

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

STEWARDSHIP

A blind beggar sat at a dusty intersection every day with a small bowl of rice, hoping for the generosity of strangers. One day as the beggar ate from his meager rations, a wealthy passerby stepped down from his carriage. In hopeful anticipation the beggar raised his cup. "What is that in your hand?" the passerby asked. The beggar explained that the few grains of rice were his food for the day. "May I have some of your rice?" The stunned beggar grudgingly counted out three grains of rice. As the passerby rode away the beggar realized something had been left in his cup. He counted out one, two, three nuggets of gold. "Oh master!" he cried out, "If only I had known, you could have had it all!" Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will reap generously. II Corinthians 9:6

(From a message by Dr. William Allen Dean, founding Pastor of Aldan Union Church)

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

SANJAY & KEREN DALAVAI

"Thank you for praying for us. Here is a link to a video update on the ministry: <https://youtu.be/vXijMKRLq0c>. We pray it is an encouragement to our AUC church family. We praise God for enabling us to minister to children in such uncertain times and for His continued provision through a challenging year. We are thankful for His excellent protection from COVID on all our campers and team so far as we continued to minister to them through digital ministry, travel, and a few in-person camps. Please pray: As we look to the Lord for His continued provision and to end this year strong and that our campers will continue to grow in the Lord and His Word and be plugged into our local partnering churches for further discipleship. Pray for the Lord's continued protection and health on our team and volunteers as they continue to serve our Lord and travel as they can. Pray for our girls that they will continue to grow in the Lord and live for Him and for His protection on our marriage and family as we seek to serve Him. God bless you all. "

You may send a word of encouragement to Sanjay and Keren at kdalavai@lcmintl.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 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."

ANGEL TREE

This year, AUC has been assigned 70 children to give Christmas gifts to. Unlike past years, this year we will participate in virtual gift giving. Angel Tree will deliver the gifts, and we will contact the families and supply the funds. Sponsoring a child costs \$42. This will provide the child with: one \$40 Wal-Mart gift card, a Christmas card containing the message from the prisoner, an evangelism article, and an opportunity to request to receive a free Bible. You can give to this online at auc.org. If you have questions, please contact Don Dibello (donalddibello@yahoo.com) or stop at the table in the Narthex.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are on a table in the Gym hallway. Please be sure to pick yours up today. You can also pick them up at the church office during the week. If you have not used envelopes in the past but would like to, please contact the church office.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

This past year has been very different for all of us. In order to maintain social distancing and prevent traffic in the Sanctuary and in the community for flower distribution, the decision has been made to not have Memorial flowers in the Sanctuary this year for Christmas. Please consider honoring the memory of your loved one in a different manner. We wish you a healthy and blessed Christmas. JK Williams, Women's Ministry Service Committee

COMMUNION ON DECEMBER 6TH

Next Sunday, December 6th, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during the early part of our morning Worship Service while children from age 4 - 5th grade are present. Parents, please speak with your children in advance so they will understand why they should or should not participate. 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, December 5th any time from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Do you have a heart to reach kids with the Gospel? Aldan Union Church is looking for a leader to oversee our After School Program. This program is one of the most valuable ministries of our church in reaching out to support families in our community and reach kids with the gospel who would otherwise never hear about Jesus. Joe DeAngelis has faithfully run this outreach for the past 9 years and is retiring. It is the strong desire of the church leadership that we continue this program, but we cannot continue this outreach without a leader. It is a paid position, and it is also a labor of love that runs from about 3 to 6 in the afternoon 3 or 4 days a week. This ministry has made a difference in the hearts of some kids for eternity and is especially important now. If you are in any way interested, if you sense the Lord's leading, or if you have any questions, please contact Scott Lowery at 610-623-6778 or slowery028@gmail.com.

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 1st and 3rd 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 or contact a Group Leader at griefshare@auc.org or 610-259-8010.

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.

2020 MISSIONARY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Every Christmas we send out a special financial gift to each of our missionaries as another way to encourage them. If you would like to give towards this effort, there are a few options for both online and in person giving. If you are giving online there is a special line dedicated for the Missionary Christmas Gift. If you are giving in person you can mark your envelopes for Missionary Christmas Gift.

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Our teacher for December is Jack Nelson. Coffee is provided.

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 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).