

December 3, 2017

ADVENT

— A SEASON OF —

PREPARATION



AMC
arthur mennonite church

TODAY'S WORSHIP CELEBRATION
10:30 am Sunday, December 3, 2017

Worship Leader: Nancy Kuhns
Music Leader: Ashley Litwiller **Message:** Glen Rhodes
*indicates those who are able may stand

GATHERING AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

*Gathering Song: *Down to the River to Pray*
Welcome & Congregational Information
Call to Worship: Let it Be
Opening Prayer

PRAISING AND WORSHIPING GOD

Children's Time
We Worship God by Presenting our Tithes & Offerings
Video: *Keep Christ in Christmas*
*With Voices We Sing
Brown #123 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
Brown #124 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
Screen *Cornerstone*
Intercessory Prayer - Glen Rhodes
Jesus Is ~ Madison Snyder

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:1-8; 2 Peter 3:8-15a
Advent Message: "Let It Be So!" Isaiah 40:1-11

SENT FORTH IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Sending Song: *Jesus Is Lord of All*
*Prayer of Response & Sending

**Come forward following the service for anything
in your life that you would like prayer for.
*Have a blessed week!***

WELCOME TO AMC!

If you are a guest we look forward to meeting you and invite you to join us again next Sunday.

- Information about AMC is available in the literature rack near the north doors and for more information visit our website at arthurmennonite.org.
- Children are welcome in the service and buddy bags are in the foyer for their use. We also have a nursery for children 5 and under in the east basement.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Begins at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday!

Children: Ages 2-5th Grade

West Basement

Jr High: Grades 6-8 - Youth House

Youth: Grades 9-12 - Youth House

Adult Choices:

Fell. Hall: God's Urgent Call

Room 1: Psalms Bible Study

Room 5: Variety of Lessons

SERMON QUESTIONS FOR THOUGHT AND DISCUSSION

- When you hear the word "King" what comes to your mind?
- In this Advent season of waiting, is Jesus truly the King of your life? What things might be claiming that Kingship instead of Christ?
- What does it mean in your life to allow and anticipate the power of our resurrected King Jesus to resurrect you and your situation?

Going Deeper: Go to Google and type in "Scriptures about the power of Jesus Christ." Take some time to look through all of the websites and verses that proclaim this power, this rule, and this authority for your life.

PERSONAL WORSHIP NOTES



BACKPACK PROGRAM

New
Community
Outreach

Starting in January, the Arthur Community Backpack Program will send a bag of food home in some grade school kids backpacks every Friday. This will help kids whose families may sometimes be short on food at home over the weekends. Foods will be child-friendly, nonperishable and easy to eat. This new outreach is being supported by other area churches and the Arthur Ministerial Association. \$100 supports a child for the months of January-May. Would you be willing to sponsor a child? If so, put your check in AMC treasurers box made payable to “Arthur Ministerial Association” with “Backpack Program” in the memo line. You can also donate directly to this account at the State Bank of Arthur. See Glen Rhodes with questions.



COMMUNITY MEALS

Can You
Help?

The Wednesday night meal at the Methodist church could use some help as some of the volunteers head to Florida for the Winter. If you can help just show up on any Wednesday from 2-6 pm. They also could use a sheet cake or other desserts brought on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Just take it to the church sometime in the afternoon on that Wednesday. Many AMC people have helped with this outreach through the years and it is very much appreciated.

HOMEBUILDERS

Dec. 16th

The Homebuilders fellowship group will have a Christmas dinner at Marion & Rosanna Miller’s on Saturday, Dec. 16th at 6p.m. More info next week.

JUNIOR HIGH

HIGH SCHOOL

TODAY

Bible Study:

My Money, God’s Money
Youth House @ 3pm

Arthur Mennonite Church
YOUTH
KINGDOM
FOCUSED

Dec 6th

Bible Study:

Boaz/Ruth & Obed
Youth House @ 7pm

KEEPING UP WITH AMC

- Peter Kauffman and Diana Burke got engaged over Thanksgiving. Congratulations!
- Carrie Kuhns and Nathan Harshman are engaged and plan to marry in 2018. Congrats!
- A benefit account has been set up at the State Bank of Arthur to help with cancer related expenses for Ben Miller.
- Instead of a Christmas Choir, an AMC night of Caroling in Arthur is being planned.

BIRTHDAYS

Sandy Snyder *Today*
Austin Kauffman *Tuesday*
Kendall Schrock *Tuesday*
Waylon Miller *Tuesday*

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the church for the flowers and cards following Adlai's passing.
~ Adlai Yoder Family
Special thanks to the Homebuilders fellowship group for the food and paper products they provided.
~ Cliff & Kathy and Larry & Pat



Community Life Our Relationships with Each Other

Fellowship Meal & Grocery Shower Today

Stay and join us after worship for great food and fellowship! We are also having a grocery shower to bless newlyweds Luke & Katie Miller.

