

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

NURSERY

Where can you spend an hour crawling around on the floor, acting silly, eating all the snacks you want, and storing up treasures in heaven at the same time? Where can you hold one of God's precious little ones, hear the delighted squeal of a toddler as they discover something new, read endless picture books, and encourage Christ-like behavior in a two-year old? With the infants (up to age 1) or the toddlers (one - three year olds) you can spend a delightful hour once a month or once a quarter during one of the worship services or during Bible School on Sunday and be blessed far more than you can imagine as you serve the parents of our youngest family members! We are always looking for willing adults and teens. We also ask that if you are a parent who has a child in the Nursery, that you consider serving at least once a quarter if you are not already doing so. Please sign up at the Nursery counter or contact Pastor Brock at kevin.brock@auc.org or 610-259-8010. Thank you!

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

CALEB & KAYLAH OLSHEFSKY

"Thank you for your prayers for us and the ministry. Please pray for the upcoming birth of our second child in May and for safety in the pregnancy for Kaylah and the baby. Pray for our January Staff Conference, for our staff to be encouraged through time together and better equipped through the training. Pray also for the kick-off of our Summer Internship in January and for the support raising that our interns will be doing throughout the Spring Semester. Finally, pray for Tim and Holly Howden who are two of our newest staff that we are mentoring through their initial support raising. Pray that God would abundantly provide for them, such that they can begin serving in Caleb's department in DiscipleMakers' headquarters as soon as possible! We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a fruitful New Year." *If you wish to send a note of encouragement, you can email Caleb and Kaylah at olshefskyc@dm.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 1:14 "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS | NOVEMBER 24 – DECEMBER 15

Aldan Union will once again be displaying beautiful poinsettias this Christmas season. Place your memorials in the SPECIAL HOLIDAY FLOWER ENVELOPE in the pews. The cost is \$8.00 for each memorial name that is listed. We will accept memorials through today. The list of the memorials will be placed outside the Sanctuary doors and at the Information Center on December 22, and plants can be picked up after the 11:30 service on the 29th. Plants go to those at least 75 years old, missionaries, and the pastors and church staff.

MISSIONARY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Each year, we have the opportunity of blessing our missionaries with a special gift at Christmas. It's one small way that we, as a church, can encourage our missionaries, especially at this very busy time of year. If you would like to participate in the collection for these gifts, please be sure to designate your offering by marking the envelope or using the appropriate line in the on-line giving page.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT AUC!

6:30 PM Dec. 22: "**Questions of Christmas**": Our annual Christmas concert
6:30 PM Dec. 24: **Christmas Eve Service**: A time of celebration and reflection

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE STARTING JANUARY 5TH

Please note our Sunday morning schedule starting January 5th: We will have one Worship Service from 9:30-10:45 AM, followed by a Connection Time in the Gym from 10:45 - 11:15. Children's Bible School classes will start at 11:00, and adults will be in their classes by 11:10 with all classes ending at 12:00.

OFFICE STAFF OPENING AT AUC

We are looking to fill the position of Church Secretary/Administrative Assistant:

Position Summary: Working with the Pastoral Staff, this team member is responsible for all office clerical responsibilities and for maintenance of the AUC website. This individual must possess strong interpersonal and writing skills, have a strong Christian testimony, be pleasant and courteous and able to interface with a broad range of personalities. This position is expected to be full time, but we will consider part-time options.

To request a complete Position Description and to submit resumes for consideration, please send an email to: office@auc.org or call the church office at 610-259-8010. If anyone knows of people outside of our congregation who might be a good fit for this position, please pass this information on to them. We would want the person filling this position to be a member or a regular attender of our services moving toward becoming a member.

CAREER CROSSROADS | THURSDAY DECEMBER 19, 7:00 PM | CHAPEL

"Planning for 2020": Well it's almost that time of year. What time? The time of year when we make resolutions for the coming year. You may be saying "oh no" because most New Year's resolutions are just memories shortly into the new year. So if you are in career transition and want to land that new job, now is not the time to make resolutions but to establish your plan for 2020. As part of that process, our next meeting will look at those items that brought results in 2019 as well as those that need some improvement. We will also take a look at what you can be doing over the Christmas season to improve your search in the coming year. We hope you can join us for this session so that you can make 2020 a successful year. Questions? Contact Dan Willard (wdwillard@verizon.net).

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES are on a table in the hallway across from the Nursery. Please be sure to pick yours up today. If you have not used envelopes in the past but would like to, please contact the church office.

2019 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 29th** so it can be processed on time. Online giving after this date will not appear on your annual Giving Statement for 2019 that you will receive by the end of January 2020.

All other 2019 year end tax deductible gifts must be received in the office by December 31st or postmarked by the 31st of December.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | FEBRUARY 12 | 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 19th**. You may also email your report to office@auc.org.

MINISTRY HELP NEEDED

The Kindergarten Dept. in Bible School needs someone to help oversee the department (must be a member). Contact Pastor Kevin for more information (kevin.brock@auc.org).

CONNECTION TIME HELP

Our move to a single unified Worship Service is coming this January, and along with that will be our Connection Time in the Gym. We are looking for people who want to join the team behind the scenes, preparing the coffee, tea, and snacks. If you'd like to be a part of this team, please contact Dave Peltz as soon as possible (davepeltz57@yahoo.com).

HELP NEEDED IN OUR PARKING LOT MINISTRY

Do you enjoy greeting people? Do you enjoy being in the outdoors? Then please consider helping with the Parking Ministry. If interested, contact Ken Neely (610.872.7922 or kdneely@comcast.net).

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Our teacher this month is Jack Nelson. Coffee is provided.

THE MEN'S MINISTRY IMPACT TEAM would like to thank all that participated in the recent coat and glove drive. "I am happy to report your efforts were a big success. We had 240 coats, gloves, hats and scarves that went to very needy people. A special thanks to many of you that went out and purchased new coats and gloves. Inside each coat a Gospel tract was inserted. What a blessing it would be to have someone accept Christ as Savior through this tract. Thanks to Joe McEneaney for supplying the tracts to the IMPACT team." John Sykes

STUDENT MINISTRY

WINTER WEEKEND EARLY REGISTRATION

Winter Weekend is an event held here at AUC for middle and high school students. Students stay in host homes overnight with their friends and leaders while the main part of the weekend takes place at the church. There will be worship, a guest speaker, fellowship, small groups, meals, and games. Early registration is going on now through January 4th. After that the price goes up, so sign up soon to get the best price! The event takes place January 24th-26th. For more information and to register go to auc.org/students.

HOMEGOING: Donald Murta, on December 6. (Linda Lefferts' father)
