

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Our Worship Arts ministries are collaborating to present a special program at 6:30 PM on Sunday, December 20. The relevance of Christ's birth to our current circumstances and challenges will be shown in part by our Salt, Light, and Fragrance drama ministry, virtual choir, worship band, and soloists through comedic elements, reflections on Christ's birth, congregational singing, and the good news of salvation.

Our Christmas Eve service will be held at 5:00 PM on Thursday, December 24. We will celebrate the birth of Christ by reading Scripture and singing together.

In addition to in-person seating in the Sanctuary, both services will also be available via our livestream. Go to www.auc.org/christmasprogram (for the December 20 program) and www.auc.org/christmaseve (for the Christmas Eve service) or call the church office to reserve your seat online.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

LORI NEID

"Due to COVID, everyday ministry in 2020 came to an abrupt halt. We are so grateful that things have stabilized in Senegal, and many things have re-opened. But there are still many questions about ministry for 2021. I expect to be teaching English again as well as working in the seminary library. And we hope to finally launch the health teaching projects. I hope we will still be doing Bible clubs in the village, but the schedule may look different this year as Awa and Georges welcomed their 2nd child in September. Prayer requests: 1) continued good health for our team and our Senegalese friends; 2) wisdom for the best way to begin ministry activities again – because of our location, everything is in person and cannot be done remotely/online; 3) good time management. Praise items: 1) the Lord has continued to keep our team and ministry partners safe during the pandemic - we have been so blessed!; 2) even though "ministry" looked very different due to many restrictions, it did leave me available to do things with and for people that I wouldn't have been able to do otherwise; 3) I continue to be so grateful for the support of my AUC family in every way - thank you for making it possible to be in Senegal." *You may send a word of encouragement to Lori at lori.nied@crossworld.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 December is John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES THIS MORNING:

Parents should note that nursery and Beginners Churchtime/Wee Worship/Kids Worship for children from infants to 5th grade are available during the Worship Service this morning. Parents will need to go and pick up their children after the Service.

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.

2020 GIVING REMINDERS

Members who use VANCO for their online donations to AUC: Please note that the cutoff date for year-end giving is **Sunday, December 27th** so it can be processed on time. Online giving after this date will not appear on your annual Giving Statement for 2020 that you will receive by the end of January 2021. All other 2020 year end tax deductible gifts must be received in the office by December 31st or postmarked by the 31st of December.

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.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | FEBRUARY 10 | 7:30 PM

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12th at 7:30 PM. All treasurers of various organizations (or anyone who usually gives a report for the Annual Report Book) are to submit their reports to the church office **by January 17th**. You may also email your report to office@auc.org.

GRIEF SHARE 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 toward 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.

BLANKET & SOCK DRIVE

The men's **I.M.P.A.C.T.** team would like to thank the AUC family for a successful blanket and socks drive. We had 44 blankets and 356 pairs of socks collected this past month.. The blankets and socks were given to two churches in Philadelphia that will distribute the items to people in need. Once again our AUC family rises to the occasion with their generosity. Thank you!

MAN UP

Men, feel free to come join our weekly small group in discussing Biblical topics on Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM -11:00 AM. Coffee is supplied. If you have questions, contact John Sykes (skyfam1@yahoo.com).

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, grandmom, 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 (rlrsburton@verizon.net or 484-995-5165).