

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

VISITATION

To visit means to go to see and spend time with someone. It means to stay with. One of the personal advantages of a visit is you get to see them and sit with them in their situation. Throughout the Bible we find God spending time with people, especially those in need. The church also has a Biblical mandate to go and see how people are doing. In the book of Acts, the Apostle Paul served by visiting the church at Antioch. Later Paul encourages Barnabus to continue the work of visitation in every city where they had proclaimed the word of the Lord (Acts 15:36). One of our primary motivators for attending to those in need is found in Luke 6:31. "As you wish others to do to you, so do to them". In the Old and New testaments, we see the Lord spending time with people.

Through visitation we can discover and address the needs and concerns of others. The visitation ministry is a ministry to see how people are doing and then seeks to address those needs. In Exodus 4:31 "The Lord saw people in affliction and addressed their needs." Can we do anything less?

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

STEPHEN & JULIE SWEENEY

Things at JAARS are going well, but quite a bit of change (which is all good). I continue to serve in senior leadership roles for the organization. Over the last year, we have been given a renewed vision and mission of Reducing Barriers, Easing Burdens, and Delivering God's Word. As a result of our renewed vision and mission, we are going through an organizational-wide restructure in which I have played a key role in the design, implementation, and management of the new direction. A big part of it has been that in addition to my role as Chief of Staff, I have also been working as the Vice President of Base Operations, leading the teams that maintain our infrastructure and services. I've really enjoyed doing so but it has been a heavy workload. I'm excited to announce that we have identified a full-time VP of Base Ops who will start in February. Our family of 7 is doing well. The boys are all doing well in school but mostly love being outside, exploring, discovering, and creating imaginary adventures as they go. Annabelle, our sweet little two-year-old, is one of the crowd. Her brothers all adore her and she fits right in. Please pray for me and my fellow leadership team as we lead changes at JAARS. Please Pray for Julie and me as we lead our family. Praise that I'm able to turn over the responsibility of leading Base Operations at JAARS so I can focus on my Chief of Staff role. *You may send a word of encouragement to Stephen and Julie at stephen.sweeney@jaars.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.



FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Lamentations 3:22 - "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end."

NEW MEMBERS CLASS | SUNDAY, MARCH 3 | 11:15AM-3:30PM

Considering finding out more about Aldan Union Church or considering joining the church family? Join us for our 1 DAY Membership event next Sunday March 3. Pastor Joe will share various doctrines, practices, and functions of the church that are helpful to know before applying for membership. Lunch will be provided. You can sign up through Church Center, on the church website or call the church office 610-259-8010 and let us know you're planning to attend. Also, let us know if you would need nursery care during the event.

MISSIONS 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 as 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 see Jim or Molly Olshefsky at the Connect Time to sign up for hosting a missionary for a meal, providing lodging or to allow the use of your vehicle during the Conference.

As in other years, you have the opportunity to contribute to this year's Missionary Conference. If you want to help with these expenses, please designate your gift to "Missionary Conference".

MISSIONS HELP NEEDED

AUC missionaries Luis & Else Bailly will be in Aldan, March 8-25. Neither of our missionary apartments are available during this time. We need someone to provide lodging for them and Daniel from Spanish World Ministries. If you can do this or have questions, please contact the church office.

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.

STUDENT MINISTRY PASTOR SEARCH

Today we have with us, Noah Kimber and his wife Lindsey! If you have the opportunity be sure to say hi and get to know them.

FOOD BANK HOURS

The food pantry will be open TODAY 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.

AIR CONDITIONING FUND

The Deacons are arranging 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. The Deacons will provide regular updates. Thank you for supporting this project.

MISSIONS TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING | MARCH 3 | 12:15PM

Bill Neef will be hosting an informational meeting about the missions trip to Florida providing relief to those impacted by the hurricanes in mid-July 2024. Please join us after Bible School in LL09 on March 3.

GRIEFSHARE 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.

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Our teacher for this week is Pastor Ed Lochmoeller. 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!

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF :: Judy Edinger-Dear Friend
REMEMBERED BY :: Carol & Dominic Viscusi
