

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

### WORSHIP

Life as Jesus's disciple is often lived in tension between numerous sets of poles. God is holy and unapproachable, yet he is near and invites us to know him. We declare an unchanging message using language, style, and methods that can be adapted to various human cultures. And we live in the "already" and "not yet" aspects of Jesus's eternal kingdom.

Another simultaneous reality we inhabit is the comforting and convicting work of the Holy Spirit. If we are submitting to his rule in our hearts, we will tangibly feel his presence in our suffering (2 Corinthians 1:3-5). But we'll also experience his word piercing our souls, pointing out and guiding us in those areas that need to be conformed more closely to his desires (Hebrews 4:11-13). The content of our corporate worship services, small groups, conversations with other believers, and personal times of study and prayer are instrumental in shaping our hearts and balancing our need to be comforted and convicted, avoiding an unhealthy focus on either one to the exclusion of the other.

## MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

### MARGE MONTGOMERY & FREDERICA SCHLORFF

Marge faithfully served the Lord for 34 years in Pakistan. She was first a teacher, then principal in Abbottabad Christian School, and later served as Boarding Administrator at Murree Christian School. Even after Marge retired, she remained active here at AUC. Marge resides at Willowbrook at Lima Estates and loves visitors. She is doing well. Although she recognizes people's faces, she no longer remembers names. She is always quite happy, never complaining. She is thankful for the care she gets. Her prayer request is to be a good witness for the Lord and a blessing to those around her. You might want to send her a card of encouragement.

Frederica (Freddie) Schlorff served for many years with Arab World Missions with her husband, Sam. After retirement Freddie stayed active here at AUC with Women's Fellowship, VBS, Release Time, and MOPS. She now lives at Calvary Homes in Lancaster. Freddie continues to have difficulty with serious side effects from Parkinson's, as well as Lyme disease. These effects include the loss of use of her legs and minimal use of her arms and hands. Her son, John, visits her faithfully. Please pray that she will win over the fears that often attack her. Also pray for peace, for relief from pain in her hands and arms, and for relief from the confusion and spiritual attacks that come from hallucinations.

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

### ALL CHURCH POTLUCK | SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 | 6PM

Save the date for the next All Church Potluck! Registration is open online. Please sign up to bring either an entrée, salad or dessert.

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | FEBRUARY 14 | 7:30PM

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14 at 7:30PM. There will be refreshments in Fellowship Hall at 6:45PM. The meeting will not be livestreamed. If the meeting must be rescheduled due to inclement weather, the alternate date will be February 21, 2024.

### STUDENT MINISTRY PASTOR SEARCH

Please be in prayer for the man God would have for our church, the CE committee and the search committee.

### FOOD PANTRY INFORMATION

The food pantry will be closed the month of January to allow time to gather donations. Stock is very low. Please consider a donation this month of the following: canned vegetables, beans, tuna, spaghetti sauce, pasta, cereals, rice, hygiene products, paper products etc. Thank you in advance.

### MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

As you organize your calendar for 2024, please be sure to include the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Missionary Conference being held from March 9-17, 2024. Our keynote speakers will be Rick Rhoads, BCM Int. President and Dr. Bulus Galadima - well known to us from his many visits with us. The theme of this Year's Conference is Partnership in the Gospel (Philippians 1:5). Hear what God is doing around the world including places that are 'closed' (at least humanly speaking) to the Gospel. God is at work in His world.

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.

## AV NEED

Here's hoping you had a Blessed Christmas! Did you happen to get, or will be getting a replacement large-screen TV? Maybe you'll be getting one before the "Big Game" that's coming up in a couple months? We would love to have your "old" one donated to AUC for use in our classrooms or meetings. We are looking for any TV with 1) 55" or larger screen, 2) approximately less than 10 years old, 3) has at least 1 HDMI input, 4) has a remote control with it. If you have one available that fits these requisites please email Howard Phipps Sr. at [av@auc.org](mailto:av@auc.org) to make arrangements.

## MISSIONARY UPDATE

Priscila Torrejon has joined the AUC missionary family as a missionary intern, ministering in the Dominican Republic from January 2024 through December 2025 with Word of Life. She had training in Florida January 9-16 and then she planned to go to the DR. Priscila needs to raise prayer and financial support (both one-time and monthly). If you want to support Priscila in prayer or financially, please contact her at [priscilatorrejon2@gmail.com](mailto:priscilatorrejon2@gmail.com). Online financial support for Priscila can be made at [missions.wol.org/ptorrejonvasquez](https://missions.wol.org/ptorrejonvasquez).

## 2023 GIVING CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

All contribution statements for giving to AUC during 2023 have been emailed out. If you would like a hard copy of your statement, please contact the church office ([office@auc.org](mailto:office@auc.org) or 610-259-8010).

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### SNOWFLAKE CAFE | FEBRUARY 10 | 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. Registration closes February 4.

## 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

We meet Saturday morning to discuss various subjects relating to sermons, book studies, videos, etc.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY | 7PM

Students are welcome to join us every week for Bible Study on the Student Floor. We will continue our study in the book of Proverbs this Wednesday!

### STUDENT MINISTRY WINTER WEEKEND 2024 | JANUARY 26-27

Winter Weekend 2024 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 that will take place here at AUC. You can find out more information and registration is available via Church Center.

## HELP NEEDED

The Student Ministry needs some volunteers to make breakfast items for the upcoming Winter Weekend event. We need breakfast casseroles, cinnamon rolls, or milk and juice for breakfast during the weekend for our group. Food items would need to be dropped off by this Friday, January 26 at the church. If you're willing to volunteer in this way or have any questions please contact Lauren Cavanagh ([youth@auc.org](mailto:youth@auc.org)) or 610-259-8010.

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**FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF ::** Christie Jones, loving daughter and sister  
**REMEMBERED BY ::** Al, Cheryl & Matthew Jones

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