MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT AUC!

7:00 PM Dec. 1: Our Blue Christmas service is designed to come alongside those experiencing grief, pain, and trials of all kinds who may not be eagerly anticipating the Christmas season. The reality of suffering and the hope of Christ will both be acknowledged. All are invited to this service in the Chapel.

6:30 PM Dec. 3: The **Family Music Festival** will contain beloved Christmas songs presented by our church family. Vocal and instrumental solos, selections from our kids choir and chimes, and other special music will help us focus our hearts on the birth of our Savior. **6:00 PM Dec. 9 and 10: Chapter Eleven Christmas** – The stage comes alive in this story of discovering true worth presented by our Salt, Light, and Fragrance drama ministry. Come Saturday the and stay for a light reception following the performance. Please note the start time.

6:30 PM Dec. 17: Glorious Night - Our annual Christmas concert presented by the 45-voice Christmas Choir, Joyful Noise Children's Choir, Middle School Choir, and soloists, all accompanied by a live orchestra. The program includes a variety of familiar and new Christmas songs. This is a perfect event to invite friends and family: the gospel will be presented clearly.

5:00 PM Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service - A time of celebration and reflection for the entire family.

*Nursery will be provided for each of these evenings except for Dec. 1.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

ALLAN AND BARBARA SHANNON

We have appreciated your interest in us and in praying for our needs for the past sixty-two years since you sent us out to work in Peru with Wycliffe Bible Translators. We continue to get along from day to day at the advanced ages of Al (92) and (Barb) 88. Our doctors seem to be content with our health but keep praying. We also appreciate Aldan's support for our son Toby and wife Sara working in Peru. Aldan has been so faithful all this time. Eberzon Espinoza, one of our disciples, who is a Quechua pastor and has been promoting the use of the translated Quechua Scriptures through audio-visuals for the past 12 years, has been under treatment at a good clinic in the mountain town of Ayacucho and is doing much better. Roxana, his wife, has begun treatments also. We are trusting God to send the needed funds for these folks. Please continue to pray for them and for their two young daughters. The inflation in Peru is very severe and living expenses for them have doubled. Thank you for remembering them. Once again, we thank you all at Aldan for your faithfulness. May God bless you abundantly. You may send a word of encouragement to Al and Barb at Al-barb_shannon@wycliffe.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.



NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

CHURCH WORK DAY | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | 9 AM-NOON

There are many indoor and outdoor projects for all ages to participate in, so bring a rake or other tool. Come early to Fellowship Hall for refreshments, and we'll break at noon for lunch (Lunch provided).

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE | WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 | 7PM

In addition to singing and reading God's Word together, there will be an opportunity to share something about God that you're personally thankful for, so come prepared! Children of all ages will remain with their families for this service.

PRIMARY & JUNIOR DEPARTMENT BREAKFAST | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 9AM

The kids from 1st grade to 5th grade and their families will come out eat some pancakes and decorate the kid's Bible school classrooms for Christmas. Please join us as we come together to celebrate Jesus' birth! Sign up online.

AUC STUDENTS CHRISTMAS RIOT | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 4:30-7:30PM

Students and their friends are invited to come out to Christmas RIOT for a devotional, food, games, cookie decorating and so much more! This is a great outreach opportunity!

STUDENT MINISTRY PASTOR SEARCH

We are continuing our search for a Student Ministry Pastor. Please continue to pray for the Lord's leading and the refinement of our process. Pray for strength and endurance for our volunteers and for the search committee.

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.

AUC FAMILY MUSIC FESTIVAL | ALL AGES WELCOME | DECEMBER 3

Your musical gifts are needed for an evening of Christmas music presented by our church family on Sunday night, December 3. If you sing or play an instrument (solos, duets, or small groups too!) and have a Christmas song you'd like to share, contact Pastor Michael by TODAY.

MISSIONARY CHRISTMAS FUND

Every year we send a special gift to each missionary family at Christmas time. We encourage you to contribute to our Missionary Christmas fund, in addition to your regular support. You can give online or by check. We are collecting this money from now through the Thanksgiving Eve service.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

It's never too early to save the date for next year's Missionary Conference. From March 9-17, 2024 we will have our 88th annual missionary conference during which we will hear from our church sponsored missionaries and other missionaries from various missions organizations.

MISSIONARY NEED

Raul Torrejon and his family will be coming to Aldan soon. They will be spending time with family and visiting supporting people and churches over the holidays. They are in need of a car during their stay from Nov. 30-Jan.16. Contact Dave Gingrich or Jonatan Torrejon for more information.

FOOD PANTRY

We will be open Tuesday, November 14 from 6:15 to 7:15PM, and Sunday, November 26 from noon to 1PM. Thank you in advance for your continued donations.

FAMILY THANKSGIVING DINNER | NOVEMBER 23 | 3PM

We'd love for you to join us for Thanksgiving dinner! Members and regular attenders are invited to the Chapel at 3PM on Thanksgiving Day. We ask everyone to contribute something, so please see Carolyn or Fran Heron to sign up by November 19 and let us know what you'd like to bring.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We invite you to pick up boxes, packing instructions and other information about OCC at the table in the Gym during Connect time! You can also donate items for the kids and students to pack some boxes or gather a group of friends to pack boxes. Filled shoeboxes can be dropped off at the table in the Gym. The deadline for shoeboxes is November 19. If you have questions please contact the church office.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Men's Ministry is hosting its annual coat drive through the month of November. New and slightly used coats for girls, boys and adults are needed for those less fortunate. Coats will be distributed to the Snyder Avenue Church in Philadelphia. Any questions, contact John Sykes or another men's ministry member.

BAPTISM

If you would like to be baptized during the Sunday morning worship service on November 26, please contact Pastor Joe or call the church office.

GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY | NOVEMBER 19 | 1-3PM | CHAPEL

Surviving the Holidays: This special session of GriefShare will provide encouragement, support and valuable tools to navigate through the Holiday season and special occasions. Please plan to attend and feel free to bring someone who may be suffering the loss of a loved one.

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 will continue our study in the book of Proverbs this Wednesday!

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Our teacher for this week is Sunny King. Coffee is provided.

MAN UP | SATURDAYS | 9-11AM | CHAPEL

We meet Saturday morning to discuss various subjects relating to sermons, book studies, videos, etc.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMANWISE | 1ST & 3RD THURSDAY | 9:30-11:30AM | LL09

We are studying God of Freedom by Jen Wilkin, if any woman would like to join. Childcare is available Any questions contact Lysa Burton (484-995-5165 or rlrsburton@verizon.net).

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF :: Walter W. Ward, Beloved Husband & Father

REMEMBERED BY: Marie Ward & James Ward