

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

PASTOR'S CORNER

Happy New Year!

What are you looking forward to the MOST this year? I know I could have listed several things right off the top of my head, but then I remembered something I had said offhand this last month and I wonder how true it might be. Have we lost our first love, or do we pray regularly and with all sincerity those words that we find at the end of the book of Revelation? Do I long to see my Savior face to face because I know that whatever He has prepared for me is far beyond anything this fallen life could provide, and am I ready to pray, "Come, Lord Jesus!" How ready are we to trade the hardships and trials for peace and joy? Am I ready enough to begin that trade today? Going beyond a verbal acknowledgement of Christ to a exorbitant, full, earnest love for the God who created me. I fear most of us would be more prepared to pray, "Come and bless me right where I am, Lord Jesus! Just let me finish my life here first." Do I know Him well enough, do I trust Him and love Him to the point that I would dare to pray, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

JUDI TROUTMAN, AFRICA INLAND MISSION-PENNSYLVANIA

This has been a year of transition for Judi. She is now based in the US full-time to re-establish a home here and be more available to her family after 35 years in East Africa. She is still serving with AIM full time in the AIM International Office providing administrative and logistical support, and assisting with personnel matters. This remote assignment fits well for the family and allows her to be more involved at AUC. Praise the Lord for providing a new home at Lansdowne Station Apartments and the generosity of many people who provided items to set up a home. Please pray for opportunities to meet neighbors and be salt and light in this new community. Please pray for wisdom in this new remote assignment to help and support the International Office Team. Judi will travel to Kenya from the end of January until mid-February to attend meetings in Nairobi and assist with admin and logistics related to those meetings - and do as much visiting with friends and her Kenyan family as possible! Pray for wisdom as she serves at AUC and chairs the planning and preparations for Missions Conference in March. Judi is very grateful for the many expressions of love and care received from the AUC Family - you all have been the hands and feet of Jesus!! *You may send a word of encouragement to Judi at judi.troutman@aimint.org.*

To learn more about the 50+ missionaries we support, check out our Missionary Wall located in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Gym.

JANUARY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: 1 Corinthians 12:4 - "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit."

FAMILY EVENT: MOVIE NIGHT | JANUARY 20 | 7PM | GYM

All kids from PreK through grade 5 and their parents can bring a blanket and join us for a movie!

WINTER WEEKEND 2023 | JANUARY 27-28

Winter Weekend 2023 is coming up soon! Students currently in grades 6–12 are invited to join us for an awesome weekend of Bible study, small groups, games, food, and fellowship. This year there will be an optional overnight element (Friday to Saturday) that will take place here at AUC. You can find more info and registration on the church website and in the Church Center app.

FAMILY SUNDAY | JANUARY 29

Children 3 years and up will join their families for the entire worship service. Children will learn to worship the Lord by observing their families and being a part of the church body. So please come alongside us as we strive towards family worship!

SPRING CHOIR KICKOFF | FEBRUARY 4 | 9:30AM

Want to be part of this year's Spring Choir Concert? Rehearsals begin with a special kick-off session from 9:30AM to noon on Saturday, February 4, and will continue on Thursdays at 7:30PM thereafter. The concert will be presented Sunday evening, May 7. Join us for a great time of prayer and fellowship. All singers Middle School through Adult are welcomed - no audition or previous choir experience needed. For more information, contact Pastor Michael.

Please take a moment to 'Check In' to the morning worship service and Bible School either through the Church Center App or at the Welcome Center. You can also submit donations to the church through the Church Center App. If you need help, visit the Welcome Center in the Foyer.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | FEBRUARY 8 | 7:30PM

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8 at 7:30PM. All Chairmen of various organizations (or anyone who usually gives a report for the Annual Report Book) need to submit their reports to the church office **by TODAY–January 8**.

STUDENT AND FAMILY MINISTRIES PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

Due to the financial status of AUC at this time, we are taking another look at our expectations and what we can do in hiring a new Student and Family Ministries Pastor. We are trying to move forward with this search as quickly as we can, but we also must be realistic with where we are financially. The Search Committee along with CE would like to make official job postings at the beginning of January for any seminary/college students who will be returning to school, and we will continue to keep you all informed on the process.

MESSAGE FOR AUC FAMILY

At this time of the year we see many emails and texts attempting to pull our heart strings and get us to send our "friends" and "family" money and gift cards. We want you to know that we continue with our policy that your AUC leadership and staff will never solicit funds from you via email or text. God bless and have a Happy New Year!

ALDAN CARES

The food pantry will be open 2 days in January - Tuesday January 17 from 6:30-7:30 and Monday January 23 from 6:45 to 7:45.

The AldanCares food pantry is looking for your help! We need several volunteers to help us when the food pantry opens up on a regular schedule. The schedule is TBD right now, but we hope to be open a few evenings a month and possibly a few hours on a weekend. Please see Carolyn Heron or Sandy Crawford if you're interested. Thank you.

The food pantry needs some specific items such as bar soap, full size toothpaste, toilet tissue, paper towels, feminine hygiene products and deodorant. We are in need of cleaning supplies as well such as Comet, dish soap, laundry detergent and sponges. Peanut butter, shelf stable milk, and cereal is needed too. There are three drop off locations in the church for these items; outside the office, outside the gym and in Fellowship Hall. Thank you very much for your continued support of this important ministry.

MISSIONS

SUMMER 2023 SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TRIP

The Missionary Committee is planning a short-term mission trip to Cochabamba, Bolivia in the summer of 2023, working alongside Raul and Carola Torrejon with Word of Life. If you're interested in joining us, contributing materials or finances, or praying for the trip, an informational meeting will be held on **TODAY** after Bible School. In the GSP room (104 across from the lounge).

PRAYER MEETING | WEDNESDAY | 7PM | CHAPEL

Join us for a time of corporate prayer as we praise our Heavenly Father and pray for our church, our community, and our country.

MEN'S MINISTRY

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY | 6:30-7:30AM | CHAPEL

Our teacher for this week is Bill Pentecost. Coffee is provided.

MAN UP | SATURDAYS | 9-11AM | CHAPEL

Man Up is a group of men that meet each Saturday morning to discuss various subjects relating to sermons, book studies, videos, etc.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SNOWFLAKE CAFE | FEBRUARY 11 | 8:30AM - 12:30PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

We are not sure how much snow we will get this year, but we do know that we will have a major snow event at the Snowflake Café! Join us for an avalanche of blessings designed just for you! Registrations are now available online. Some workshops will be limited, so don't delay. Stop by the Women's Ministry table to pick up a brochure.

MOMS IN PRAYER

Moms in Prayer meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday nights of each month in LL09 from 7:00-8:30 PM. We would love to have any mom, grandmom, aunt, etc. join us. Please contact Lysa Burton at rlrsburton@verizon.net or 484-995-5165 and let her know you will be joining.