

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

CHRISTMAS GREETING

As we close out this year I would like to wish our AUC Church Family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We never know what life will bring day by day or year to year, but we do know a God who does not change. His faithfulness and His love for us is everlasting and our salvation is sure, and may these facts bring us back to the joy, peace and security that we have by faith in Jesus Christ, no matter what the next year should bring our way. Our hope is not in this world, so may we not live in fear or lose hope through tribulations when we know that God Himself has come in the flesh and taken to a cross for us so that we could have eternal life. May we walk in a way through which others will be able to see "Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me"*. Let's go into this year determined to be Gospel ambassadors.

Soli Deo Gloria, Pastor Joe

*Words taken from the Breastplate Hymn of St. Patrick.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

AL & BARBARA SHANNON

"We give thanks to all who have prayed for us and helped to support us for these past 52 years since you all sent us to work with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Peru. Even though retired, Barb and I continue to promote the translated Scriptures among the Quechua speaking people of Ayacucho, Peru. Some of our disciples are producing radio programs in Quechua to reach their people and training others to do the same. Others are trained as Bible promoters and are equipped with digital photo frame units to show Luke and Genesis's videos. The most impressive thing is to hear the Bible promoters' testimonies and how God is working, saving, and healing many needy people. They also have many opportunities to show these videos in public schools in the required religion classes. Scores of children are receiving Christ, and the teachers are asking for Bibles for themselves. They now have daily Bible readings in all these schools, and our Bible promoters have given out over 200 Bibles to students and teachers. Pray the Lord will provide the funds for workers, audio-video equipment, and training. Pray for health and strength to continue this work." *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, 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."

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: The church office will be closed on Friday December 25th and Monday December 28th.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Our Christmas Eve service will be held at 5:00 PM on Thursday, December 24. In addition to in-person seating in the Sanctuary, the service will also be available via our livestream. Go to www.auc.org/christmaseve or call the church office to reserve your seat online.

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.

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.

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 10th 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.

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.

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 rlrsturton@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 (rlrsturton@verizon.net or 484-995-5165).

BABY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did you have a baby or grandbaby born in 2020? If yes, please email Dianna McCollum (Dmcitaly25@gmail.com) with the baby's name and date of birth so we can give this little one some recognition on January 10th. Thank you!

BABY ANNOUNCEMENT: Pray for Noelle Grace Cook, born 12/10/20, daughter of David & Laura Cook. Granddaughter of Adele Ressler, Mark Ressler, Milton and Marilyn Cook, . Great Granddaughter of Helen Doherty and Bill Ressler.
