

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

CHRISTMAS GREETING

I pray that our entire church family will have a very Merry Christmas! That our eyes would be set on Christ and that He would be seen and heard in each of us, with gracious and well salted words, as we celebrate with our friends and families. Remember God's love for you, His plan for your salvation, His provision, and all the good things He has done and blessed us with, especially in sending His only Son, Jesus Christ. May this cause us to celebrate with thankfulness and joy in spite of the challenges that we endure. Let's go and be a blessing during this Christmas Time as we look forward to growing closer together as the Body of Christ in the coming year!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Joe

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

JEREMY BAILLY

Serving in the Bilingual Bible Program (BBP) has been such a privilege. Due to the COVID situation in Argentina, our students are currently doing their first semester of Spanish and Bible Studies in Portugal. Lord willing, the borders will open next year so that our students can continue their second semester in our home base in Buenos Aires. We have 20 students from the USA, Germany, Switzerland, and Hungary. During the week, they have their standard Spanish and Bible classes, but as a Christian program, we want to encourage them to be alert and know about different ministries. So we have various ministries opportunities such as prayer nights, WOL Portugal Olympians (kids ministry), small groups, and others. They also go out on the weekends to help local churches around Lisbon. They help with kids programs, youth meetings, and reaching out to others with the Gospel. I can personally say that AUC has been a blessing for me, and I can feel your prayers. Would you please continue to pray for the students so that God can challenge them in the areas they need and for Argentina to open its borders soon? Would you please pray for God to provide for all our needs and to provide a car for us when we go to Argentina? *You may send a word of encouragement to Jeremy at jeremybailly108@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."

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. Register online at auc.churchcenter.com

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

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!

NO KIDS WORSHIP DECEMBER 26TH

Next week kids are to remain with the families for the entire worship service.

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.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please be sure to pick up your box of offering envelopes located on the table in the Foyer 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.

MINISTRY HELP NEEDED

DRIVING MINISTRY

Do you enjoy driving? We are looking for volunteers to drive our church van to pick up folks from Lima Estates so they can attend Sunday morning worship and Bible school. Please consider joining our driver list. Contact Irene Zahner at 610-909-3636 for more information.

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 a recurring or one time donation. For more information on Church Center, visit www.auc.org/church-center. If you have previously been giving online through the old system (VANCO), 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. We are taking Christmas and New Years off and will resume meeting January 8th.

STUDENT MINISTRY

WINTER WEEKEND | JANUARY 28TH-30TH

Winter Weekend is back! Students grades 6th-12th are invited to join us for an awesome weekend of Bible study, small groups, games, food, and fellowship. The event takes place right here at AUC. Cost for the event is \$70 until January 9th then it goes up. And as always scholarships are available. For more information or to register check out the events section of auc.org/students