

May 15, 2016



# PENTECOST

*Receiving God's Power*  
ACTS 2:3-4

**Serve the World in Jesus' Name**

*“As the Spirit enables you”*

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
**10:30 am Sunday, May 15, 2016**

**Worship Leader:** Nancy Kuhns  
**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: "Holy Spirit, Rain Down"  
Welcome & Congregational Information  
Call To Worship: Out of Chaos  
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"  
Screen "Let It Be Said of Us"  
Screen "Sprit of the Living God"  
Intercessory Prayer - Ashley Litwiller  
High School Graduate Recognition - Kayla Otto

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Readings: Matthew 5:43-48; Matthew 25:31-36  
Video: MCC - Voices of Syria  
Message: "Serving the World with Mercy" Luke 10:25-37  
Mission Moment: MCC Relief & Hygiene Kits

**SENDING FORTH IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

\*Prayer of Response & Sending  
\*Sending Song: "Now Go In Peace"

**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

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May 16 - 2 Kings 24-25, John 5:1-24  
May 17 - 1 Chron. 1-3, John 5:25-47  
May 18 - 1 Chron. 4-6, John 6:1-21  
May 19 - 1 Chron. 7-9, John 6:22-44  
May 20 - 1 Chron. 10-12, John 6:45-71  
May 21 - 1 Chron. 13-15, John 7:1-27  
May 22 - 1 Chron. 16-18, John 7:28-53

## Memory Passage

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*“For I was hungry  
and you gave me  
something to eat,  
I was thirsty and you  
gave me something to  
drink, I was a  
stranger and you  
invited me in...”*

Matthew 25:35

## 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](http://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:**

**Fellowship Hall:** The Gift of Faith

**Room 1:** Acts

**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

## MCC RELIEF AND HYGIENE KITS

For Those  
Who are  
Displaced

AMC is going to help Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) provide relief kits and hygiene kits for those in war torn areas and those who are suffering from the effects of earthquakes and other natural disasters.

MCC is in great need of these right now with the war in Syria/Iraq and the earthquake in Ecuador. Please use the list below to buy and donate a kit (or many!) to this cause. Place your items in the tubs in the foyer by July 24th and we will take the completed kits to the nearest MCC center.

### Relief Kit Contents

(NEW items only, in original packaging)

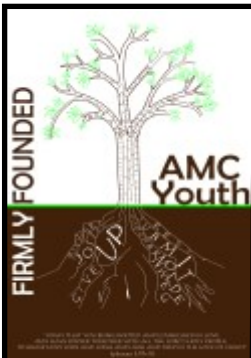
- 4 large bars bath soap
- 1 plastic bottle shampoo (13–24 oz; place in resealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (Some stores carry Fels Naptha®, Sunlight® or Zote® brands)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)
- 2 wide-tooth combs (6–8 in)
- 1 fingernail clipper (good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages (min. 40 count, assorted)
- 1 package sanitary pads (18–24 count **thin maxi**)



### Hygiene Kit Contents

(NEW items, in original packaging)

- 1 adult-size toothbrush
- 1 large bar bath soap
- 1 fingernail clipper (good quality)
- 1 hand towel (dark color)



### TODAY

Fruit: Hmm!!  
With Homebuilders  
(+ Supper)

6 pm in  
Fellowship Hall

### May 22nd

Celebrate the Seniors  
in Your Life!

Attend Grad Parties.  
We do not have  
youth group.

# KEEPING UP WITH AMC

- On Wednesday Lamar & Nadine Miller will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!
- Galen & Leann T. are in Hawaii. They will return on the 24th.
- Regina Miller was inducted into the ALAH National Honor Society this week. Great job Regina!

## **ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Wed. Lamar & Nadine Miller

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Mon. Emma Miller

Wed. Jaxson Plank

Thurs. Judy Beachey



## Community Life Our Relationships with Each Other

### **LOCAL OUTREACH**

Team  
Forming

Outreach is looking for anyone, young and old, that would be willing to help out this summer with a weekend work team. We will be tending to needs in our community. The commitment would only be once every 4-6 weeks. There will be sign up sheets in mailboxes. See Lamar Miller, Emily Kauffman, Virgil Gingerich, or Sandy Snyder with any questions.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Donations  
Needed

Vacation Bible School starts June 6th. **Donations:** If you would like to help with VBS expenses you can put your donation in the secretary mailbox. We need several hundred dollars to cover our church's share of the expenses.

