

January 3, 2016

Happy New Year



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Transforming Lives → Embracing Opportunities Through Christ

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TODAY'S WORSHIP CELEBRATION
10:30 am Sunday, January 3, 2016

Worship Leader: Jenni Marner
Song Leader: Lynn Marner Message: Glen Rhodes
Prelude Singing begins at 10:20
*indicates those who are able may stand

GATHERING AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

***Gathering Song: "Shine Jesus Shine"**
Welcome & Congregational Information
Call To Worship: Today is the Day!
Opening Prayer

PRAISING AND WORSHIPING GOD

Children's Time

We Worship God by Presenting our Tithes & Offerings

*With Voices He Has Given Us:

Blue #584 "They That Wait Upon the Lord"

Screen "Jesus Messiah"

Screen "Nothing Ever Could Separate Us"

Intercessory Prayer - Ashley Litwiller

Song of Worship: "Because He Lives" Kendall Burdick

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings: Luke 18:18-25; 1 Corinthians 15:58-16:4

Video: "Life is a Gift"

Message: "The Joy of Generosity" Matt. 6:19-24; Romans 12:1-2

SENDING FORTH IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Prayer of Response & Sending

***Sending Song: "My Soul is Filled With Joy" v.1**

Come forward for prayer following the service for anything in your life that you would like prayer for. A minister will be at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you.

Have a blessed New Year!

Read Through the Bible in One Year

Jan. 4 - Gen. 10-12, Matt. 4
Jan. 5 - Gen. 13-15, Matt. 5:1-26
Jan. 6 - Gen. 16-17, Matt. 5:27-48
Jan. 7 - Gen. 18-19, Matt. 6:1-18
Jan. 8 - Gen. 20-22, Matt. 6:19-34
Jan. 9 - Gen. 23-24, Matt. 7
Jan. 10 - Gen. 25-26, Matt. 8:1-17

Memory Verse of the Week

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.”

Romans 12:1

WELCOME TO AMC!

If you are a guest we look forward to meeting you and invite you back next Sunday.

- Information about AMC is available in the literature rack near the north doors.
- For more information check out 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 AM

Children: Ages 2-5 and Grades 1-5
West Basement

Jr High: Grades 6-8 - Youth House

Youth: Grades 9-12 - Youth House

Adults:

FH: Sacred Gifts

Room 1: Matthew

Room 5: Variety of Lessons

Feel free to grab a cup of coffee before you head to class!

PERSONAL WORSHIP NOTES

Use this space to write down things that encourage you, inspire you, or speak to you during the Worship Celebration.



Outreach Our Relationships with the World

COMMUNITY MEALS

Sign Up to Help in 2016

If you can help once a month (or more) at the Wednesday night community meal at the Methodist Church please sign up on the Community Life board. AMC helps on the second Wednesday of each month. A schedule will be made once the sign up sheet is complete. They can always use help and welcome anyone to come and assist them from 2-7 p.m. on any Wednesday. Just show up and help as long as you can.

MISSIONARY SUPPORT

Change for 2016

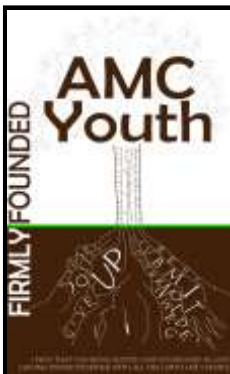
In 2015 we have supported missionary couples in Thailand (Adam and Janette Strode), and Ghana (Wes and Deborah Bergen). The Strodes are returning **home to Colorado** but the Bergens's are remaining in Ghana. In 2016 we will direct the financial support for the Strodes to the Bergens in order to help make up a deficit in their ministry support. The Bergens will be at AMC on Feb. 21st to share about their work, training African pastors at a seminary and supporting local Christians in Ghana, Africa. Please pray for all missionaries!



FARMER'S CAFE

At Eberhardt

Eberhardt Senior Community in Arthur is beginning a **Farmer's Café every Thursday from 2-3:30 p.m.** in their Rooster Café. This is a time for residents and people from the community to gather for donuts, coffee, and fellowship. This is a great opportunity to visit Ray and Sherrill Shunk and get to know others who live there.



TONIGHT
Youth & Parents Night!!
Tending:
Where We've Been & Where We're Going
(Mission Trip 2016 Reveal)
6 p.m. @ Youth House
Bring your NEW Bibles!!

Jan 10th
Youth & Young Adults Night!
Details to come!

KEEPING UP WITH AMC

- New carpet is going to be laid in the nursery sometime in the next two weeks. Until then, the nursery will be in Room 1 during worship.
- Esther Yoder will be celebrating her 86th birthday on Thursday. Congratulations!
- Ervin & Nancy K. left for Florida this past week.
- **A Christmas and New Year's** card from the Oreo and Martha Otto family to the church is posted on the Community Life board.

