc.org/fallbibleconference. Registration is required for Friday's dinner, Saturday's lunch, and the Saturday morning kids' program.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR

We're looking to start a new choir for middle school students! The choir would sing at a few special Christmas services and potentially other times during the year. No previous singing experience is needed. Contact Pastor Michael if interested.

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.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Paul writes in Romans 13:1 "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." God explicitly expresses an obligation to our government that is derived from His authority. As Americans, we are allowed the unique opportunity to influence our laws. For Christians, this means we must bring our biblical worldview to the public square. If you are 18 and older and are not a registered voter, there will be a Voter Registration table during Connection Time where you can pick up/fill out an application. This will be available the following Sundays: September 24, and October 1, 8, and 15. The deadline for registering is October 23 for voting in the November election.

CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN THIS MONTH

Our Christmas choir meets Thursdays at 7:30PM, and our Sunday choir, which leads singing in many of our weekly worship services meets afterward. Contact Pastor Michael with any questions.

GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY | 1ST & 3RD SATURDAYS | 1-3PM | CHAPEL

Our GriefShare Ministry provides grief recovery support to anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one. The program consists of fourteen sessions. We are here to listen to how you are dealing with your loss and to provide prayer and support. We will show a video, going with the workbook and group discussion. The workbook is \$20.00 and can be purchased through the GriefShare website or from us. Scholarships are available. Please register at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/170035>. Feel free to bring someone with you who is also suffering. Contact a Group Leader at griefshare@auc.org or call 610-259-8010 for more information.

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've gotten off to a great start and will continue our study in the book of Proverbs this Wednesday!

AUC STUDENTS FALL RETREAT | OCTOBER 6-7

We're going back to High Point Camp for a weekend of Bible study, fun activities, good food. It'll be a great time to hang out with one another, and focus on Jesus! The cost includes sleeping arrangements, main meals, activities, retreat materials, and a t-shirt. Register online by 9/26!

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.

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>. If you need further information, contact Loretta Stott (610-996-6089) or Pennie Lochmoeller (610-259-1896). **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION.**

MINNESOTA SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Warren and Barbara Day serve at a food shelf where it is very cold and many of the people who come need warm gloves, hats, etc. If you would like to donate, please place warm hats, scarves, and gloves/mittens in the bin by the Women's Ministries table across from the Nursery. Donations will be received through November 26.

LOVE PACKAGES

Do you have new or used devotionals, Bibles, adult or children non-fiction Christian books, Christian magazines, Sunday School materials, reference materials, dvds, cds, tracts, puppets, etc.? Love Packages is a Christian organization that collects these materials and sends them overseas to be used to help teach the Gospel and/or disciple a believer. If you have anything that you would like to donate, please bring them to the bin at the Women's Ministry table across from the Nursery. These will be periodically mailed throughout the year. For more information go to www.LovePackages.org

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

Women's Ministry will once again be collecting items for Christmas Gift bags for our sick and those unable to join us in person. A list of suggested items is available at the Women's Ministry table. Please place items in the bin at the table now through 10/29.

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF :: Al & Doris Irwin, Parents
REMEMBERED BY :: Elaine Irwin

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF :: Matthew & Christopher, our sons
REMEMBERED BY :: David & Barbara Gingrich
