

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

FALL FESTIVAL

Our 2nd Annual Fall Festival is happening on Saturday, October 28 from 12:00PM to 3:00 PM. Our goals are to reach out to the community, present multiple opportunities for personal contacts between church members and our neighbors, and allow the gospel to be presented in meaningful ways, drawing kids and adults to God and glorifying Him in the process. Last year we had very positive feedback from both visitors and our church family. We had almost 400 visitors from the community, all of whom had the opportunity to hear the gospel. We will have several gospel presentations during the event, and there will be about 15 fun games/events/activities which guests can participate in. We are excited to do this again and we need you to be involved! We need everyone to come out and mingle with our visitors, making them feel welcome and getting to know them. It will take a lot of volunteers (more than 80) to make this happen, so please sign up (in the gym, in Bible School classes, or online) to help any way you can and help us reach our community in the name of Jesus Christ. We are also collecting lots of candy and small prizes to give out, so look for drop off bins in the hallway. Please be in prayer for this event, and that God will be glorified in all that we do. If you have any questions, please reach out to Scott Lowery at slowery028@gmail.com or speak with any member of the outreach committee.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

RUTH DOUGHERTY

I am grateful for the Aldan Union Church family who have faithfully supported me for almost 49 years! I had the privilege of serving 18 years in West Papua New Guinea, working in our TEAM headquarters for 6 years; Afghanistan for 15 years, and now Greece for 7 years. I work with Persian refugees in Athens, Greece where we have the freedom to share openly with Muslim friends. By the time you are reading this, I will be in Denver, Colorado where I'll be based. Please pray for safety as I readapt to driving in the States. I am looking forward to joining in March 2024 for your missions conference before returning to Greece. Pray for God's direction for the Helping Hands team. Several new people are coming, but as Greece, like much of Europe, is pushing back refugees and sending those already here to camps over an hour away, our ministry has changed significantly, even though we do outreaches outside of these camps. I am thankful for all you do to make this ministry possible! *You may send a word of encouragement to Ruth at doughertyrm@gmail.com*

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: 2 Corinthians 1:5 "For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too."

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.

MEN'S CONFERENCE | OCTOBER 14 | 8:30AM-2PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Our annual Men's Conference theme this year is Worship God with Your Life, based on Romans 12:1-2. We will hear from Pastor Steve Sherman. Sign up via Church Center by October 8! Cost is \$10 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 9AM- 2PM

Considering finding out more about AUC or becoming part of the church family? Join us for our membership class on Saturday October 21. Pastor Joe will share doctrines, practices, and functions of the church that are helpful to know before applying for membership. Register online or through the church office. Contact the office if you need nursery care.

FALL FESTIVAL | OCTOBER 28 | 12-3PM | PROVIDENCE PARK

We are excited to host our Fall Festival and we need you to be involved! First, we want everyone to come out, mingle with our visitors, make them feel welcome, and get to know them. Second, we need more than 80 volunteers for specific tasks. **Please sign up** in the Gym, Bible School classes or online. Third, we're collecting lots of candy and small prizes; look for bins in the nursery hallway!

FALL BIBLE CONFERENCE | NOVEMBER 3-5

Our conference speaker, Dr. Andrew Snelling, will present several sessions throughout the weekend related to Scripture, fossils, rocks, and the flood. For a detailed schedule and to register, please visit auc.org/fallbibleconference. Registration is required for Friday's dinner, Saturday's lunch, and the Saturday morning kids' program.

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

Please keep praying for our candidate and the search committee as they continue the interview process.

FOOD PANTRY

You've been so generous with your donations that we're reopening in October! We will be open Monday October 9 from 6:30 to 7:30PM, Tuesday October 17 from 6:15 to 7:15PM, and Sunday October 29 from noon to 1PM. A few items are still needed: cans of tuna, shelf stable milk, peanut butter and jelly, bags/boxes of rice, cake mixes and frosting. Thank you in advance.

HELP NEEDED | CHILDCARE FOR HOMESCHOOL MEETUP

Homeschool Meetup is now 15 families - Praise the Lord! Due to the number of kids attending, there is a need for two adult volunteers to play with the 2-4 yr. olds while the older kids are in the gym. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 12-1:30PM. If you are able to assist, please contact Sarah Graham (sarahgraham7474@gmail.com).

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR

Our new middle school choir will begin meeting on Sunday, October 15 after Bible School. The choir will sing at a few special Christmas services and potentially other times during the year. No previous singing experience is needed. Contact Pastor Michael if interested.

FAMILY THANKSGIVING DINNER | NOVEMBER 23 | 3PM

We'd love for you to join us for Thanksgiving dinner! Members and regular attenders are invited to the Chapel at 3PM on Thanksgiving Day. We ask everyone to contribute something, so please see Carolyn or Fran Heron to sign up by November 19 and let us know what you'd like to bring.

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've gotten off to a great start and will continue our study in the book of Proverbs this Wednesday!

AUC STUDENTS PANCAKES, PJ'S & MOVIE | OCTOBER 20 | 7PM

Come in comfy pajamas, enjoy pancakes, and watch the movie, *God's Not Dead*.

AUC STUDENTS CONNECTION TIME VOLUNTEERS

Each Family Sunday our students will be helping to serve in Connection Time. If you're in Middle or High School, please sign up during Bible School or contact Lauren Cavanagh.

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

WOMEN'S FALL DINNER | OCTOBER 20 | 6:30PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Our speaker will be Casey Torrejon. Cost will be \$15. Please register online or contact Pennie Lochmoeller or Loretta Stott. **Registrations must be received by October 15th.**

SIDE BY SIDE

Our Women's Mentoring Ministry is kicking off on November 19. If you're interested, please fill out a profile sheet and place it in the box provided at the Women's Ministry table across from the nursery. You can also 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.

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, hats, etc. If you would like to donate, please place warm hats, scarves, and gloves/mittens in the bin by the Women's Ministries table across from the Nursery. Donations will be received through November 26.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

Women's Ministry will once again be collecting items for Christmas Gift bags for our sick and those unable to join us in person. A list of suggested items is available at the Women's Ministry table. Please place items in the bin at the table now through October 29.