CARE 'N SHARE

Dec. 15th

The Care 'n Share fellowship group will have their Christmas party on Dec. 15th at 6 p.m. at the Smith House in Tuscola. Following the meal (cost is \$14 ea.) we will be entertained by members of the "Toast of Champaign" ladies chorus. (A free will offering will be taken). Please sign-up on the Community Life bulletin board by Dec.13th.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Last Day to Sign Up

Today is the last day to sign up if you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor of a loved one to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. They are \$12 each and will be white and pink this year. Please put your money in the secretary's mailbox. They will be in the sanctuary Dec. 17th and 24th, after which you can take yours home.





Discipling Growing in our Relationship with Jesus

WINTER RETREATS

In January

Menno Haven is hosting three winter retreats in January. Early registration discounts are available until Dec. 20th so we will be making arrangements soon! The dates are:



Jr High ~ Jan. 19-21,

High School ~ Jan. 12-14

Young Adults ~ January 5-7

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Dec. 17th

The AMC Christmas Program will be Sunday, Dec. 17th at 6 p.m. Children and adults will be a part of this year's program entitled "Journey to Bethlehem." Please bring a finger food to share for the time of fellowship after the program.



Administration Developing & Coordinating our Relationships

CONG. MEETING

Today

The final congregational meeting of 2017 will be held this afternoon at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary after the fellowship meal. At this meeting you can hear what the various AMC commissions are working on. We will also discuss and affirm the 2018 budget and Commission roles during the meeting. Join us!

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship Celebration 89

Christian Education 31

Offering

General Offering \$3,246

2017 Weekly Goal \$4,460

YTD Progress - 4.7%

Primary Dept. Mission Offering

Nov. \$151

2017 Total YTD \$405.19

REMINDERS

Nursery

Today: Lamar & Karen Miller

Dec. 10: Joanna & Alicia Y.

Visitor of the Week: Josephine M.

Homebuilders December

Ervin & Nancy Kuhns

Arthur Home Service - Dec. 31st

Room 1 C.E. Class

Fellowship Meal - Today

Les & Marlene Helmuth

Mike & Brittnay Yoder

Gary & Dorothy Kauffman

Kim Kauffman



Worship Our Relationship with Jesus

ADVENT

2nd Sunday

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent leading us up to Christmas. Our Advent theme this year is “Yes! Let it Be!” which reminds us of Mary’s response to God’s plan of bringing Jesus into the world. Join us for these Advent and Christmas Sundays!



On Sunday, Dec. 24th we will celebrate Christmas during our morning worship celebration. There will be no Christian Education that day and worship will begin at 10 a.m. Prelude will begin at 9:50 that morning.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Duane Oye - Was in hospital this week for tests, he is home now.
- Delilah England - Health. Back in Arthur and doing better.
- Adlai Yoder family - Larry and Cliff’s father passed away last week.
- Brittney and Michael Yoder - Baby due mid-December.
- Kara Kuhns and family
- Melvin Bontrager family - Liz Diener’s brother in IN. Passed away.
- Ben Miller - Cancer. Began chemo treatments recently.
- Relatives and friends of Ron and Janice Thomas with health issues.
- Adriene Lane - Serving in Ecuador with World Teach

PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD

- Those effected by the bombing last week in Egypt.
- Pray for the larger church during this 500th year of the Reformation.
- The addiction crisis in the United States.
- Those affected by recent hurricanes and wild fires.
- Pray for AMC supported missionaries.
- Pray for all those sharing the good news of Jesus.



AMC’s VISION

By 2022, Arthur Mennonite Church will be a courageous people guided by God to rely on Christian practices and to deepen our intergenerational relationships. We will use a spectrum of spiritual gifts and embrace our welcoming atmosphere to show God’s love through our actions and fearlessly share his gospel with words.

Grow Like Mary, Serve Like Martha

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, Dec. 3	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration
	Noon	Fellowship Meal & Grocery Shower
	1:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Jr. High Youth
Tues., Dec. 5	11:00 a.m.	Ministry Team Meeting
Wed., Dec. 6	7:00 p.m.	High School Youth
Thurs., Dec. 7	All Day	WMSC Quilting
	3-5 p.m.	Coffee & Conversations
Sun., Dec. 10	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration
		Welcoming New Members

FUTURE EVENTS

Christmas Program ~ Dec. 17



On Thursday Karen, Kathy, Sandy, Nancy, and Deb decorated the church for the Christmas season. Thanks your for all your work!

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