

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

### AUC Student and Family Ministries Pastor Search Update

We are pleased to announce that we have formed our search committee for our new Student and Family Pastor: Larry Belluscio (chairman), Walt Huddell, Christy Kane, Rich Linsky, Rob Burton, Elizabeth Tyson, Dave Crawford, and Mistie Maisch. Please be in prayer for the CE Committee as well as the Search Committee as we begin our process of filling this position. We will be publicly posting this position at Christian colleges, seminaries, and online at churchstaffing.com very soon. If you have questions or potential candidate suggestions, please contact Larry (aug19@aol.com) or Walt (whuddell@eastern.edu). We want to express our sincere appreciation to the Motta family for their service to the church these many years and are praying for them as they prepare to move and begin their new ministry in Alabama.

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

### JAMES & EILEEN NIELSEN, TEAM-JAPAN

We were asked to share from our counseling background with the believers of Gifu Grace Church, Nagara Christ Church, and Ozaki Christ Church. We have entitled the seminar "One Anothering in the Body of Christ." The first of five Care Seminars was well attended and received. Please pray the seminar will encourage attendees to find their place in caring for one another in the church. Eileen has been asked to attend a Missionary Member Care training in Chiang Mai in December. Please pray for God's provision and Eileen as she prepares. Now that we are settled in our new home in Gifu City, we are looking forward to building relationships with our neighbors and using our home for hospitality and outreach. We are so thankful for each of you who pray faithfully for us and the work the Lord has called us to do here at Gifu Grace Church. We are counting on your continued prayers.

## 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, more details will be available soon! An informational meeting will be held on January 8 after Bible School.

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



**DECEMBER SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION:** John 10:10b "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

### FAMILY CHRISTMAS MUSIC FESTIVAL | DECEMBER 4 | 6:30PM

Join us for this special evening of beloved Christmas songs presented by our church family. Vocal and instrumental solos, selections from our kids choir and chimes, and other special music will help us focus our hearts on the birth of our Savior. Nursery will be provided.

### FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY | DECEMBER 9 | 7PM | GYM

An evening of fun, food and focusing on the birth of Jesus Christ for kids, teens and parents.

### THE REDEMPTION OF EB SCROOGE | DECEMBER 10 & 11 | 6:30PM

A 21<sup>st</sup> Century adaption of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" written by Robert Harding and presented by our Salt, Light, and Fragrance drama ministry. A light reception will follow the performance on December 10. Bring your family and friends out. You won't want to miss this!

### ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST | DECEMBER 18 | 10:45AM

Join us for breakfast after the morning service on December 18 for a time to fellowship and connect with the family of AUC. We won't turn anyone away that morning, but we ask that you **register online** at [auc.churchcenter.com](http://auc.churchcenter.com) so we know how much food to prepare.

### CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT | DECEMBER 18 | 6:30PM

Our annual Christmas concert, *Light of the World*, will be presented by the 40-voice Christmas Choir, Joyful Noise Children's Choir, and soloists, all accompanied by a live orchestra and handbell choir. The program includes new Christmas songs, familiar carols creatively reimagined, and several contemporary worship songs. This is a perfect event to invite friends and family: the Gospel will be presented clearly. Nursery will be provided.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE | DECEMBER 24 | 5PM

Celebrate and reflect on Jesus's birth with the whole family as we sing Christmas songs and read God's Word together. Nursery will be provided.

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.

### **ANGEL TREE (2022)**

AUC is once again participating in the Angel Tree Ministry by bringing Christmas gifts and the gospel message to children who have one or both parents in prison, bringing a little joy into their lives, and sharing Christ's love with them and their caregivers. In our fallen world, there are many local families with a family member in prison. This is our soil and our chance to bear fruit. These families are hurting emotionally, financially, and spiritually. We can be the witnesses of Christ's love to them. There are several ways to be part of this ministry. First and most important is our **prayers**. Everyone, from the youngest to the oldest in our congregation, can pray for these children, their caregivers, and those who volunteer to be Christ's ambassadors. Second, we need **volunteers** to purchase and deliver the gifts. For those who want to participate but don't feel comfortable delivering gifts, donations to help defray expenses are an option. Please consider being part of Angel Tree this year. Look for an information table in the gym or foyer. God will use our humble efforts to glorify His name.

### **MISSIONARY CHRISTMAS FUND**

As part of the support to our Aldan Union missionary family, every year we send a special gift to each member of our missionary family at Christmas time. We encourage you to contribute to this special gift, in addition to your regular missions support. You can give online or through the special giving envelopes in the pew and select "Missionary Christmas Fund".

### **REMEMBER THE MINISTRY OF REMOTE PARKING**

During the Christmas activities we need to especially remember our ministry of remote parking. Please do not park in the main lot behind the church if you are physically able to use street parking, the municipal lot across the street or the Providence Park lot, so that we have plenty of spaces for our guests and those who need to park close to the buildings. If interested in helping us direct vehicles, contact Ken Neely (610.872.7922 or kdneely@comcast.net).

### **CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

It's that time of year again... Christmas Poinsettia Memorials! Poinsettias in memory of a loved one are available for \$10.00 each. Sign up **today** after the morning worship service.

### **OFFICE HOUR CHANGE**

For the next several months, the church office will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9AM to 4PM. If you need something from the office, please do so during these hours.

## **MEN'S MINISTRY**

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

Our teacher for this week is Jack Nelson. 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.

### **WINTER COAT DRIVE**

Men's Ministry is sponsoring a winter **coat** drive for men, women, and children through the month of November. There are many families this time of year that need winter coats. New or slightly used winter coats (no sweaters or sweatshirts please) can be placed in the marked bin in the nursery hallway. Contact John Sykes or Dan Bourne with any questions.

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

### **SNOWFLAKE CAFE | FEBRUARY 11, 2023 | 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 will be available online beginning December 12. Some workshops will be limited so don't delay. Stop by the Women's Ministry table to pick up a brochure.

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**THE ROSE ON THE ORGAN** is here to remind us to pray for **Emily Joy George**, born November 15, 2022, daughter of David & Amanda George, granddaughter of Shawn & Tami George and Debbie McDevitt.

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### **HOMEGOING:**

Pat Darragh went home to be with the Lord on November 26, 2022.

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