

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

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.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

ALL MISSIONARIES

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, he is Christ, the Lord." This month provides our missionaries many opportunities through Bible Clubs, outreach ministries, and special activities to share the Good News of the Gospel. We thank God for these occasions and pray for many to receive Christ as their Savior. Please pray for many of our missionaries who celebrate these holidays away from their families. Pray for those in South America who are preparing for their summer camps. Pray for others who are planning on winter retreats and outreach ministries in their areas. Pray for health, stamina, and safety to our missionaries. Pray for our missionaries as they plan and prepare for their ministries in the new year. We thank God for all our missionaries and pray for God to abundantly bless them.

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 FLOWERS

Poinsettias in front of the Sanctuary are for those at least 75 YEARS OLD, MISSIONARIES and CHURCH STAFF ONLY. They can be distributed or picked up by those people today after the 11:30 AM worship service.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR CHANGES FOR THIS WEEK:

The church office will be closed Wednesday, January 1st with abbreviated hours through the rest of the week.

We will not have Prayer Meeting on Wednesday January 1st.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 **today** 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.

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. The meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month from 1-3 PM in the Lounge (next to the Library) now through May 16th, 2020. You are welcome to begin attending our group at any point. Register on-line at www.griefshare.org/groups/113685 or contact a Group Leader at griefshare@auc.org or 610-259-8010.

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.

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).

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 5th. 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.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER LIST

The following names were omitted from last week's list: in Memory of: Ethel Pope, Nancy Minnich, Beverly Grubb, and Mildred Haring, given by Edna Wisnewski. There are some updated flower lists at the four doors.
