

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

KYLE AND LEAH ROBINSON

Kyle is the executive director of Handi*Vangelism International. Kyle and Leah serve together in Disability Ministries/Handi*Camp. H*VMI has moved into their new office in Akron, the first official H*VMI owned building. Seven different groups meet in the office meeting room monthly: one PIP Support Group for parents of children with disabilities, two BASIS groups for grieving parents, three Bible clubs for youth and adults and one Bible study for adults. They're making plans for their upcoming Bible conference retreat for adults (March 22-24) and Handi*Camp's Day Camp (May 31 to July 10). Their prayer requests are (1) for their kids to continue to grow in their relationships with Jesus, (2) for them as they enter Handi*Camp prep season - as February they will begin the tasks associated with H*C retreat and summer camp, and (3) for H*VMI's property project - that they will use it to bring glory to the Lord and pray for fundraising for next steps that will bring ministry outreach and growth. You may send a word of encouragement to Kyle & Leah at krobinson@hvmi.org.

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. Online financial support for Priscila can be made at missions.wol.org/ptorrejonvasquez.

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 or you can call the church office, please register by TODAY. 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 BANK HOURS

The food pantry will be open Monday, February 5 from 6:30 to 7:30PM, Tuesday, February 13 from 6:15 to 7:15PM and Sunday, February 25 from noon to 1PM. AldanCare is very grateful for the AUC congregation for allowing us to serve so many families. Please consider a donation of the following: spaghetti sauce, cereals, rice, hygiene products, paper products etc. Without your faithful donations, it would not be possible. Thank you.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Our 88th Annual Missionary Conference takes place from March 9-17, 2024. There are events for all ages! The Conference starts with a Family breakfast on March 9. Other highlights include fellowship for women on Tuesday morning and evening, Family Potluck on Friday evening, Men's Breakfast on Saturday and the ever-popular Roundtable on Wednesday evening. Please plan to attend as much as you can to hear how God is working around the world. A brochure will be coming soon with the full schedule.

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.

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 or 610-259-8010).

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY | 1ST & 3RD SATURDAYS | 1-3PM | CHAPEL

This ministry provides grief recovery support to anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one. The program consists of fourteen sessions. We are here to listen to how you are dealing with your loss and to provide prayer and support. We will show a video, going with the workbook and group discussion. The workbook is \$20.00 and can be purchased through the GriefShare website or from us. Scholarships are available. Please register at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/170035>. Feel free to bring someone with you who is also suffering. Contact a Group Leader at griefshare@auc.org or call 610-259-8010 for more information.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMANWISE | 1ST & 3RD THURSDAY | 9:30-11:30AM | LL09

We are studying God of Freedom by Jen Wilkin, if any woman would like to join. Childcare is available. Any questions contact Lysa Burton (484-995-5165 or rlrsburton@verizon.net).

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.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

CHURCH POLITY

Here at AUC we are an Elder and Deacon led, congregational church. Which means that we have 16-21 Elders who guide and direct spiritual and programmatic decisions and 15-18 Deacons who guide and direct the pragmatic issues of finances and facilities, along with the input of our congregation at large. Most of the time the decisions and direction of the Elders and Deacons are influenced by congregation members bringing their interests or concerns to an Elder (pastor) or Deacon, while there are other instances where the congregation makes the decision directly, such as choosing and affirming their leadership annually, voting on constitutional changes, voting in a new senior pastor, and voting on any spending of sums over \$100K. Within this framework, our Elders lead committees that consist of at least two elders and several members at large. These committees cover the areas of Worship, Body Life, Outreach, Christian Education, and Missionaries. The Missionary Committee keeps in contact with every missionary we support to ensure that they are provided for spiritually, emotionally and financially. The Christian Education Committee ensures that the teaching of the church through Bible School, Small Groups, and other speaking opportunities will be in line with our beliefs regarding Scripture. The Outreach Committee seeks to provide ways for our church Body to connect ourselves and the Gospel with the community around us. The Body Life Committee keeps track of membership and leads events that build up and encourage the Body of believers here at AUC. The Worship Committee oversees the elements of any and all of our worship services. If you have any questions about these committees, have suggestions or ideas, or would like to understand how to participate please reach out to an Elder or a Deacon. We want to listen to the leading and movement of God through every member of our Body as we study His word and pray, coming together to fulfill His will for us in this community and the world.

STUDENT MINISTRY

WINTER RETREAT

Our students just finished the Winter Weekend: Challenge Accepted! Where Chuck Young challenged them to defend their faith. Ask them about how it went and what they learned.

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!