

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Merry Christmas to our AUC Family!

This has been a long year with its share of trials and challenges, but through it all we know that God has continued to be faithful to us - even if we have not been quite as faithful to Him. God is good (yes, all the time!). And whatever may come our way we can know that the riches of the grace of God run eternally deep, because we celebrate Christmas Day. His everlasting love was confirmed and proven when the Son was wrapped in flesh and laid in a manger that day. This is the day that will eventually bring us to the hope of Easter. God didn't just visit us to see how we are doing. He gave His only Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Merry Christmas! Rejoice and be glad! Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

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.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

JONATAN AND CASEY TORREJON, WORD OF LIFE-BOLIVIA

Thank you for your prayers for us. We were busy preparing for the kids' camp, which was until December 8. Thankfully, we could present the children's show on Friday night and again on Monday. The children enjoyed the show. We are also busy preparing for our teen camp, which begins in January. We are excited to be part of the worship team for camp again this year. Please pray for the salvation of the children that come to the kids camp and pray for all the teens attending the camp in January. Pray they will be impacted by the Gospel and make decisions for Christ. Pray those who know Christ will dedicate their lives to Him. Thank you so much for your prayers and support of us and the ministry.

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."

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

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED | MONDAY DECEMBER 26

In observation of Christmas, the office will be closed tomorrow.

PRAYER MEETING | WEDNESDAY | 7PM | CHAPEL

Join us for a time of corporate prayer as we praise our Heavenly Father and pray for our church, our community and our country.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | FEBRUARY 8 | 7:30PM

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8 at 7:30 PM. All Chairmen of various organizations (or anyone who usually gives a report for the Annual Report Book) need to submit their reports to the church office **by January 8th**.

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.

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

UPDATE ON PROJECT FOR THE DAYS IN MINNESOTA

This winter, we shipped five boxes of hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves to Warren and Barbara Day in Minnesota for their ministry. Barbara said, "Thank you so much for another wonderful box of hats, gloves, and scarves. It is sure going to get cold here next week, and we know lots of people appreciate all you have sent. We have had about 8 inches of snow in the past week. We hope you have a blessed Christmas. Lots of love to you, and thank you again for all your love, prayers, and support." Warren & Barbara Day

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 are now available online. Some workshops will be limited so don't delay. Stop by the Women's Ministry table to pick up a brochure.

WOMANWISE | 1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS | 9:30-11:30AM | LL09

We are doing a DVD study of Exodus. Childcare is available up to preschool age. If you have any questions, please contact Lysa Burton at rlrsburton@verizon.net or 484-955-5165.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all my AUC family for the love shown to Pat and me (and Donna) in so many ways, especially this past year. What could have been drudgery was instead an adventure. The prayers of His saints are powerful and effective. I am blessed to call you Family. Steve Darragh