

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

STEWARDSHIP

A country preacher tells a story that illustrates the conflict that arises between God's ownership and man's stewardship. In the story, a farmer tells his wife the good news that one of their cows has had twin calves. In his exuberance he announced that they will dedicate one of the calves to the Lord. They will raise the two together, and when the time comes to sell them, the proceeds from one of the calves will be given to the Lord's work. A few months later, the farmer entered the kitchen looking miserable. When his wife asked what was troubling him he responded, "I have bad news to tell you. The Lord's calf is dead." Trying to comfort her husband the wife said, "It's not your fault, dear, it must have been the Lord's will!" When we worry about finances, the first thing we economize on is God's portion of our money. It's always the Lord's calf that dies!

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

JAIME AND MONICA ALMEIDA

"Thanks for all your prayers. In July, we started to record the Old Testament for the Cuzco Quechua. Pastor Mariano and Pastor Roberto are recording Monday to Friday. Praise God, their health is good. Pray for these pastors and their families. We need one more voice, but because of the COVID, Cuzco is closed. Pray for Pastor Isaias Cuchillo to join us when national flights open. We think we will need 2 or 3 more months of recording. Pray for the \$18,000 to cover all the costs. It is a big challenge, but because of this pandemic, we realized that people are hungry and need to hear the Gospel in their language. Our next recording will be for the Ayacucho Quechua language. We have received a request from the Bible Society in Spain to record the NT. Pray for God to open doors for flights, provision, and safety for our team. We know if this is what God wants, He will provide. Family: Antonia is growing fast, and she is a gift from the Lord to us. Thank you for praying for Monica when her grand mom went home to be with the Lord. Pray for Monica's health. She has problems with her right hand, and her right leg. She can only take small steps. Because of COVID, she can't go to therapy. We aren't sure if this is Parkinson's related. Pray for a good neurologist to help and get her needed therapy. Thank you for your support." *You may send a word of encouragement to Jaime and Monica at Jaime_almeida@ilmav.org.*

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 October is John 16:33 "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Today we pause to express our appreciation to our pastors. This year, in many ways, they have all had to re-create how they serve the Lord and us in a world where personal interaction is discouraged. We thank each of them for meeting that challenge and for finding ways to pastor us well.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES RESTART UPDATE:

- Please remember that children are always welcome in the Worship Service every week. Fellowship Hall has been designated for family use, so parents can feel free to take their children and go down and watch the livestream there if they are concerned that their children will get too restless during the Service.
- This month we will be restarting some of our children's ministries on a limited basis. Nursery and Beginners Churchtime/Wee Worship/Kids Worship for children from infants to 5th grade will resume during the morning Worship Service on October 18th, and then be offered during the Service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month in the months that follow. Please note that we will only offer nursery during the morning Worship Service on these Sundays.
- Bible School (with nursery) for children from infants through high school will resume today and on October 25th from 10:45 - 11:30 AM after the morning Service. This will be offered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each following month. Though our regular Adult Bible School classes will continue to meet by Zoom and not meet onsite, we will offer a class in the Gym for all adults who are onsite while the children are in Bible School. Contact Pastor Kevin if you have any questions (kevin.brock@auc.org).

WEDNESDAY PRAYER TIME

The first Wednesday of the month is a time of corporate prayer led by Pastor Joe. On the other Wednesdays the church will be open to any small prayer groups that would like to meet for prayer from 7- 8 PM. They do need to contact Pastor Kevin (kevin.brock@auc.org) to be assigned a room. Please note that groups will still need to follow our mask and social distancing guidelines.

DISABILITY CONFERENCE

For anyone who may be interested, Joni and Friends is offering a virtual international disability ministry conference to bring together disability leaders, ministers, and educators from around the world to share experiences and to teach how to practically and effectively promote disability ministry in the Christian community. The dates are Oct. 14-17. The cost is \$69.00. The link to register is: <https://www.joniandfriends.org/?s=Global+access+conference&submit=Search>

PENNIES FOR PERU

Just a reminder that we are still collecting pennies, coins, bills, etc for Pennies for Peru. The container is located in the Narthex. You can also drop off the pennies in the church office. Thank you!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Even though the impact of COVID-19 is still on going, OCC is happening in 2020! We invite you to pick up boxes, packing instructions, and other info about OCC at one of two locations here at AUC. On Sundays, we'll have a table set up in the hallway across from the nursery. On weekdays, you can come by the office during normal operating hours, and we'll have the same info there. This year's shoebox deadline is Sunday, November 15th. If you have questions, contact Pastor Mike (mike.motta@auc.org).

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Our teacher for October is Dan King. Coffee is provided.

BLANKET & SOCK DRIVE

Winter is approaching and expected to be quite cold this year! IMPACT Men's Ministry is hosting a blanket and socks drive for those in need. Beginning October 18th through November 15th a large box will be placed across from Nursery. We are looking for new blankets and socks (athletic and dress socks). Socks should be for men, women, and children. Last year's coat drive was a huge success thanks to your generosity.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

FALL GATHERING | "HE'S BEEN FAITHFUL TO ME" | OCTOBER 20TH | 7:00PM

Our speaker will be Susan Winterode. Join us in the Sanctuary or watch the LiveStream.

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

Women are welcome to join us each Wednesday from 9:45 AM -11:00 AM. We meet in the Chapel due to COVID-19, and masks are required. No refreshments will be provided. Any questions call Nancy Armentario at 610-622-2049.

MOMS IN PRAYER

Moms in Prayer meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights each month on Zoom from 7- 8:30 PM. Any mom, grand mom, aunt, etc. we would love to have you join us. Please contact Lysa Burton at rlrsburton@verizon.net or 484-995-5165 and let her know you will be joining.

MOTHERWISE

Moms of all ages and stages are welcome to join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings each month on ZOOM from 9:30 - 11:30 AM. We are studying Priscilla Shirer's *Armor of God*. Please contact Lysa Burton and let her know you will be joining (rlrsburton@verizon.net or 484-995-5165).

SIDE BY SIDE

This mentoring ministry is based on Titus 2:3-5 where a spiritually mature woman comes alongside a younger Christian woman in a six-month mentoring and/or discipleship relationship, starting November 15. You are encouraged to meet together once a month and stay in touch weekly. If interested, please fill out a profile sheet at the Women's Ministry table across from the nursery throughout the month of October, and place it in the box provided. Another option is to download the information and profile sheet at auc.org under Women's Ministry and mail it to Dawn Kiker, 55 N. Brookside Rd., Springfield, PA 19064. You may request to be matched or choose someone on your own. This ministry is for all women (college age and up) who regularly attend AUC. Mentors need to be church members. If you have any questions, contact Dawn Kiker (dawnk55@verizon.net or 610-543-0454).

STUDENT MINISTRY

HANG TIME | WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 – 8:00 PM

The student floor is open on most Wednesday nights for an informal time to do homework, hang out, pray, talk, etc. Please follow AUC's current indoor guidelines during this time. Contact Pastor Mike if you have questions (mike.motta@auc.org).