

Sunday, April 3, 2016

If God is for us, who can be against us?
We are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

The
JOURNEY

Wanderers and Settlers

ROMANS 8

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church
Transforming Lives → Embracing Opportunities Through Christ

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

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

GATHERING AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

*Gathering Song: "That Where I Am"
Welcome & Congregational Information
Call To Worship: God is Love
Opening Prayer

PRAISING AND WORSHIPING GOD

Special Music: "Flawless"
Children's Time
We Worship God by Presenting our Tithes & Offerings
*With Voices He Has Given Us:
Blue #120 "Holy, Holy, Holy"
Screen "In Christ Alone"
Screen "I Love You, Lord"
Mission Moment: Phil Birkey from Bluffton University
Intercessory Prayer - Glen Rhodes

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings: Genesis 12:1-5; Exodus 13:17-22
Message: "Wanderers and Settlers" Romans 8:31-39

SENDING FORTH IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Prayer of Response & Sending
*Sending Song: Blue #599 "He Leadeth Me"

**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 4 - Ruth 1-4, Luke 8:1-25
April 5 - 1 Sam. 1-3, Luke 8:26-56
April 6 - 1 Sam. 4-6, Luke 9:1-17
April 7 - 1 Sam. 7-9, Luke 9:18-36
April 8 - 1 Sam. 10-12, Luke 9:37-62
April 9 - 1 Sam. 13-14, Luke 10:1-24
April 10 - 1 Sam. 15-16, Luke 10:25-42

Memory Passage

*“Neither death nor life,
neither angels nor
demons, neither the present
nor the future, nor any
powers, neither height nor
depth, nor anything else in
all creation, will be able to
separate us from the love
of God that is in
Christ Jesus our Lord.”*
Romans 8:38-39

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

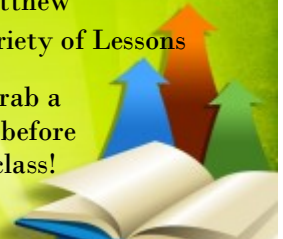
Youth & Youth:

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.



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 19

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.

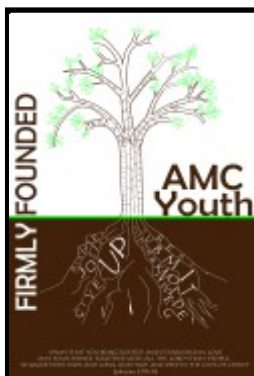
AMC APP

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.



TONIGHT

**Fruit: Send Me!
with Legacy**

6 pm @ YH

Snacks: Legacy

April 10th

**PARENTS ONLY
Mission Trip Meeting
1 pm @ YH**

**YOUTH ONLY
Fruit: Tools
6 pm @ YH**

KEEPING UP WITH AMC

- Former AMC member Sarah Beachey passed away this week and the visitation and funeral were at AMC this weekend.
- Ervin Yoder celebrated his 80th birthday yesterday. We will celebrate with his family during the fellowship meal today with his b-day cake.
- Liz Diener will celebrate her 82nd birthday on Thursday. Congratulations Liz!

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Wed. Scott & Karen Litteral
Fri. Joe & Lanora Gingerich

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today Chad Yoder
Taylor Miller
Mon. Derek Rhodes
Ryan Miller
Thurs. Liz Diener
Fri. Bill Kauffman

THANK YOU!

I thank everyone for the food, flowers, cards, many prayers and words of sympathy during our family's time of loss. I am blessed to have such a loving church family and your support is greatly appreciated.
~ Bob Plank



Community Life Our Relationships with Each Other

MOPS

Spaghetti
Dinner & Raffle

The Mothers of Preschoolers group that meet at AMC will be having a spaghetti dinner fundraiser and raffle on Saturday, April 9th at the community building from 5:30-7 p.m. Come out and support this group that fosters the mothers of young children in our community. The meal is by donation and carry outs are available. If you have questions please speak with Jenni Marnier or Jenny Schrock.

ELEVATOR FUNDRAISER

Sunday,
April 24th

A fun evening of fundraising is being planned for the new AMC elevator fund. We currently have \$20,163 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!



Discipling Growing in our Relationship with Jesus

LEAN IN, LIVE OUT

IMC Assembly
at Morton This
Weekend

You are all invited to worship with the delegate body of Illinois Mennonite Conference this Friday evening at Annual Assembly. No need to register, just come to First Mennonite Church of Morton. (6:30pm-8:30pm) Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director of MC USA, will be preaching and Michael Danner will be installed.



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	192
Christian Education	55

Offering

General Offering:	\$5,707
Budget Goal	\$4,370
Designations:	
Elevator Fund	\$85
Youth Fund	\$100
March Primary Dept.	
Mission Offering	\$15.00
Elevator Fund Total	\$20,163

REMINDERS

Nursery

Today: Kat B. & Jenni M.

April 10: Colby & Jordan Herschberger

Fellowship Meal - Today

Kenny & Erica Schrock

Elmer & Kim Miller / Tim Mast

Delmar & Linda Schrock

Arthur Home Service. - Today

Room 5 Christian Ed. Class

Visitor of the Week: Lela Reynolds

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

CHOIR CONCERT AT AMC

This Thursday

The 41 student choir from Eastern Mennonite High School will have a concert at AMC this Thursday, April 7th at 7 p.m. Jared Stutzman, who grew up at North Vine Mennonite Church in Arthur, is the choir's director. Come and hear some wonderful singing! If you are providing lodging, there is info in your mailbox.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Next Sunday
Christian Ed.
and Worship

Next Sunday Brian Veeder and Greg Liestman from Everence will be at AMC for Stewardship Sunday. They will offer two separate CE class options and Brian will be bringing the morning message. Regular adult CE classes will not meet. Here are the two CE 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, Scott Literal - Health
- 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	Bluffton Representative Phil Birkey at AMC
	9:30 a.m. Christian Education
	10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration
	Noon Fellowship Meal
	6:00 p.m. Youth with Legacy Fellowship Group
Tues., April 5	6:00 p.m. Arthur Home Service (AMC Leading)
Thurs., April 7	All Day WMSC Quilting
	7:00 p.m. Easter Mennonite Choir Concert
Sat., April 9	5-7:30 p.m. MOPS Spaghetti Fundraiser & Raffle
Sun., April 10	AMC Stewardship Sunday with Everence
	9:30 a.m. Two Adult Christian Education Classes
	10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration
	1:00 p.m. Youth Parent Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Youth

FUTURE EVENTS

AMC Elevator Fundraiser ~ April 24

IMC Conference Minister Michael Danner at AMC ~ May 1st

SNAPSHOT OF THE WEEK



Emma Miller (with dad Elmer) and Addison Yoder (with mom Brittnay) in their very similar Easter dresses.

JUST FOR FUN

Top Three Rejected Changes to the USDA Food Pyramid

3. Pyramid re-done to include creamy nuget center
2. New food category: 'Twinkiepizzashakes'
1. New corporate name: "Mc-Pyramid"!



The pessimist may be right in the long run, but the optimist has a better time during the trip.

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