

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

NURSERY

When reading about Jesus' ministry on earth, we see the importance that Jesus places on children (Matthew 19:14) AUC Kid's strives to partner with families and demonstrate Jesus' love in an active way, starting at a young age in the nursery. You can show Christ's love with the little ones by holding them, reading to them, and even throwing a ball to them. Please come spend one hour a month or quarter with them. We also ask that if you are a parent who has a child in the nursery, that you please consider serving at least once a quarter, if you are not already doing so. Please continue praying for these children, their families, and all the individuals who are currently investing in these children's lives on a regular basis! If you'd like to serve in the nursery this spring, please contact Brittnei Nelson (brittneijnelson@gmail.com) or Christy Bickford (christy.bickford@auc.org).

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

JEREMY BAILLY, WORD OF LIFE-ARGENTINA

I'm excited to be your missionary of the week. As you may know, I'm still serving God in the ministry of Word of Life Argentina. My main ministry is the Bilingual Bible Program. This year, we have 21 students from the US, Germany, and Switzerland. They all came to learn Spanish and God's word, and we couldn't be more excited to see them grow. My primary role is still with the ministry area and multimedia area. As part of the program, each staff member has a student to meet together and disciple. I have a student named Caleb. He is from Pennsylvania, so please pray for his life and time in this program. Also, pray for me and my girlfriend, Keilah. We are going to visit Peru in December to visit my family. Thank you for all your care and support. I hope to see you all soon. I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a safe and fruitful 2023.

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."

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

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

CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT: LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Join us on **tonight** at 6:30PM 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.

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.

STUDENT AND FAMILY MINISTRIES PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

Due to the financial status of AUC at this time we are taking another look at our expectations and what we can do in hiring a new Student and Family Ministries Pastor. We are trying to move forward with this search as quickly as we can, but we also must be realistic with where we are financially. The Search Committee along with CE would like to make official job postings at the beginning of January for any seminary/college students who will be returning to school, and we will continue to keep you all informed on the process.

WINTER WEEKEND 2023 | JANUARY 27-28

Winter Weekend 2023 is coming up soon! Students currently in grades 6–12 are invited to join us for an awesome weekend of Bible study, small groups, games, food, and fellowship. This year there will be an optional overnight element (Friday to Saturday) that will take place here at AUC. You can find more info and registration on the church website and in the Church Center app.

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. Continue to pray for these children, their caregivers, and those who volunteer to be Christ's ambassadors as God uses our humble efforts to glorify His name. Praise that all of the children assigned to us have been provided for through our church family!

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".

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.

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 one more scheduled evening in December where we are opening up! If you or someone you know needs groceries, please stop by!

December 20 from 6:15PM to 7:15PM

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).