

March 20, 2016

Faith and Freedom... In Jesus

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“The only thing that counts is faith
expressing itself through love.”

Galatians 5:6b

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Transforming Lives → Embracing Opportunities Through Christ

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TODAY'S WORSHIP CELEBRATION
10:30 am Sunday, March 20, 2016

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

GATHERING AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

***Gathering Song: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**
Children's Palm Processional
Children Choir
Welcome & Congregational Information
Call To Worship: Based on Psalm 118
Opening Prayer

PRAISING AND WORSHIPING GOD

*With Voices He Has Given Us:
Blue #237 "All Glory, Laud and Honor" v.1,3
Blue #259 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" v.1,3,4
Brown #176 "Lead Me to Calvary" v.1,3,4
We Worship God by Presenting our Tithes & Offerings
Intercessory Prayer - Ashley Litwiller

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings: Genesis 45:4-10; Romans 6:11-14
Lent Series: Faith and Freedom...In Jesus
Message: "Faith Expressed" Galatians 5
Communion: Remember and Celebrate the Sacrifice of Jesus

SENDING FORTH IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Prayer of Response & Sending
***Sending Song: "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" v.1,2**

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. 21 - Joshua 7-9, Luke 1:21-38
Mar. 22 - Joshua 10-12, Luke 1:39-56
Mar. 23 - Joshua 13-15, Luke 1:57-80
Mar. 24 - Joshua 16-18, Luke 2:1-24
Mar. 25 - Joshua 19-21, Luke 2:25-52
Mar. 26 - Joshua 22-24, Luke 3
Mar. 27 - Judges 1-3, Luke 4:1-30

Memory Passage

“In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey it’s evil desires.”

Romans 6:11-12

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.



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.-Phyllis K. Wed.-Bertha Y. Fri.-Jillian M.
Tues.-Dee K. 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!**

BIBLE SCHOOL

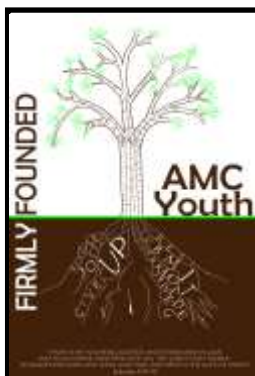
Volunteers

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.

AMC EASTER BREAKFAST

Youth Fundraiser Next Sunday

The AMC Youth will be serving breakfast at AMC on Easter morning from 8-9:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Whether you are attending the Community Sunrise Service or not, the youth breakfast is always a great time of fellowship on Easter morning!



TONIGHT

Rain:
Never Again

6 pm @ YH

Snacks: Kayla

Easter Sunday

Breakfast Fundraiser

Be in Church Kitchen
at 7:40 am!

Each Youth is responsible
for 1 Breakfast Casserole.

KEEPING UP WITH AMC

- On April 10th we will be having Stewardship Sunday with Everence representatives.
- We will have Christian Ed. classes next Sunday. Glen's Easter message is titled: "Jesus Lives . . . In You."

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Mon. Kevin Miller
Wed. Jordon Herschberger
Junior Beachey

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today Larry & Myra Beachy
Fri. Kevin & Lyndora Miller



Community Life Our Relationships with Each Other

CARE 'N SHARE

Tonight

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

HOMEBUILDERS

Tonight

Homebuilders will be going to The Ribeye tonight. Meet at the church at 5 p.m. to carpool. Please RSVP to Nancy Kuhns.

EASTER FLOWERS

Last Day to Sign Up

We will be ordering tulips to adorn the sanctuary for Easter. You can sign up today on the C.L. 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.**



THANK YOU!

For Blessing Others

It is truly a blessing knowing that our family has such a caring and giving church family. We have been blessed with prayers, meals, diapers and gifts in honor of Ryker. We want to thank everyone and let them know how much we appreciate each and everyone here at AMC!

~ Love, Mike and CJ Yoder and family

Thank you all so much for the college care package! It means a lot to me to know that my church family is continuing to support me during this next phase of my life.

~ Adriene Lane



Discipling Growing in our Relationship with Jesus

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Bible Study

On Maundy Thursday (which is this Thursday), we will be having a Bible Study here at the church on John 13 and Luke 22 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 Rhodes will be leading.

CHOIR CONCERT AT AMC

April 7th

The Eastern Mennonite High School Choir will have a concert at AMC on Thursday, April 7th at 7 p.m. Please mark your calendars! Jarred Stutzman, who grew up at North Vine Mennonite Church in Arthur, is the choir's director. Come and hear some wonderful singing!

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.



Administration Developing & Coordinating our Relationships

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance	
Worship Celebration	140
Christian Education	46
Offering	
General Offering:	\$4,587
Budget Goal	\$4,370
February Primary Dept.	
Mission Offering	\$43.04
Elevator Fund Total	\$19,732

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: Glen Rhodes
- Homebuilders - April
- Cliff & Deb Kauffman
- Community Meal Helpers - Apl. 13
- 2-4:30 p.m. Phyllis & Josephine
- 4:30-7 p.m. Dee K. & Karen L.

Nursery
 Today: Kyle & Jackie Crabtree
 March 27: Elmer & Kim Miller

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES THIS WEEK

Good Friday and Easter



The Arthur Ministerial Association is having a Community Good Friday Service at Vine Street Christian Church from Noon to 1 p.m. this Friday. Glen Rhodes will have a part in the service. You are welcome to come and go as your schedule allows.

The Community Easter Sunrise Service will be next Sunday at 6:30 a.m. at the Arthur United Methodist Church. The AMC Easter Choir will be singing there.

We hope that you will join these community services during this very important week of our Christian faith.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Bob Planks family - Mother Donna passed away last weekend
- Lela Reynolds - healing from back surgery at Mason Point
- **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 flooding in Southern U.S.
- 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	Palm Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration / Communion
		5:00 p.m.	Homebuilders to Champaign
		6:00 p.m.	Youth @ Youth House
		6:00 p.m.	Care 'n Share in Fellowship Hall
Tues., Mar. 22	7:00 p.m.		Administration Commission Mtg.
Wed., Mar. 23	8:15 p.m.		Breakfast Club @ Yoder's
	6:00 p.m.		Easter Choir Practice
Thurs., Mar. 24	6:30 p.m.		Discipling Commission Mtg.
	7:00 p.m.		Life Group: Explore the Bible
Fri., Mar. 25	Noon - 1 p.m.		Good Friday Service at Vine Street
Sun., Mar. 27	Easter Sunday	6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Service at Methodist Church
		8-9:15 a.m.	Easter Breakfast at AMC served by Youth
		9:30 a.m.	Arthur Home Svc. Led by Room 1 C.E.
		9:30 a.m.	Christian Education
		10:30 a.m.	Easter Worship Celebration at AMC

FUTURE EVENTS

Bluffton Rep Phil Birkey at AMC ~ April 3
 AMC Elevator Fundraiser ~ April 24

SNAPSHOT



Jake & Ervin at a fundraiser in the fellowship hall back in 2008. Note the hats! A fundraiser for the AMC elevator is planned for April 24.

JUST FOR FUN

For Palm Sunday I was thinking about printing Bible verses of the resurrection on palm fronds. But I reconsidered after realizing that reading palms was against scripture.

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