

True Freedom!

*“He has sent me to proclaim
freedom for the prisoners...
to release the oppressed!”*

Luke 4:18



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Transforming Lives → Embracing Opportunities Through Christ

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TODAY'S WORSHIP CELEBRATION
10:30 am Sunday, March 13, 2016

Worship Leader: Levi Yoder
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: "He is Here"**

Welcome & Congregational Information
Call To Worship: Based on Isaiah 43
Opening Prayer

PRAISING AND WORSHIPING GOD

Children's Time

We Worship God by Presenting our Tithes & Offerings

*With Voices He Has Given Us:

Blue #91 "Praise to God, Immortal Praise"

Blue #598 "A Wonderful Savior"

Blue #584 "They that Wait Upon the Lord"

Intercessory Prayer - Jeff Marner

"With You Now" - Kim Miller, Andy & Lynn Marner

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings: Genesis 16:1-5, 15-16, 21:1-3; Luke 4:14-21

Lent Series: Faith and Freedom...In Jesus

Message: "True Freedom = True Joy" Galatians 4

SENDING FORTH IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Prayer of Response & Sending

*Sending Song: "We Will Glorify"

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

Mar. 14 - Deut. 22-24, Mark 14:1-26
Mar. 15 - Deut. 25-27, Mark 14:27-53
Mar. 16 - Deut. 28-29, Mark 14:54-72
Mar. 17 - Deut. 30-31, Mark 15:1-25
Mar. 18 - Deut. 32-34, Mark 15:26-47
Mar. 19 - Joshua 1-3, Mark 16
Mar. 20 - Joshua 4-6, Luke 1:1-20

Memory Passage

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”
Luke 4:18-19

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 & Youth:

Fellowship Hall: 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

MEALS ON WHEELS

Schedule



Thank you to all who signed up to help this month with Meals on Wheels. Monday-Thursday helpers meet the driver at R&I at 10:45. Friday helpers will get a call telling where to meet the driver (Likely Country Cheese & More). Volunteers this week:

Mon.-Bertha Y. Wed.-Bertha Y. Fri.-Glen R.
Tues.-Judy B. Thurs.-Sarah S.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Meals for Kuhns' Family

Our church is going to start taking meals to Kara and J.D. Kuhns on Thursday nights each week. If you can help with this please call Dorothy Kauffman for details. The Methodist church is taking meals on Tuesdays. J.D. is **Willis and Dee's son and grew up at AMC. Please help us bless this family!**

THRIFT SHOP

Required Meetings

If you have not been to one of the required volunteer meetings at the Arthur MCC

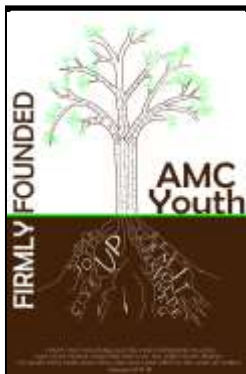


Thrift Shop, there will be two offered in March. The first meeting is Mar. 17th at 7 p.m. and the second is on Mar. 22nd at 9 a.m. If you are a volunteer, you must attend one of these meetings. Talk with Nadine if you have any questions.

BLOOMINGTON RELIEF SALE

Next Weekend

The Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale is this Friday and Saturday, March 18-19 at the Interstate Center in Bloomington. For more info visit ilreliefsale.org.



TONIGHT

Rain:

"Focus"

With Pathfinders

6 pm in Fellowship Hall

Snack: Pathfinders

March 20th

Rain:

Never Again

6 pm @ YH

Snacks: Kayla

KEEPING UP WITH AMC

- Mary Herschberger will celebrate her 90th birthday on Thursday! Her family is having a card shower for her.
- The March issue of Missional Crossroads is on the table in foyer near the north doors. Feel free to take a copy.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Tues. Chelsea Rocke
Roy Williamson
Thurs. Andy Marner
Mary Herschberger
Sat. Willis Kuhns

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK



Community Life Our Relationships with Each Other

PATHFINDERS

With Youth
Tonight

Pathfinders will be joining the AMC Youth this evening in the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. Please bring a snack to share. Speak with Melissa S. if you have any questions.

CARE 'N SHARE

March 20th

Care 'n Share will have a game night in the fellowship hall on Sunday, March 20th at 6 p.m. Please bring a finger food to share and speak with Levi or Gloria Yoder if you have questions.

HOMEBUILDERS

March 20th

Homebuilders will be going to The Ribeye on Sunday, March 20th. Meet at the church at 5 p.m. to carpool. Please RSVP to Nancy Kuhns.

THANK YOU!

