

April 10, 2016

“See that you also excel in the grace of giving.”

2 Corinthians 8:7

DO
GOOD

ALL THE TIME

Stewardship Sunday

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church
Transforming Lives → Embracing Opportunities Through Christ

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

Worship Leader: Lamar Miller
Song Leader: Lynn Marner **Message:** Brian Veeder
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: Gather Us In
Opening Prayer

PRAISING AND WORSHIPING GOD

Children's Time
We Worship God by Presenting our Tithes & Offerings
 "Happy Rhythm" - Gaither Vocal Band
*With Voices He Has Given Us:
 Brown #447 "Freely, Freely"
 Brown #359 "Jesus is Lord of All"
 Screen "The People of God"
Intercessory Prayer - Jeff Marner

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings: John 15:9-17; Exodus 36:3-7
Message: "Speedy Delivery" 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; 9:15

SENDING FORTH IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Prayer of Response & Sending
*Sending Song: "You Shall Go Out With Joy"

**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

April 11 - 1 Sam. 17-18, Luke 11:1-28
April 12 - 1 Sam. 19-21, Luke 11:29-54
April 13 - 1 Sam. 22-24, Luke 12:1-31
April 14 - 1 Sam. 25-26, Luke 12:32-59
April 15 - 1 Sam. 27-29, Luke 13:1-22
April 16 - 1 Sam. 30-31, Luke 13:23-35
April 17 - 2 Sam. 1-2, Luke 14:1-24

Memory Passage

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.”

2 Corinthians 8:9

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:

Two Stewardship classes are being offered this morning by Everence. Details on page 7.

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

AMC SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

May 14th at Menno Haven

The AMC Youth & the Outreach Commission would like to invite all interested in helping with a service day at Menno Haven on May 14th! They have some projects they need help with that they don't think they'll get to during their big service day in April so we are going to help them out with that. Times to come later.

MCC SPEAKERS

At AMC on April 19th



Join us on Tuesday, April 19th at 7 p.m. to hear MCC storytellers Ben and Beth Weisbrod. They are current Mennonite Central Committee directors for Central and West Africa. They are based in Kigali, Rwanda and are involved in strategic oversight of five MCC programs in Africa. Come and hear how our volunteer efforts at The Arthur MCC Thrift Shop and the Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale are making a difference around the world.

CROSSROADS

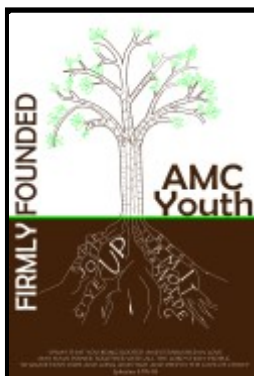
Game Night

The Crossroads fellowship group will have a game night on Friday, April 15th. Meet at the Mexican restaurant at 5:30 p.m. for dinner then to the AMC fellowship hall for games and dessert. Talk to Emily K. or Jenni M. if you have questions.

MENNONITE MISSIONS

Prayer Request

The *Samuelito* daycare center in Bolivia is reaching out to children's parents. Pray for the center's director, Yuneth Vargas, and for Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón of Mennonite Mission Network who lead Alpha courses that engage 15-18 parents in examining the spiritual aspects of their lives.



TODAY

PARENTS ONLY
Mission Trip Meeting
1 pm @ YH

TONIGHT

YOUTH ONLY
Fruit: Tools
6 pm @ YH

April 17th

NO YOUTH

April 24th

Lift Fundraiser

KEEPING UP WITH AMC

- Mel Yoder is going to be retiring from ADM this month after years and years of working there. Congratulations Mel for a job well done. Enjoy retirement!
- Duane Oye will be celebrating his 83rd birthday on Wednesday!
- Glen Rhodes and Ashley Litwiller attended the Illinois Mennonite Conference Assembly this weekend at First Mennonite in Morton, IL.
- Jim and Carol Yoder recently returned home from a trip to Nicaragua in Central America. Ask them about their trip!

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
Wednesday Duane Oye



Community Life Our Relationships with Each Other

THANK YOU!

