

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

### ANGEL TREE

Angel Tree has been struggling to respond to the pandemic and various restrictions in place around the country. Some churches have dropped out of the program due to the pandemic. We at AUC were committed to serve 70 children of prisoners with a gift and a message of love and hope in Jesus Christ. We decided that we needed to honor that commitment and continue this outreach, so will be participating in the Angel Tree Outreach Ministry virtually this year. We chose the virtual option over the traditional method of outreach due to safety concerns for our congregation and participating families and the likely reluctance of people letting strangers into their homes and limited availability to share with the families involved. Families reached will get a gift card for the kids, a "Book of Hope" with a strong Gospel message, and an opportunity to receive a free Bible. Lord willing we are planning to invite all the families involved to gather at the church after Christmas for a time to share God's love as restrictions permit, as well as reaching out to the prisoners letting them know that we have shared a gift of love to their kids in Christ's name. Watch for further information to come!

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

### RUTH DOUGHERTY

"September 24th -28th was our team retreat. Please pray as we serve the people on Lesvos island in a more tangible way. We're able to meet with small groups of Persian refugees here in Athens, at tea house days, men's and women's days, and beach days - really enjoyed by some! I volunteer to watch the babies and bags (in that order), since I'm not a water person. Over the next 6 weeks we want ongoing involvement with ladies who have suffered unbelievable abuse they can't speak about so as to maintain "family honor", helping them process their trauma, cope with their symptoms, and find relief from their mental pain and suffering. Ultimately, we know their only hope is found in Christ, and we want to use every opportunity to point them in this direction. Please pray I'll know what my part should be. My heartfelt thanks to you for sharing our burdens and bringing them to God on our behalf! May He also *"take the load from your shoulders"* as you face great challenges these days." *You can send a word of encouragement to Ruth at DoughertyRM@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 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."

### BIBLE SCHOOL THIS MORNING:

Bible School (with nursery) for children from infants through high school will be offered today from 10:45 - 11:30 AM after the morning Service and then on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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).

### ALDANCARE

The need to reach out to our church family and community has never been more important than this year. To meet the needs for the upcoming Holiday season, the AldanCare Food Pantry needs the following food items: canned fruit, canned vegetables, soup, muffin mix, cake mix, icing, gravy, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, canned potatoes, and jelly. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY

The GriefShare Ministry provides grief recovery support to anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one. The program consists of 13 sessions. GriefShare meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month at 1 PM via Zoom and free Conference Calling. You are welcome to begin attending our group at any point. Register online at [www.griefshare.org/groups/124033](http://www.griefshare.org/groups/124033) or contact a Group Leader at [griefshare@auc.org](mailto:griefshare@auc.org) or 610-259-8010.

### COMMUNION ON NOVEMBER 1ST

Next Sunday, November 1st, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper in our morning Worship Service. If you will not be attending in person that day but would like to partake with us when you watch the livestream, please come to the church parking lot to pick up a pre-packaged wafer and cup this Saturday, October 31st, any time from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

## 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.

## 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 ongoing, 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 week-days, 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. From now until through November 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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).

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### 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 rlrburton@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 (rlrburton@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).

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**FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF ::** Jack and Audrey Smith, Beloved Parents  
**REMEMBERED BY ::** Suzie Smith

**FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF ::** Herman Todd, Husband and Father  
**REMEMBERED BY ::** Ruth Todd & Family

**FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF ::** Martha Bentley, Mother and Grandmother  
**REMEMBERED BY ::** Fran & Ann Larkin

**FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF ::** Walter Reading, Dear Husband  
Ed & Ethel Frame and Roy & Elsie Reading, Beloved Parents  
**REMEMBERED BY ::** Carolyn Reading