For Care
Packages

From Ryan Miller: Thank you for the care package! I always look forward to getting them and it is nice to know that the church still cares for us while we are away at college. It may just be a small box of snacks, but it means more to me. I am blessed to be a part of the AMC family. THANK YOU!

From Chelsea Rocke: Thank you all very much for my care package. So blessed to be a part of such a loving congregation. Thanks again!

From Rebecca Hopkins: Thank you so much for the delicious care package! It arrived just in time for studying for midterms. It is always comforting to know I have such a supportive church family at home. I miss you all!



Discipling Growing in our Relationship with Jesus

MAUNDY THURSDAY Bible Study

On Maundy Thursday, March 24th, we will be having a Bible Study here at the church on the 13th chapter of John and the 22nd chapter of Luke which speak of the **Last Supper and Jesus' last evening with the twelve** disciples. Everyone is invited to attend. It will begin at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Glen R. will be leading.

AMC APP Available for Download

The AMC app is ready to go and available for download from iTunes and Google Play. Bulletins, newsletters, midweek meditations, general event announcements and each **Sunday's message are all accessible via the app.**



BIBLE SCHOOL Volunteers

Bible School needs your help! We are looking for volunteers for the week of Bible School: June 6-10. We need help in the areas of: nursery, guides, kitchen, games, craft, and storytellers. If you feel led, please sign up today on the sheet on the Community Life Board. Please see Kathleen Burdick with any questions.



Administration Developing & Coordinating our Relationships

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance	
Worship Celebration	167
Christian Education	74
Offering	
General Offering:	\$3,772
Budget Goal	\$4,370
Designation: Elevator Fund	\$340
February Primary Dept.	
Mission Offering	\$43.04
Elevator Fund Total	\$19,732
Nursery	
Today: Lyndora & Regina M.	
March 20: Kyle & Jackie C.	

REMINDERS

- Fellowship Meal - April 3rd
- Kenny & Erica Schrock
- Elmer & Kim Miller
- Jake & Mary Anna Chupp
- Tim Mast
- Arthur Home Service. - March 27
- Fellowship Hall Christian Ed.
- Visitor of the Week: Gloria Yoder
- Homebuilders - March
- Ervin & Nancy Kuhns
- Community Meal Helpers - Apl. 13
- 2-4:30 p.m. Phyllis & Josephine
- 4:30-7 p.m. Dee K. & Karen L.

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

EASTER CHOIR

Needs Singers

Easter Choir practices will be March 16th and 23rd at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. The choir will sing at the Community Easter Sunrise Service and at the AMC Easter service. Even if you have never been in a choir before you are invited to participate in this one!

EASTER FLOWERS

Signup on C.L. Board

We will be ordering tulips to adorn the sanctuary for Easter. You can sign up on the Community Life board and you are welcome to dedicate your flowers in memory of a loved one. Please note that all of the flowers this year will be tulips and they are **\$12 each. Please put your payment in the Secretary's mailbox when you sign up.**



PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Lela Reynolds - Successful back surgery this week, healing
- **Sandy Snyder's extended family** - death of family member
- Bill Kauffman, Scott Literral, Joe Diener - Health
- Jayden - **Taya Foushi's young son, health**
- Edna Gingerich - Healing from shoulder surgery in Florida
- Kara Kuhns - **Willis & Dee's daughter-in-law**. Cancer treatments.

PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD

- Hesston, Kansas - Workplace shooting
- 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.	Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration
	6:00 p.m.	Pathfinders & Youth
Tues., Mar. 15	11:00 a.m.	Ministry Team Meeting
Wed., Mar. 16	6:00 p.m.	Easter Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Prelude Practice
Thurs., Mar. 17	9:00 a.m.	MOPS
Sun., Mar. 20	Palm Sunday	
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration
	5:00 p.m.	Homebuilders to Champaign
	6:00 p.m.	Youth @ Youth House
	6:00 p.m.	Care 'n Share in Fellowship Hall

FUTURE EVENTS

Community Good Friday Service @ Vine Street ~ Mar. 25th Noon
 Community Easter Sunrise Srv @ Methodist ~ Mar. 27th 6:30 a.m.
 Youth Easter Morning Breakfast Fundraiser ~ Mar. 27th 8-9:15 a.m.
 Easter Worship Celebration at AMC ~ March 27th 10:30 a.m.

SNAPSHOT OF THE WEEK

Adriene Lane and Rebecca Hopkins. Adriene flew to California to visit Becca during spring break last week.



JUST FOR FUN

Noah was a trusting soul. I imagine going out in a wooden boat with two woodpeckers aboard -- and two termites.



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