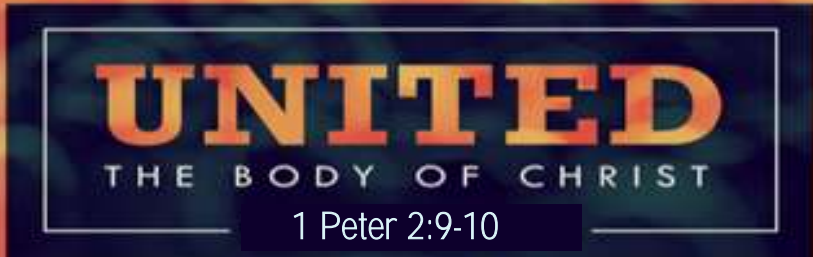


January 24, 2016

Christian Unity Sunday



But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP CELEBRATION
10:30 am Sunday, January 24, 2016

Worship Leader: Willis Kuhns
Song Leader: Lynn Marner Message: John Stewart
Prelude Singing begins at 10:20
*indicates those who are able may stand

GATHERING AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

***Gathering Song: "Together"**

Welcome & Congregational Information

Call To Worship: Make Us One In You

Opening Prayer

PRAISING AND WORSHIPING GOD

Children's Time

We Worship God by Presenting our Tithes & Offerings

*With Voices He Has Given Us:

Blue #26 **"Holy Spirit, Come with Power" v.1,3**

Blue #516 **"Just As I Am, Without One Plea" v.1,3,6**

Screen **"Holy Spirit Rain Down"**

Intercessory Prayer - Lamar Miller

"Answers" - Kim Kauffman

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 7:6-9; Galatians 3:23-28

Message: John Stewart, Arthur First Baptist Church

Christian Unity Sunday 1 Peter 2:9-10

SENDING FORTH IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Prayer of Response & Sending

***Sending Song: "Bless'd Be the Tie that Binds" Blue #421 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 week!

Read Through the Bible in One Year

Jan. 25 - Exod. 12-13, Matt. 16
Jan. 26 - Exod. 14-15, Matt. 17
Jan. 27 - Exod. 16-18, Matt. 18:1-20
Jan. 28 - Exod. 19-20, Matt. 18:21-35
Jan. 29 - Exod. 21-22, Matt. 19
Jan. 30 - Exod. 23-24, Matt. 20:1-16
Jan. 31 - Exod. 25-26, Matt. 20:17-34

Memory Verse of the Week

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness and into his wonderful light.”

1 Peter 2:9

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

Adults & Youth:

All classes combined in the Fellowship Hall for
“30 Days of Generosity”

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

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Donations for
Six Students

It's time to start collecting snack items, gift cards, or other items that you would like to bless our six AMC college students with. Please place your donations in the tub in the foyer by the middle of February. Thanks!

SUPER BOWL SUBS

Order Yours!



The Youth are selling Super Bowl Subs to continue raising funds for their 2016 Mission Trip to work with DOOR in Denver, CO. They will be in the foyer this Sunday & the 31st for your convenience! The final day to place your order is Jan. 31st. Find a youth ASAP to reserve your grub for Super Bowl 50!

REQUIRED MEETING

For Shop
Volunteers

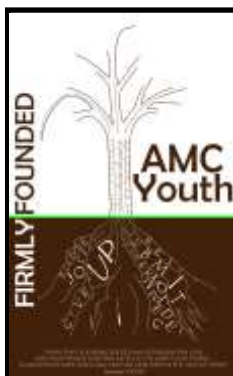
There will be a required meeting for all who volunteer at the Arthur MCC Thrift Shop. There are two date/time options: Wednesday, Jan. 27th at 9 a.m. or Thursday, Jan. 28th at 7 p.m. Please attend one of the these meetings to get a copy of the new Policy and Procedures manual and to discuss a few items. We thank you for your continued help and support to make the shop a success!



CHRISTIAN UNITY SUNDAY

Welcome
Pastor John
Stewart

The Arthur Ministerial Association is encouraging churches to pray for and work at Christian unity. Some local pastors are participating in a pulpit exchange today as a part of Christian Unity Sunday worldwide. Today Glen Rhodes will be preaching at Zion United Church of Christ and AMC welcomes Pastor John Stewart from The Arthur First Baptist Church.



TONIGHT

Branch:

Break & Patience

YH @ 6 p.m.

!!Bring Your Bible!!

Snack: Derek

Jan 31st

No Youth

Feb 7th

8am - Be in Church Kitchen
to assemble Super Bowl Subs

6pm - Movie Night

@ Ashley's

KEEPING UP WITH AMC

- Until the new carpet is laid in the nursery, we will be having the nursery in Room 5.
- The AMC Junior High Group is at Camp Menno Haven this weekend for Winter Retreat. They will return this afternoon.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today Simon Kauffman
Thurs. Ashley Gallinger

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK



Community Life Our Relationships with Each Other

CRUISE NIGHT

Sign up!

