

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

STEWARDSHIP

Tithing is not so much about money as it is about character development. Tithing is one way God attempts, through obedience, to develop our character and mold us in His image. Everything belongs to God. He simply asks us to return one tenth, plus freewill love offerings... Deuteronomy 8:18.

Faithfulness in returning tithes and offerings is the key to Heaven's storehouse of blessings. It is also a direct reflection of our attitude toward God, acknowledging Him as the owner and possessor of all things. It is a test of our gratitude to God for having given us life and its bountiful blessings. He is asking for a demonstration of love and sacrifice on our part in return. That's the true meaning of "Thanksgiving."

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

SUE APGAR

"All our lives have changed by COVID. Ministry doesn't look anything like it used to look. We would typically be going to orientations and having welcome parties for the new and returning students. Now we have to go out and look for students wherever we can find them. This past summer, we have gone over to the University of California, Irvine. We met several students, got to know them, and engaged them in a lunch program we have every Friday. My ministry partner, Rose Xu, from China, loves to cook and prepare food. The students enjoy her lunches. Other volunteers help cook and package the lunches. Our faithful volunteer Jim Fuller leads the team to deliver the lunches to about 15 students. This ministry helps us build relationships with the students and invite them to Bible studies on Zoom. Churches are opening up and having outside services; this allows us to invite students to church and then go out for lunch. What a privilege it is to introduce them to Christianity and Jesus' love for them! Thank you for your prayers and support! Pray that God will give us creative ideas on how to reach these students. Your support money helps me to continue in ministry. It also helps me be able to reimburse Rose for food expenses. We all thank you and pray that God will bless you richly as we work together to serve Him and reach international students for Christ." In Jesus' amazing love, Sue. *You may send a word of encouragement to Sue at sueapgar@cox.net.*

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 November is Psalm 100:4-5, "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES THIS MORNING:

Parents should note that the Nursery (up to age 2), Beginners Churchtime (age 3), and Wee Worship (up to Kindergarten) are available this morning during the Worship Service. Children age 4 - Kindergarten will be dismissed to Wee Worship sometime during the service. Kids Worship for children in 1st - 5th grades will not be starting this week as they will be remaining in the service to participate in communion. Parents, please speak with your children so they understand why they should participate or why they should just observe.

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.

WORK DAY ANNOUNCEMENT

Church Work Day will be held Saturday, November 14th from 9 AM to noon. This is a great opportunity to come together as the body of Christ by serving the Lord and one another. Coffee and doughnuts will be available at 9AM, and lunch will be served at noon. All food will be pre-packaged. Please make sure to wear your mask. Masks are available if needed.

GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY- SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Do you know someone grieving? We know that many people find this time of year so depressing because they are still bound by their pain. Learn how to manage the emotions and changes that occur, during the holidays and discover hope for the future. GriefShare at AUC will have a special **Surviving the Holidays** session on November 7th, 2020, from 1-3 PM via Zoom. Plan to Zoom with this person or just make them aware of this session. Register at <https://www.griefshare.org/holidays/events/33828> or email us at GriefShare@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.

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 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 November is Sunny 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 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.

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

Today is the last day to sign up for Side by Side, a six-month mentoring and/or discipleship relationship for the ladies of our church, beginning with a kick-off get-together Sunday, November 15. If you are interested, be sure to pick up and fill out a profile sheet today and place it in the box provided at the Women's Ministry table. Another option is to download and print the information and profile sheet at auc.org, under Women's Ministry, and mail your profile sheet to Dawn Kiker, 55 N. Brookside Rd., Springfield, PA 19064. Please contact Dawn Kiker (dawnk55@verizon.net) or call (610) 543-0454 with any questions.