**Register:** You can register online at [arthurvbs.org](http://arthurvbs.org). Talk with Kat Burdick or Erica Schrock with questions.



### **AMC SOFTBALL**

Practice  
Starts Today

Do you like to play softball? Join the AMC co-ed team! Practices are today, May 15th and next Sunday, May 22nd from 1-3 in Arthur. Games will be played on Sunday afternoons in Arthur and Sullivan. Sign up on the Community Life board today! If you have questions please speak with Jeff or Jenni Marner.



# Discipling Growing in our Relationship with Jesus

## **ALAH** **BACCALAUREATE**

Next Sunday



The Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond High School Baccalaureate service will be held next Sunday at 5 p.m. in the old gym at the High School. This is a student led service for the graduating seniors with some help given to the committee by the Arthur Ministerial Association. The Baccalaureate speaker will be Pastor Don Gerkin from the Atwood Christian Church. Congratulations to the seniors here at AMC from the various schools in the area.



# Administration Developing & Coordinating our Relationships

## **FIFTH** **SUNDAY** **OFFERING**

May 29th

The Administration Commission and Outreach Commission are designating the 5th Sunday offering in May (on May 29th) to go the local MCC Meat Canning Outreach. Mennonite Central Committee provides cans of meat to people in need both in this country and around the world. This offering will be in two weeks.

### LAST SUNDAY

#### Attendance

Worship Celebration	175
Christian Education	52

#### Offering

General Offering:	\$3,248
Budget Goal	\$4,370
Designations:	
Elevator Fund	\$25
April Primary Dept.	
Mission Offering	\$7.77
Elevator Fund Total	\$30,978

### REMINDERS

#### Nursery

**Today:** Sondra G. & Ashley G.  
**May 22:** Joanna & Alicia Yoder

#### Fellowship Meal -

**June 5th @ Brad-o-Clen**  
Joe & Lanora Gingerich  
Les & Marlene Helmuth  
Cliff & Deb Kauffman

**Arthur Home Service. - May 22nd**  
Led by the Primary Dept.

**Visitor of the Week:** Bertha Yoder  
**Homebuilders - May**

Larry & Sherryl Herschberger  
**Community Meal Helpers - June 8**  
2-4:30 p.m. Dee K. & Phyllis K.  
4:30-7 p.m. Roy W. & Lela R.

## 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

### JOHN WALSH

At AMC  
Next Sunday

Christian Storyteller John Walsh will be at AMC once again next Sunday, May 22nd. John will bring the morning message through storytelling. John and his staff continue to minister to people through the stories of the Bible and their life changing impact for the world. We will be taking a special offering next Sunday for John and his ministry called Bible Telling.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Faye Oye's family - Brother Audie Ryherd passed away this week
- Lela Reynolds - Healing from back surgery. At Mason Point.
- Joe Diener - Health
- Kara Kuhns - Willis & Dee's daughter-in-law. Cancer. Awaiting tests.
- Pray for the Vacation Bible School Committee - Planning for VBS
- James Bean - Local 7th grader had complications with back surgery.
- Ed Kauffman - Gary's father. Had triple-bypass surgery in Phoenix.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD

- Those who need to know Jesus as their Savior
- Earthquake disasters in Ecuador and Japan
- Those affected by tornados in the US this past week.
- Ongoing war in Syria and Iraq
- U.S. Presidential election
- 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
	1:00 p.m.	Softball Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Youth and Homebuilders
Mon., May 16th	6:00 p.m.	VBS Planning Meeting
Tues., May 17th	11:00 a.m.	Ministry Team Meeting
Thurs., May 19th	9:00 a.m.	MOPS
Sun., May 22nd	Storyteller John Walsh at AMC	
	9:30 a.m.	Arthur Home Srvc - Primary Dept.
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration
	1:00 p.m.	Softball Practice
	5:00 p.m.	Community Baccalaureate Service

## FUTURE EVENTS

Worship in the Park at Brad-o-Clen ~ June 5th  
 Arthur Community Vacation Bible School ~ June 6-10

### SNAPSHOT OF THE WEEK

*Michelle, Derek, and Regina attended the ALAH High School Prom last Saturday night.*



### JUST FOR FUN

I saw a Broadway show about puns. It was the ultimate play on words.

Cheese that doesn't belong to you is . . .  
 nacho cheese.



*Measure your wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money.*

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**Ministers: All of Jesus' followers here at Arthur Mennonite**

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