

November 27, 2016

# ADVENT

## THE HOLY WAY

Walking in the way of God's heart

Matthew 24:36-44



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**TODAY'S WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
**10:30 am Sunday, November 27, 2016**

**Worship Leader:** Andy Marner  
**Song Leader:** Pat Yoder **Message:** Ashley Litwiller  
Prelude Singing begins at 10:20  
\*indicates those who are able may stand

**GATHERING AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY**

\*Gathering Song: "Our God Reigns"  
Welcome & Congregational Information  
Advent Reading: Psalm 122  
Opening Prayer

**PRAISING AND WORSHIPING GOD**

Children's Time  
We Worship God by Presenting our Tithes & Offerings  
\*With Voices We Sing:  
Blue #150 "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"  
Blue #172 "O Come, O Come Immanuel"  
Screen "Peace Before Us"  
Intercessory Prayer - Lamar Miller

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14  
Message: "Expect the Unexpected" Matthew 24:36-44  
Video

**SENT 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

- Nov. 28 - Ezk. 33-34, 1 Peter 5  
Nov. 29 - Ezk. 35-36, 2 Peter 1  
Nov. 30 - Ezk. 37-39, 2 Peter 2  
Dec. 1 - Ezk. 40-41, 2 Peter 3  
Dec. 2 - Ezk. 42-44, 1 John 1  
Dec. 3 - Ezk. 45-46, 1 John 2  
Dec. 4 - Ezk. 47-48, 1 John 3

## Memory Passage

“He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.”

**Isaiah 2:4**

## 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

**Youth:** Grades 9-12 - Youth House

**Adults:**

**Fell. Hall:** Sovereignty of God

**Room 1:** 1 & 2 Peter Study

**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

## **GDCC**

Response  
Forms Due  
Today!

The AMC Gift Discernment Coordinating Committee (GDCC) put a letter in mailboxes with the proposed 2017 Commission Representatives. Please read this carefully and prayerfully and return your response forms to the box in the foyer by today after worship. Extra forms are available by the box if needed.

## **THANK YOU!**

For Christmas  
Decorating

A special thanks to all that helped decorate the church for the Christmas season! Your work will certainly make the season bright for all of us at AMC.



## **BARBERSHOP CHORUS**

Benefit  
Concerts

On Sunday, Dec. 4th, the Coles County Barbershop Chorus will present their 42nd Annual Christmas Benefit Concert. A 3 p.m. concert will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church in Charleston and a 7 p.m. program will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Mattoon. A free will offering will be taken for area Food Pantry and Homeless Shelter programs.

## **HISTORY BOOK**

Headed to  
Church  
Library

Bill Moreland has compiled a history book on the Mount Hermon Amish Mennonite Church in Shelbyville. This church disbanded several years ago but their building and a few members still reside in the Shelbyville area. This book will be on a table in the foyer for a couple weeks.

### **JUNIOR HIGH**

#### **Dec. 4th**

Bible Study: Living Out  
the Lord's Prayer  
Youth House at 3pm

#### **Dec. 18th**

Christmas Program



Loop Like Love

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **Wed. Nov 30th**

No Youth

#### **Wed, Dec 7th**

Commit.3—Let Love Lead  
Youth House @ 7pm  
Snack: Lexi

# KEEPING UP WITH AMC

- Christmas Choir practice starts tomorrow at 7 p.m. It's not too late to help make a joyful noise!
- Regina Miller, Michelle Schrock, Lexi Burnett and Meredith Schrock are marching with the ALAH band in a parade at Disney World in Florida today!

## THANK YOU!

*Thank you for all the cards and birthday wishes. It's such a blessing to be a part of the AMC family.*  
~ Katie Ann Yoder

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Today Nadine Miller  
Tues. DuWayne Miller  
Thurs. Henry Herschberger  
Fri. Colton Weber  
Jake Chupp  
Sat. Sandy Snyder

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- Today Joe & Liz Diener  
Tues. Delmar & Linda Schrock  
Thurs. Elmer & Kim Miller  
Thurs. Ray & Sherrill Shunk



# Community Life

Our Relationships with Each Other

## CROSSROADS

Christmas  
Gathering

The adults in the Crossroads fellowship group will be going out for a Christmas gathering this Friday, Dec. 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at Baxters in Champaign. Please RSVP to CJ Yoder if you plan on attending.

## LEGACY

Next Sunday

The Legacy fellowship group will be meeting at Glen and Rhonda Rhodes's home for a Christmas meal and gathering next Sunday, Dec. 4th at 6 p.m.

## CARE 'N SHARE

Sign Up

There is a sign up sheet on the Community Life board for those that plan on attending the Care 'n Share fellowship group Christmas dinner on Dec. 9th.

