

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

2023 marks our 87th Missionary Conference and the 100th year AUC has been supporting missionaries. In 1923, AUC committed to support Mr. Henry Geiger who served in Tennessee. Since that time, AUC has sent and faithfully supported missionaries in all parts of the world. A few years later it was agreed to set aside time to focus on Missions each year. During each Missionary Conference, there are many great opportunities to hear how the Good News is being shared in unique ways around the world. This year is no exception. In this day and age of lots of bad news, we encourage you to take advantage of all the opportunities to hear good news from the world of Global Missions. Here are two unique events that to consider:

Panel Discussion on Monday evening: Our Conference theme "From Everywhere to Everywhere" will be discussed in depth. If this phrase is totally new to you (at least when used in the context of missions), here is your chance to learn what this is all about and a glimpse of where 'workers for the Harvest' are coming from now and into the future. Be sure to bring your questions as there will be a Q&A time right after a general discussion.

Our Roundtable event on Wednesday evening provides a great opportunity to meet a diverse group of missionaries and receive a brief overview of their ministries. It is amazing the variety of ways God uses to make Himself known in His world. This is also a chance to fellowship with each other and even meet people new to you.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

TONY AND BECKY RIZZO

We are overjoyed that you are investing in our ministry to share the Gospel with young people in America. We need specific prayer for our behind-the-scenes work in the office. Administration work can be overwhelming, and prayers for wisdom and clarity as we prepare are a priority. We have two upcoming Safety Zones that need prayer and support for February and March and our travel to Vermont and Virginia to connect with local churches. Pray for Becky, as she is in the second half of the school year and will finish strong. 2022 was an incredible year, and we saw a tremendous response from the Youthfluent Digital Ministry. Our Youth Safety Zone Ministry is growing, and new students have consistently attended. Our Street Ministry has been impactful in Kensington, Philadelphia, and we have associate evangelists always working with us. Our goal for 2023 is to host at least 30 Safety Zones in Kensington and the surrounding areas of Philadelphia. We had a great response to Kid Safety Zones this year and worked with multiple groups to help reach the young people in the communities around Philadelphia.

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



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

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Monday, February 20 for President's Day.

STUDENTS ICE SKATING | FEBRUARY 25 | 12:30PM-4PM

We'll be going ice skating at Dilworth Park right outside of Philly City Hall! We'll meet at the church at 12:30PM and be back by 4PM. Skating is free! The cost is \$5 from each student to cover gas and parking. Please sign up by February 22 on ChurchCenter.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE | MARCH 11-19

Our 87th Missionary Conference is coming next month! The theme is "From Everywhere, to Everywhere,". We will focus on learning what God is doing around the world through the Gospel and ways you can be involved in reaching others for Christ locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. We'll hear from AUC-supported missionaries and guest missionaries on both Sundays and throughout the week. Highlights of previous conferences including the Roundtable Discussion and Panel Discussion will be back, along with expanded opportunities such as sharing a meal with a missionary. Additional information, including a full schedule, can be found at auc.org/missionaryconference.

AIR CONDITIONING FUND

At the Congregational Meeting the congregation voted to authorize the Deacons to arrange for the replacement of the air conditioning systems in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. This could cost as much as \$500,000. In order to limit the amount that we must borrow to finance this project, and to make monthly payments on a loan, the Deacons have created an Air Conditioning Fund. Please consider contributing to this fund, be sure to indicate AC Fund on the envelope and/or your check which can be placed in the offering plate. Those who give on-line now also have an AC Fund option. The Deacons will provide regular updates. Thank you for supporting this project.

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.

SING WITH THE CHOIR | THURSDAYS | 7:30PM | CHOIR ROOM

The choir leads congregational singing and presents special music during 2-3 Sunday worship services each month and is looking for people of all skill levels and backgrounds to join voices together. It's not too late to jump in for the year! More information, contact Pastor Michael.

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

The food pantry will be open on Tuesday, February 21 from 6:45-7:45PM and Sunday February 26 from 12PM-1PM. Please stop by to pick up groceries.

The food pantry also needs the following donations: shelf stable milk, bags of rice, mac & cheese, cereals, paper towels, laundry detergent and feminine care products. Thank you for your generosity.

ICE SKATING TICKETS AVAILABLE

We have a limited number of tickets available in the Church Office for ice skating at the Rothman Orthopedics Ice Rink at Dilworth Park. Each packet contains two tickets for complimentary admission and skate rental. The tickets expire on February 26.

HELP IN THE NURSERY

We are looking for volunteers to help care for children in the nursery during the morning service and Bible school. If you are interested in serving in the nursery this spring, please contact Brittni Nelson at brittnijnelson@gmail.com.

FAMILY POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP | MARCH 3 | 5-8PM | GYM

Families Mark Your Calendars, you're invited to the Family Potluck Fellowship! We will plan to begin eating around 6PM. This fellowship meal is to connect all AUC families that have a child (or children!) in the nursery, kid's ministry, or student ministry. Bring a main dish and anything else you'd like to share for a time of fun, food and fellowship. Come when you can, and leave when you need to. If you have any questions feel free to talk with Daniel or Rachel Bourne, call or text Rachel at 814-404-1783, or contact the church office. Sign up via ChurchCenter for an accurate headcount.

STUDENT AND FAMILY MINISTRIES PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

Please continue to pray for our Student and Family Ministries Pastor search. We have listed the position on churchstaffing.com and with various Christian colleges. We are continuing to receive applicants, but are beginning to discuss and sort through those we already have.

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, contact Joe or Nancy Nath. (jwnath@aol.com 610-724-5476 or nsnath@aol.com 610-724-5477). **The deadline for letting us know that you plan to go is TODAY, February 19. There will be a meeting for those planning on going on the trip after Bible School today in the GSP room.**

PENNIES FOR PERU

Just a reminder that we are still collecting pennies, coins, bills, etc for Pennies for Peru. There is a container located in the Foyer. You can also drop off the pennies in the church office. Let's remember to continue supporting this ministry. Thank you!

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Our teacher for this week is Ed Lochmoeller. 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

MOMS IN PRAYER

Moms in Prayer will meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights of February and March in the Chapel from 7-8:30 PM. We would love to have any mom, grandmom, aunt, etc. join us. Please contact Lysa Burton at rlsburton@verizon.net or 484-995-5165 and let her know you will be joining.

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF :: Roger and Dawn Bickford, loving parents and grandparents
REMEMBERED BY :: Wayne & Kathy Bickford
