

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.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT: LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Join us on Sunday, December 18 at 6:30 PM for our annual Christmas concert! The 40-voice Christmas Choir, soloists, and kids choir will be accompanied by a live orchestra and handbell choir. Through word and song, we'll explore the biblical metaphors of Light and Darkness as they relate to Jesus's birth and his activity in the world. Nursery will be provided. The gospel will be presented, so please invite anyone who needs to hear or be encouraged by the good news of Jesus's victory over sin. All are encouraged to attend in-person as the event will not be livestreamed.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

LEE BARNES - RETIRED-FLORIDA

Lee is home and recovering from her broken hip. Lee would like prayer for complete healing and to tolerate the pain. Pray for clear leadership from the Holy Spirit for the future and hands-on support from the missionary and Jesus Film community around her. When Brian visited, she sat in a chair, mended some clothes, and talked. She lost her hearing aids, so that's a problem. I guess the caretakers are doing the cooking. Her house did pretty well in the hurricane; there was flooding at least two feet deep, just a block or two down her street.

AL & JUDY EDINGER, RETIRED-DELAWARE

We thank the Lord that despite our ages and chronic health conditions, we can still serve the Lord. We praise God for the opportunities to share the Gospel and to encourage the hurting, fearful, and grieving. Judy enjoys her ministry of praying for and facilitating the missionaries. Pray for the salvation of our unsaved family members. Pray for God to comfort the grieving, as the holidays can be difficult for them. Pray for wisdom in putting together a budget for 2023 without Judy's salary from HVMI.

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."

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

A 21st Century adaption of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" written by Robert Harding and presented by our Salt, Light, and Fragrance drama ministry. Bring your family and friends for the final performance tonight. 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 so we know how much food to prepare.

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.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE | DECEMBER 25 | 9:30AM

Come rejoice together on Christmas morning! There **will not** be any Bible School classes that day.

NEW YEARS DAY SERVICE | JANUARY 1 | 9:30AM

Begin the New Year in worship with us. There **will** be Bible School classes that morning.

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. Please keep the spaces marked as handicapped for those who need them. If interested in helping us direct vehicles, contact Ken Neely (610.872.7922 or kdneely@comcast.net).

THE FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN FOR SHOPPING!

Thanks to our congregation, our Food Pantry is stocked and we are happy to help those of us in need. We have two scheduled evenings in December where we are opening up! If you or someone you know needs groceries, please stop by!

December 12th from 6:45pm to 7:45

December 20th from 6:15pm to 7:15

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.

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.

ARE YOU PUZZLED? DO YOU LIKE PUZZLES?

Do you need something to do on those cold winter nights? AUC has a puzzle exchange. In the lounge you can take or exchange a puzzle, put it together, and then return it and pick another one. No need to sign anything out or let anyone know. Any questions call Christine Armentario at 610-622-2049

GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY

Our GriefShare Ministry provides grief recovery support to anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one. The program consists of fourteen sessions on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 1-3 pm in the Chapel. We are here to listen to how you are dealing with your loss and to provide prayer and support. The workbook is \$15.00 and can be purchased through the GriefShare website or from us. If you cannot afford a workbook, a scholarship is available. Please register at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/156692>. Feel free to bring someone with you who is also suffering. Contact a Group Leader at griefshare@auc.org or 610-259-8010.
