

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

### COLLEGE AND CAREER

Like too many things in 2020, the College and Career ministry has dealt with its share of disruption due to the pandemic. Nevertheless, we say, "blessed be the name of the Lord." We've been unable to have our face-to-face activities this year, but for the most part, C&C has been able to continue its Sunday morning Bible school class via Zoom.

The past year has seen us finish up our quite comprehensive expository study of Genesis. Over the summer we walked through much of C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*. After completing a fall study in the book of Jude, we've now begun studying the Song of Solomon, perhaps the greatest love poem ever written.

We're very much looking forward to being able to resume our in-person time with one another which we trust this year will bring.

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## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

### PIERCE & LEE BARNES AND ALL OUR MISSIONARIES

Lee and Pierce continue to do well despite some aches and pains that are only natural at 93 and 94. They ask for prayer for stamina and strength to continue living in their own home and caring for it. Lee asks prayer for her sister, Betty, who has dementia and lives in a retirement community in the Buffalo, NY area. *You may send a word of encouragement to Pierce and Lee at [pile235@gmail.com](mailto:pile235@gmail.com)*

Please pray for all our missionaries during this pandemic. Pray for those who are not going to be able to be with their families this year. Pray for all our missionaries to have God's wisdom and guidance as they plan and strategize ministry opportunities for 2021.

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 Monday December 28<sup>th</sup> through Friday January 8<sup>th</sup> due to staff travel and covid quarantine guidelines. Pastors and staff can be reached via e-mail during that time. Please note that church office e-mail ([office@auc.org](mailto:office@auc.org)) and any phone message will be checked on a daily basis. You can also contact your shepherding elder if you need assistance during this time.

### 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.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.griefshare.org/groups/124033) or contact a Group Leader at [griefshare@auc.org](mailto:griefshare@auc.org) or 610-259-8010.

## **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.

## **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!