

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join us on Sunday, December 19 at 6:30 PM for our annual Christmas concert! The 40-voice Christmas Choir will be accompanied by a live orchestra. Through word and song, we'll explore Christ's rule and reign over all the earth as we celebrate His incarnation. The program includes new Christmas songs, familiar carols creatively reimagined, and several contemporary worship songs. Nursery will be provided for infants through age 2. This is a perfect event to invite friends and family: the Gospel will be presented clearly. All are encouraged to attend in-person as the event will not be livestreamed or recorded.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

JAMES AND EILEEN NIELSEN

We thank the Lord for the many opportunities He has given us to serve while on home assignment. With the COVID "State of Emergency" for entrance into Japan being lifted at the beginning of October and hearing from the Japanese Consulate General that we might qualify for special circumstances to re-enter Japan, we asked our TEAM Japan Field Office to draft an appeal letter as our sponsor to the Department of Foreign Affairs. Upon receipt of that letter, we were informed that as we did fall into the category of special circumstances, our visa application was re-submitted on October 28th. Please pray with us that our visas will be issued in an expedited way. We praise the Lord for being able to attend the missions conference at Reston Bible Church in mid-November. As RBC is a new supporting church, this was our first missions conference with them, we praise the Lord for a rich time of fellowship in sharing our lives and ministry with them. As we await the door opening back to Japan, please pray for the continuing ministry opportunities the Lord brings our way. Specifically, for continuing deputation, teaching and preaching opportunities (James) and for counseling opportunities (Eileen). *You may send a word of encouragement to James and Eileen at nielsenjames54@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.

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: DECEMBER

Psalm 119:66 - "Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments."

ANGEL TREE

Support children whose parents are incarcerated by providing them with Christmas gifts and an opportunity to share the Gospel. Sign up at the table in the Foyer today!

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MUSIC FESTIVAL | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH | 6:30PM

Special vocal and instrumental music from talented members of our body and congregational singing will all help us focus our hearts on the birth of our Savior. Nursery will be provided for infants through age 2.

KIDS & STUDENTS FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY | FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH | 7:00PM

Kids, teens and their parents are welcome to come celebrate Christmas together during this evening of fun, food and focus on the birth of Christ. Contact Christy Kane or Mike Motta.

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH | 10:45AM

Join us for breakfast after the morning service, to have a time to fellowship and connect with the family of AUC.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH | 6:30PM

Invite your family and friends to an evening of inspiring Christmas music presented by our choir and orchestra. Nursery will be provided for infants through age 2.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE | FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH | 6:30PM

Celebrate the birth of Christ with us as we remember the events surrounding Jesus's birth through Scripture and song and reflect on the reason He came to this earth. The service will begin at **6:30 PM** and nursery will be provided for infants through age 2.

MINISTRY OF REMOTE PARKING

With upcoming special Sunday night events, we need to 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 those who need to park close to the buildings. Any questions contact Ken Neely at kdneely@comcast.net

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM | VOLUNTEERS/SNACKS NEEDED

Our church is blessed that so many parents entrust their children to us. We need help during the homework time, which starts at 5:00 pm until parents arrive at 5:45 pm. The children and parents are so grateful that the homework is done or we discover there is an area that needs further attention. If you can volunteer for one, two or three hours a month, you will be blessed. Also, we could use some packaged snacks, such as cookies, raisins, chips, fruit roll-ups or cups. Pray on it and contact us 484-800-6667 or email us at AfterSchoolProgram@auc.org.

ISRAEL TRIP | MAY 6-21, 2022

Have you ever imagined what it was like for the Apostle Paul to establish churches in Macedonia or where was Jesus baptized? If a picture is worth a thousand words, experiencing a place is worth a thousand pictures. Consider joining the group heading to Greece and Israel. Brochures are at the Welcome Center in the Foyer or email Ed Lochmoeller at edsmail61@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

It's that time of year again...Christmas Poinsettia Memorials! If you would like to order a poinsettia in memory of your loved one this Christmas, you may see Dianna McCollum in the Foyer before or after this morning's service. 1 plant for 1 memorial is \$10.00. You may pay by cash or check. Please make your check payable to "**Women's Ministry.**" Plants will be available for distribution on Sunday, December 26 after the morning church service.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED

We are in need of more nursery helpers to serve our families who have young children. If you're willing to care for our infants and toddlers occasionally on Sunday mornings (especially during Bible School) please contact Brittni Nelson at brittnijnelson@gmail.com or 717-818-9837.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please be sure to pick up your box of offering envelopes located on the table in the Gym hallway today! You can also pick them up at the church office during the week. If you have not used envelopes in the past but would like to, please contact the church office.

2021 GIVING REMINDER

For those who use VANCO for online donations: Please note that the cutoff date for year-end giving is **Sunday, December 26th** so it can be processed on time. Online giving after this date will not appear on your annual Giving Statement for 2021 that you will receive by the end of January 2022. All other 2021 year end tax deductible gifts must be received in the office or postmarked by December 31st.

NEW ONLINE GIVING: CHURCH CENTER INFORMATION

You can use the Church Center App or give via the website auc.churchcenter.com/giving. Log in with your phone number or e-mail and select the 'Give' option. It can be recurring or one time. For more information on Church Center, visit www.auc.org/church-center. If you have previously been giving online through the old system, please take some time to transition to the new system. Starting in January, Church Center will be our new online giving platform. Any questions, please contact the church office.

CHRISTMAS MISSIONARY GIFTS

Each year our Missionary Committee sends Christmas gifts to each member of our missionary family around the world. If you are interested in contributing, please designate your gift using one of the pew envelopes or electronically by selecting Missionary Christmas Fund.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | FEBRUARY 9TH | 7:30 PM

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 9th at 7:30 PM. All treasurers of various organizations (or anyone who usually gives a report for the Annual Report Book) are to submit their reports to the church office **by January 16th**. You may also email your report to office@auc.org.

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Our teacher for this week is Jack Nelson. Coffee is provided.

MAN UP | 9:00-11:00 AM | CHAPEL

Man Up is a group of men that meet each Saturday morning to discuss various subjects relating to sermons, book studies, videos, etc. This month we are studying in the book of Ephesians.