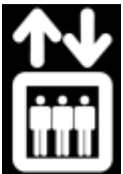
For Care
Packages

From Natalie Miller: *Thank you all so much for the gas card! I really appreciate how much this church family supports our college students.*

From Maria Cuartas: *I want to thank you all for the surprise care package I received a couple of weeks ago. I was not expecting it at all and it turned a very stressful day into a much better day. It really meant a lot to me! I have attended other churches in the past but never felt as welcomed or cared for as I have felt here. Thank you so much for putting a smile on my face and making my day!*

ELEVATOR FUNDRAISER

Sunday,
April 24th



A fun evening of fundraising is being planned for the new AMC elevator fund. We currently have \$20,803 in the fund and the completed job will take around \$42,000. Join us on Sunday evening, April 24th, at 5 p.m. for a casual dinner and auction. We would like to encourage everyone to think about what you might have to offer to the auction. We are looking for baked goods, family dinners, weekend getaways, and other interesting items that can be auctioned off for this much needed addition at AMC. Plan to join us on April 24th!

Donated items can be placed on the table in the foyer.



Discipling Growing in our Relationship with Jesus

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

ELEVATOR

Goal
Increased

You might have noticed that the elevator fund goal is now \$42,000. The original goal of \$32,000 planned for the trustees to do a large portion of the framing etc. After further consideration it was determined that it would be best to hire that work to be done to expedite the process. The AMC Administration Commission reviewed the revised goal and still believe that this is an important project that needs to be completed. The fund currently has over \$20,000 already donated. If you have any questions you can speak with members of the Administration Commission or the AMC head trustee Joe Gingerich. Join us for the fundraiser on April 24th.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship Celebration	189
Christian Education	47

Offering

General Offering:	\$4,974
Budget Goal	\$4,370
Designations:	
Elevator Fund	\$640
Youth Fund	\$50
Building Fund	\$100
March Primary Dept.	
Mission Offering	\$15.00
Elevator Fund Total	\$20,803

REMINDERS

Nursery

Today: Colby & Jordan Herschberger
April 17: Lonnie & Jenny Schrock

Fellowship Meal - May

Jake & Maranna Chupp
Kyle & Jackie Crabtree
Bertha Yoder
Larry & Pat Yoder

Arthur Home Service. - May 22

Primary Department

Visitor of the Week: Josephine M.

Homebuilders - April

Cliff & Deb Kauffman

Community Meal Helpers - Apr. 13

2-4:30 p.m. Glen R. & 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

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Today!
Christian Ed.
and Worship

Today at AMC we welcome Everence Representatives Brian Veeder and Greg Liestman for Stewardship Sunday. They will offer two separate CE class options this morning at 9:30 am (listed below) and Brian will be bringing the morning message from 2 Corinthians 8 & 9 entitled "Speedy Delivery." Regular adult CE classes will not meet this morning.



Here are the two Christian Education options:

"You can't spell stewardship without a why?" - F.H.

"Teaching children about money and values" - Rm. 5

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Bob Planks family - Mother Donna passed away recently
- Sarah Beachey family - Former AMC member passed away.
- Lela Reynolds - healing from back surgery. At Mason Point again.
- Joe Diener, Jackie Crabtree - Health
- Scott Literal - Having heart procedure this Thursday
- Edna Gingerich - Healing from shoulder surgery
- Kara Kuhns - Willis & Dee's daughter-in-law. Radiation treatments.

PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD



- Terrorist attacks in various countries in past weeks
- 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

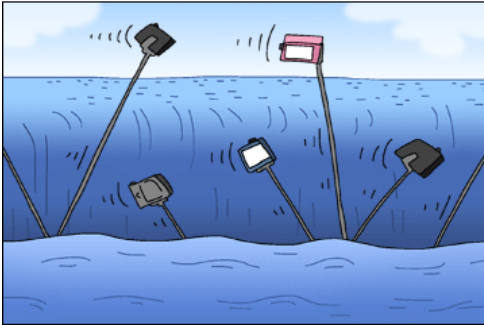
Today	AMC Stewardship Sunday with Everence
	9:30 a.m. Christian Education
	10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration
	1:00 p.m. Youth Parent Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Youth
Wed., April 13	8:15 a.m. Breakfast Club @ Yoder's Restaurant
Thurs., April 14	9:00 a.m. MOPS Leadership Meeting
	7:00 p.m. Explore the Bible Life Group
Fri., April 15	5:30 p.m. Crossroads Fellowship Group
Sun., April 17	9:30 a.m. Christian Education
	10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration
	Baptisms & New Members

FUTURE EVENTS

AMC Elevator Fundraiser ~ April 24
IMC Conference Minister Michael Danner at AMC ~ May 1st

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JUST FOR FUN



(See Exodus 14) 05-29-2015
 THERE WERE SO MANY SELFE STICKS AT THE CROSSING OF THE RED SEA THAT IT WAS NEARLY CLASSIFIED AS ANOTHER PLAGUE

Two friends were on opposite sides of a lake. The first friend yells to the second, "How do you get to the other side?" The friend responds: "You are on the other side."



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