The Community Life Commission has been busy planning for the upcoming Cruise Night to Paris which will be Saturday, Feb. 13th at 6 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Sign up today on the Community Life board to get your boarding passes. Passes will be put in your church mailboxes. Seating will be limited to those who are High School Freshmen and older. Because there are only a certain number of seats, there is also a sign up sheet for potential guests who are not regular attendees at AMC. These seats will be opened up as space allows and will be taken in order from the list. We are looking forward to another great cruise this year! More details to come!



Please sign up by Jan. 31st, after that date we will start distributing boarding passes to those on the potential guests list.

PATHFINDERS

Game Night
Jan. 30th

Pathfinders will be meeting on Saturday, Jan. 30th at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall for game night. Soups and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share. If you have questions please speak with Lanora.

HOMEBUILDERS

Feb. 7th

The Homebuilders fellowship group will gather for the Super Bowl on Feb. 1st at Gary & **Dorothy Kauffman's house. Come anytime** after 4:30 with your subs and a side to share. Please RSVP to Dorothy at 433-5702.





Discipling Growing in our Relationship with Jesus

COMBINED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Continues Today

If you missed the first two Sunday's you can still join the adult combined Christian Ed. classes in the fellowship hall on the theme "30 Days of Generosity." These combined CE sessions are 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.



CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

To Begin

On Feb. 7th Glen Rhodes will be leading a Sunday morning Christian Discipleship class for 6-8 weeks. This will be for all those interested in baptism, church membership, or anyone wanting to learn more about Christian/Mennonite faith. If you are interested in being a part of this class please talk to Glen soon so that materials and preparations can be made.

PASTORS LICENSED

Lamar Miller & Ashley Litwiller

This past week Illinois Mennonite Conference licensed Ashley Litwiller towards ordination and reinstated the license for Lamar Miller for specific ministry. In the near future conference minister Michael Danner will come to AMC to have a formal ceremony for this.



Administration Developing & Coordinating our Relationships

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance	
Worship Celebration	129
Christian Education	60
Offering	
General Offering	\$2,589
Budget Goal	\$4,370
December Primary Dept.	
Mission Offering	\$26.45
Elevator Fund Total	\$13,623

REMINDERS

- Arthur Home Service. - Today
- Led by Andy Marnier
- Visitor of the Week: Carol Yoder
- Homebuilders - February
- Gary & Dorothy Kauffman
- Fellowship Meal - February 7th
- Kevin & Lyndora Miller
- Bob Plank / Christ Mast
- Floyd & Anna Mary Borntreger
- Community Meal Helpers - Feb. 10
- 2-4:30 p.m. Phyllis K. & Dee K.
- 4:30-7 p.m. **Dorothy K. & Karen L.**

Nursery Today: Colby & Jordon H.
Jan. 31: Lonnie & Jenny Schrock

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

COMMUNION

Next Sunday

We will be observing communion next Sunday, Jan. 31st during the morning worship celebration. Please be in prayer and preparation for this

time of observing the Lord's Supper together. The Ministry Team and Worship Commission have decided to stop serving grapes and crackers for children during communion. They encourage parents to talk with their children about why we observe communion as baptized believers and what it means.



PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Edna Gingerich - Fell in Florida and broke her arm
- **Junior & Judy Beachey's family** - Sister-in-law Bonnie Beachey passed away this past week in Kansas City
- Michael Taylor - Healing from hernia surgery this past Monday
- Wayne King - Former AMC pastor. Healing from broken hip in KS
- Michael & Brittney Yoder - Baby due any day
- Family of Abe Schrock - Abe passed away last weekend
- Edward Kauffman - **Gary's father, health**
- Kara Kuhns - **Willis & Dee's daughter**-in-law, cancer treatments
- Kevin Smith - Terrible vehicle accident in our community recently

PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD

- Those affected by storms, snow, and flooding
- U.S. Presidential election
- Those who need to know Jesus as their Savior
- Refugee crisis in Middle East and Europe
- Illinois State budget impasse. Those affected by it.
- All Missionaries in this country and around the world



CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 a.m.	Arthur Home Srvc led by Andy Marner
	9:30 a.m.	Combined Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
Wed., Jan 27	8:15 a.m.	Breakfast Club @ Yoder's Restaurant
Sat., Jan. 30	6:00 p.m.	Pathfinders
Sun., Jan. 31	9:30 a.m.	Combined Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration / Communion

FUTURE EVENTS

Combined Christian Education ~ Jan. 24th & 31st
Cruise Night ~ Feb. 13th

SNAPSHOT OF THE WEEK

Madison Snyder was helping her grandma Sandy as a greeter last Sunday where she welcomed Marie Schrock.



JUST FOR FUN

Optimist: a person who figures that taking a step backward after taking a step forward is not a disaster... it's more like the cha-cha.

Is this apisdn umop or am I just standing on my head?



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