## HOMEBUILDERS

Dec. 10th

The Homebuilders fellowship group will meet Dec. 10th at 6 p.m. for a Christmas banquet at Mahlon Miller's home. Talk to Cliff or Kathy Y. if you plan to attend.

## POINSETTIAS

Sign Up

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor of a loved one that will beatify the sanctuary for Christmas you can sign up on the C.L. board. They are \$12 each. Please put your money in the secretary's mailbox when you sign up.





# Discipling Growing in our Relationship with Jesus

## **AMC VISION**

For 2017  
and Beyond

The vision for our church for the next three years has been developed and was shared with the congregation this past Sunday during Christ the King Sunday. You can hear more about the vision at the congregational meeting on Dec. 11th.



# Administration Developing & Coordinating our Relationships

## **PROPOSED BUDGET**

In Mailboxes

The Administration Commission has placed a proposed 2017 budget in mailboxes. The budget will be discussed and affirmed at the congregational meeting on Dec. 11th. If you have questions please talk to a member of the Administration Commission.

## **CONG. MEETING**

Dec. 11th  
9:30 a.m.

The final AMC congregational meeting for 2016 will be held on Sunday morning, Dec. 11th during a combined CE time at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall. Come hear reports from the various commissions about what is going on at AMC. We will also be affirming the new vision, the 2017 budget, and the GDCC commission callings for the upcoming year.

## **LAST SUNDAY**

### **Attendance**

Worship Celebration	119
Christian Education	56

### **Offering**

General Offering:	\$3,201
Budget Goal	\$4,245
Year-to-Date Progress	-1%
October Primary Dept.	
Mission Offering	\$22.77

### **Nursery**

**Today:** Elmer & Kim Miller  
**Dec. 4:** Colby & Jordon H.

## **REMINDERS**

### **Fellowship Meal - January!**

Virgil & Sondra Gingerich  
Lela Reynolds  
Willis & Dee Kuhns  
Josephine Marner

### **Arthur Home Service – Today**

Led by Floyd M. & Levi Y.

### **Visitor of the Week: Lela R.**

### **Homebuilders - November**

DuWayne & Karen Miller

### **Community Meal Helpers –Dec. 14**

2-4:30 p.m. Josephine M.  
4:30-7 p.m. Dorothy 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

### THE HOLY WAY

Advent Theme

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. This year's theme is "The Holy Way: Walking in the way of God's heart." you can learn more about the theme in this month's church newsletter which is in mailboxes today.



The AMC primary department is contributing to the bulletin covers during advent. Today's cover art, depicting Noah's Ark, was drawn by Cliff & Kathy Yoder's grandson, Jack Yoder.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Henry Herschberger - Healing from knee surgery.
- Ray & Sherrill Shunk - Health.
- Gloria Yoder - Healing from foot surgery this past Wednesday.
- Safety for all those traveling home from Thanksgiving gatherings.
- Helen Rutledge - Nadine's mother. In hospital with pneumonia.
- Jody Northway - Lelia Miller's mother. Had surgery at Mayo Clinic.
- Mary Yoder - Lela Reynolds sister, health and healing.
- Joe Diener & Kara Kuhns - Health and healing.
- Mike Kerner - Friend of Floyd Miller, pancreatic cancer.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD

- Our Community, State, and Country post election
- Pray for families and relationships through this season.
- Pray for Peace around the world.
- Those who need to know Jesus as their Savior
- Ongoing war in Syria and Iraq
- All Missionaries in this country and around the world.



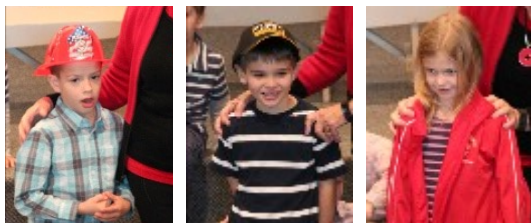
## CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education
	9:30 a.m.	Arthur Home Service led by Levi Yoder & Floyd Miller
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration
Mon., Nov. 28th	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir Practice
Thurs., Dec. 1st	All Day	WMSC Quilting
Fri., Dec. 2nd	6:30 p.m.	Crossroads Fellowship Group
Sun., Dec. 4th	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration
	3:00 p.m.	Jr. High
	6:00 p.m.	Legacy Fellowship Group

## FUTURE EVENTS

Congregational Meeting ~ Dec. 11th at 9:30 a.m.  
Christmas Program ~ Dec. 18th at 6 p.m.

### SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK



*Ivan Yoder, Jordan Gingerich, and Jillian Marnar were just three of several volunteers that helped Gloria Yoder during Children's Time last Sunday.*

### JUST FOR FUN

“Cooking Tip: Wrap turkey leftovers in aluminum foil and throw them out.”  
~ Nicole Hollander

“You can tell you ate too much for Thanksgiving when you have to let your bathrobe out.”  
~ Jay Leno

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