

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

### UNIFIED WORSHIP SERVICE

January is on its way, and along with it comes our new service format! We are excited to bring our church family together in worship with a **Unified Worship Service** that will include both contemporary and traditional elements, followed by our **Connection Time** and **Bible School!** I hope we will all take advantage of the opportunity that the Connection Time will give us to invest in one another as we share the stuff of life, pray, and simply talk together over a cup of coffee or tea before we head over to Bible School to dig deeper into God's Word. Don't forget to reach out to a visitor or perhaps someone you've seen over the years but haven't really spoken to very much. So stay alert! Beginning with the first Sunday of January (1/5) the **Worship Service is at 9:30 AM**, with **Connection Time at 10:45 AM** and **Bible School for children beginning at 11:00 AM and for adults beginning at 11:15 AM!**

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

### AL & BARB SHANNON

"Even though retired, Barb and I continue promoting the use of the translated Scriptures among the Quechua speaking people of Ayacucho, Peru. Some disciples are producing radio programs to reach their people for Christ, training others; others are trained as Bible promoters and have 15-inch digital photo frame units to show the videos of Luke and Genesis in Quechua and are evangelizing, teaching the Bible, and training others. We try to secure funds for the work. It is thrilling to hear the testimonies of the Bible promoters of how God is working, saving and healing many needy people. It is amazing for the people to see Jesus speaking to them in Quechua. In the end, they are broken when Jesus tells them that he loves them, wants to come into their lives, and forgive them their sins. They also show these videos in public schools. Scores of children are receiving Christ, and teachers are asking for Bibles for themselves and the children. They read the Bible daily, and recently over 200 Bibles have been given out. Pray God will provide the funds for workers, audio-video equipment and training. Pray for health and strength to do this work (Matthew 9:35-38)." *You can encourage Al and Barb at [@wycliffe.org](https://www.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 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 MEMORIAL FLOWER LIST

The Christmas Memorial Flower List is available at all four doors today. Please pick one up.

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR CHANGES FOR THIS WEEK:

**The church office** will be closed Wednesday, December 25th and Thursday, December 26th with abbreviated hours through the rest of the week.

**We will not have Prayer Meeting on Wednesday December 25th.**

### 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. 24: **Christmas Eve Service:** A time of celebration and reflection. We will also have Communion.

### 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.

**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.

## BIBLE READING PLAN FOR THE NEW YEAR

Daily Bible Reading is a spiritual discipline that has a profound impact on our lives for it is the way we know God. We encourage each member of the AUC Body to make Bible reading a daily practice for the upcoming New Year. As we come together around the Word, our hope and prayer is that in doing so the bond of Christian love and unity will be strengthened, our faith will be deepened, and His Kingdom will be advanced. The plan we have selected to use for this endeavor is The Gospel Coalition's "Two Year Bible Reading Plan" prepared by Stephen Witmer. This plan also has the option to include a companion book titled [How to Read the Bible Book by Book](#). Visit the AUC website for more information or to access links to both the Plan and the companion book. If you do not have access to the internet, copies of the Plan can be found at the Welcome Center.

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:office@auc.org).

## ISRAEL AND GREECE TRIP

Have you thought about going to Greece, visiting Athens, the Acropolis, Corinth, Thessalonica, and Philippi? Perhaps you'd like to visit Israel and walk the streets of old Jerusalem. Aldan Union Church is hosting a trip to Greece and Israel, May 11-25, 2020. There is an informational meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 12 after Bible School (12:15 PM). Bring your lunch and meet in the Fellowship Hall next to the kitchen to find out more about the trip. Any questions, contact Ed Lochmoeller at 610-259-9060 or [ed@pirministries.org](mailto:ed@pirministries.org).

## MINISTRY HELP NEEDED

### 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](mailto: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.

## 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](http://auc.org/students).

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**HOMEGOINGS:** Shirley Cook, on December 16, 2019

Everett Danehower, on December 18, 2019

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