MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

STEWARDSHIP

At the end of WWII, the Allies in Europe had to deal with thousands of orphaned children. They built camps where they could be well fed and cared for. One problem, however, affected the majority of the orphans. As well cared for as they were, they couldn't sleep. Eventually, the problem was solved. At bed-time, each child was given a small loaf of bread to hold on to. They had learned from experience that having food today didn't guarantee food tomorrow. The anxiety of not being sure of their next meal kept them awake. God has given us our own loaf of bread to hold onto in Philippians 4:19 "But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus". That promise has tremendous implications for how we give! We are not alone in securing our future. We want to be wise, to plan, and to save, but we can give generously to God's work, because His promise removes all anxiety and fear about tomorrow.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

STACEY EVERLINE

Technology is a wonderful thing! I met with BCM's new missionaries in Africa every other week to discuss partnership development online. What a privilege! I was scared in the beginning. I didn't know the culture, and I wasn't sure I'd be able to understand them or them me. But God worked everything out, and we had a great time discussing things that would work and things that would not work in helping them get their needed funding. They have big plans that even include building a training center and a hospital! I am working with a young man here in the US who will be doing an internship in Northern Ireland with BCM, helping him write his prayer letter. Bible Adventure (released time class) will be starting in October. Please pray that we'll have a good start with lots of children. We usually start with about 25 3rd and 4th graders from Akron Elementary School and grow to 55 children by the end of the year. It would be great to have all the children for the whole year. Last year was quite a year for me! Thank you for standing with me in prayer through all the surgeries. My oncologist said if you're going to have a recurrence, it is most likely to happen in the first two years after cancer surgery. So far, I've made it safely through one year, with one more to go. Again, thank you for your prayers and faithful and generous giving.

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



OCTOBER SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Deuteronomy 11:1 "You shall therefore love the Lord your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always."

NEW MEMBERS CLASS | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 9AM-3PM

Considering finding out more about AUC or considering joining the church family? Join us for our 1 DAY membership class on Saturday October 22. 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. Register online or contact the church office at office@auc.org. Also, let us know if you would need nursery care during the event.

FALL BIBLE CONFERENCE | NOVEMBER 4-6

Please visit www.auc.org/fallbibleconference for information about our guest speaker, schedule, meals, kids' activities, and registration.

AUC KIDS/DAD NIGHT | FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 7PM | GYM

While moms are at the women's ministry dinner, dads & their kids can join us for a night of games, snacks, and lots of fun!

FALL FESTIVAL SATURDAY | OCTOBER 29 | 1PM-4PM

The outreach committee needs donations for our Fall Harvest. We are asking the church family for candy (individually wrapped) and novelty prizes (glow in the dark bracelets, mini stuffed animals, mini balls, and stickers, etc.). Many novelty prize items can be found at dollar stores or Oriental Trading. There will be bins for the donations located in the hallway across from the nursery. Your help on October 29 is also needed. Signup sheets will be in the gym during Connection Time.

FAMILY SUNDAY | OCTOBER 30

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. Children will be able to see what their parents do in a normal service which will hopefully start a discussion about worship within families. So please come alongside us as we strive towards family worship!

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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL DINNER | OCTOBER 21 | 6:30PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for a special evening featuring Judi Troutman as our speaker. We will enjoy a lovely catered meal, fellowship and a time of encouragement by the devotional "Don't Fall Apart". Cost is \$10 and registrations **MUST** be received by October 9. As we must submit our final numbers to the caterer, we will not be able to accept late registrations. Please register online or at The Women's Ministry table. For any questions, please contact Loretta Stott at stott1@comcast.net or Pennie Lochmoeller at penniemail@verizon.net We look forward to seeing you all there!! There is a sign-up sheet at the table if you would like to help with setting up for the event!

BAPTISM

If you would like to be baptized during the Sunday morning worship service on October 30, please contact Pastor Joe or call the church office.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR & MINISTRY STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH

We are blessed with Pastors and Ministry Staff whose priorities are to serve the Lord and to serve us. The Elders and Deacons encourage you to express your appreciation to all of our Pastors and Ministry Staff.

2022-2023 Elder Committees

Body Life

Ed Lochmoeller - elder/chair John Sykes - elder Mikayla Bickford Sandy Crawford Howard Phipps Jr.

Worship

Chuck Young - elder/chair Joe Jacobson - pastor/elder Michael Nelson - pastor/elder Caroline Karimu Kim Peltz

Missionary

Dave Gingrich - elder/chair Rob Burton - steward/elder Josh Bickford Cheryl Fischer Nancy Nath Trisha Sykes

Outreach

Scott Lowery - elder/chair Bill Pentecost - elder Steve Muir - elder Eva Ingham John McDaniel Carol Warrington

Christian Education

Walt Huddell - elder/chair Larry Belluscio - elder Mike Motta - pastor/elder Christy Bickford- C. M. Director Dave Crawford Julius Crawford Kim Smith

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Our teacher for this week is David Grainge. 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

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

We are doing a DVD study of Exodus. Childcare is available up to preschool age. If you have any questions, please contact Lysa Burton at rlrsburton@verizon.net or 484-955-5165.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY | 9:45-11:00AM

Join us for refreshments in the Chapel, followed by Bible Study (Life on the Highest Plane by Ruth Paxson) in the Large Conference Room. Any questions call Nancy Armentario (610) 622-2049.

SIDE BY SIDE, our Women's Mentoring Ministry, is kicking off on November 20, so if interested, be sure to either fill out a profile sheet (and place it in the box provided) at the Women's Ministry table across from the nursery, or sign up online using our Church Center app, throughout the month of October. You may request to be matched or choose someone you already know. This ministry is for all women (college age and up) who regularly attend AUC. **Mentors need to be church members.** If you have any questions, contact Dawn Kiker at dawnk55@verizon.net.

PLANT.GROW.BLOOM | SUNDAYS | 5:15PM | MANSE

Ladies in their 20's and 30's are welcome to join us Sunday evenings for Bible study, application and fellowship. Questions, contact Debbie Pruette

MINNESOTA SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Warren and Barbara Day serve at a food shelf where it is very cold and many of the people who come need warm gloves and hats. If you would like to donate, please place warm hats, scarves, and gloves/mittens in the bin by the Women's Ministry table across from the Nursery.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAG SICK/SHUT IN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Items will be collected now through October 30. A collection bin will be located at the Women's Ministry table. These items will be wrapped November 11th at the Just Us Girls gathering. Visit the Women's Ministry table for a list of items needed.

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF :: Al Troutman, Beloved Husband, Father and Grandfather **REMEMBERED BY ::** Dottie Troutman & Family