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Tues. Kathy Yoder
Thurs. Esther Yoder



Community Life Our Relationships with Each Other

*First Sunday Fellowship Meal Today!
Stay after worship for great food and fellowship.*

RED CROSS Blood Drive

The Arthur Ministerial Association and the Arthur **Lion's Club** are **sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive this Thursday** from 2-6 p.m. at the Arthur Community Building. Give Blood, Give Life!

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE And Memory Verse

On page two of the bulletin each week we have included daily bible readings. If you would like to read through the entire bible in one year, these daily readings will help you. Also on page two note the new Memory Verse of the Week.



AMC APP Coming in 2016

In 2016 look for the new AMC app which will make it even easier (is that possible?) to access sermons, newsletters, midweek meditations, etc. It will be available for free download for your tablets and smart phones from Google Play and Apple.



Also look for a fresh design for the website!



Discipling Growing in our Relationship with Jesus

COMBINED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Starts Next
Sunday

In January, on the Sundays of January 10th through the 31st we will be having adult combined



Christian Ed. classes in the fellowship hall on the theme “30 Days of Generosity.” **Glen is bringing a message this morning on “The Joy of Generosity”** and on the Sundays that follow, CE will be focused on serving God and others with generous hearts. One of our themes at AMC in 2016 will focus on these calls of service and giving. Plan to join us!

WINTER RETREAT

Jr. High &
High School

Menno Haven Winter Retreats are Jan. 15-17 for High School and Jan. 22-24 for Jr. High. Registration forms were put in mailboxes for all Jr. High and High School youth. If you did not get yours or if you have any questions please speak with Ashley Litwiller.



Administration

Developing & Coordinating
our Relationships

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance	
Worship Celebration	114
Christian Education	33
Offering	
General Offering	\$4,866
Designations:	
Elevator Fund	\$250
Budget Goal	\$4,370
Year-to-Date Progress	+0.2%
December Primary Dept.	
Mission Offering	\$26.45

REMINDERS

Nursery
 Today: Kyle & Jackie Crabtree
 Jan. 10: Elmer & Kim Miller
 Arthur Home Service. - Jan. 24th
 Led by Andy Marner
 Visitor of the Week: Gloria Yoder
 Homebuilders - January
 Scott & Karen Litteral
 Fellowship Meal - Today
 Gary & Ashley Miller
 Virgil & Sondra Gingerich
 Kenny & Lelia Miller
 Delilah England
 Peter Kauffman

OUR VISION AT ARTHUR MENNONITE

By 2017, Arthur Mennonite Church will be actively transforming believers into more spiritually empowered disciples of Christ. Through a maturing faith well grounded in God's word and spiritual practices, we will prepare ourselves for all opportunities and leave nothing to chance as we grow in our relationship with our Creator and the church body, and toward the expansion of Christ's kingdom into the world.



Worship Our Relationship with Jesus

FLOODED BASEMENTS

Thank You!

A huge thank you to the AMC trustees and all the people who came and helped to get the basements dry and back in working order this past week. We realize that while people were dealing with issues here at the church they also were dealing with water and flooding in their own homes at the same time.

BAPTISMS

Next Sunday

Next Sunday during worship Michael and Brittney Yoder will be baptized and received into membership here at AMC. Pray for them in this exciting time of change & transition. Their first baby is due in February.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Alta Yoder - Healing from bronchitis and asthma problems
- Liz Johnson - **Karen Litteral's daughter had back surgery this week**
- Eli Miller Family - **Lamar (Karen) Miller's grandfather passed away**
- Donna Plank - **Bob's mother, health, at Mason Point**
- Family of Dick Storm - Dick passed away recently
- Edward Kauffman - **Gary's father, health**
- Nancy Kuhns - Healing from knee replacement surgery
- Kara Kuhns - **Willis & Dee's daughter-in-law, cancer treatments**

PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD

- Those affected by storms, snow, and flooding
- Those effected by recent terrorist attacks around world
- Those who need to know Jesus as their Savior
- Refugee crisis in Middle East and Europe
- Wars and ongoing unrest in the Middle East
- All Missionaries in this country and around the world



CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration
	Noon	Fellowship Meal
	6:00 p.m.	Youth & Parents
Wed., Jan. 6	8:15 a.m.	Breakfast Club @ Yoder's
Thurs., Jan. 7	All Day	WMSC Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Life Group: Explore the Bible
Sun., Jan. 10	9:30 a.m.	Combined Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration
	6:00 p.m.	Youth

FUTURE EVENTS

Combined Christian Education ~ Jan. 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st
Youth Winter Retreat ~ Jan. 15-17
Jr. High Winter Retreat ~ Jan. 22-24

SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK



Cliff & Larry Kauffman were part of the crew that helped clean up water in the east basement last week.

JUST FOR FUN

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CAN YOU SCROLL BACK UP?

*Resolution One: I will live for God.
Resolution Two: If no one else does,
I still will. ~Jonathan Edwards*

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