

December 11, 2016

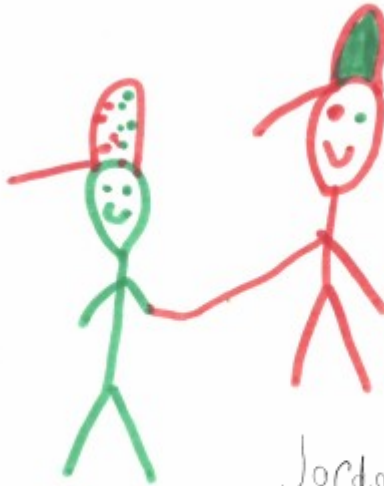
# ADVENT

## THE HOLY WAY

Walking in the way of God's heart

Matthew 11:2-11

Jesus heals  
the lame man



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**TODAY'S WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
**10:30 am Sunday, December 11, 2016**

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

**GATHERING AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY**

\*Gathering Song: "Build Your Kingdom Here"  
Welcome & Congregational Information  
Advent Reading: Come, Walk in the Way of God's Heart  
Opening Prayer

**PRAISING AND WORSHIPING GOD**

Children's Time  
We Worship God by Presenting our Tithes & Offerings  
\*With Voices We Sing:  
Blue #318 "Joy To The World"  
Blue #199 "The First Noel" v. 1,2,4,5  
Screen "Be Still & Know"  
Intercessory Prayer - Ashley Litwiller  
"I Need A Silent Night" Nadine Miller

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Readings: Psalm 146:5-10; Luke 1:46-55  
Message: "Prepare the Way for Healing" Matthew 11:2-11

**SENT 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

- Dec. 12 - Hosea 9-11, Rev. 3
- Dec. 13 - Hosea 12-14, Rev. 4
- Dec. 14 - Joel 1-3, Rev. 5
- Dec. 15 - Amos 1-3, Rev. 6
- Dec. 16 - Amos 4-6, Rev. 7
- Dec. 17 - Amos 7-9, Rev. 8
- Dec. 18 - Obadiah 1, Rev. 9

## Memory Passage

“Be patient then brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near.”

**James 5:7-8**

## 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:** Congregational Meeting

**Youth:** Congregational Meeting

**Adults:**

Congregational Meeting in  
Fellowship Hall

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

## WINTER RETREATS

Coming up  
In January

Menno Haven will be hosting three winter retreats this year. Early registration discounts are available Jan. 2nd so we will be making arrangements soon!



**Young Adults ~ Jan. 6-8** This is their first retreat for young adults and gives those who used to love attending retreats as youth a chance to come back and enjoy it in a more relaxed fashion, as well as interacting with other young adults in IMC.

**Jr High ~ Jan. 20-22** Speakers are Jon & Lindsay Birky, who were at AMC in October. For grades 6-8.


**High School ~ Jan. 27-29** Speaker is Kristin Jackson from Living Water Community Church near Chicago and Hafa Odebi. The Bluffton University worship band will be providing worship music. There will also be reps from several Mennonite schools.

## POINSETTIAS

Last Sunday  
to Sign Up

This is the last Sunday to sign up for poinsettias! If you would like to purchase a flower in honor of a loved one and beautify the sanctuary for Christmas you can sign up on the C.L. board. They will be white with green foil and are \$12 each. Please put your money in the secretary's mailbox when you sign up.



JUNIOR HIGH		HIGH SCHOOL
<p><b><u>Dec. 13th</u></b> Christmas Program</p> <p><b><u>Jan. 8th</u></b> Bible Study Ashley's @ 3 p.m.</p>		<p><b><u>Wed, Dec 14th</u></b> - Commit.4 - All Things Work Together YH @ 7pm - Snack: Derek</p> <p><b><u>Wed, Dec 21th</u></b> Christmas Party Ashley's @ 7pm</p>

# KEEPING UP WITH AMC

- Christmas Choir practice continues tomorrow at 7 p.m. and it is still not too late to join them!
- Sam and Janette P. are heading to Florida today.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Mon. Janet Gingerich  
Trinity Schrock  
Sat. Linda Schrock

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Tues. Michael & Brittney Yoder



## Community Life Our Relationships with Each Other

### **AMC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Manger Tales  
Next Sunday

This year's Christmas Program includes "Manger Tales," the wonder of the Christmas story through the eyes of the animals that were there. Join us next Sunday night, Dec. 18th at 6 p.m. The AMC Christmas Choir will also be singing!



We will have a finger food fellowship afterward. Please bring a fingerfood to share and we are hoping to have some guests so plan accordingly.

### **Program Practices Dec. 18th:**

9:30 a.m.—Primary, Jr High and High School

4 p.m.—Adults, Primary, Jr High and High School

### **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS**

Services

Christmas day and New Years day both fall on Sunday this year. We will not have Christian Ed. on either of those Sundays. The prelude singing and Worship celebrations will start at their normal times.

### **CHRISTIAN BAND**

Penn Station  
Today

The Christian contemporary band "Carrolton" will be performing at Penn Station this afternoon at 3 p.m. The band performed there in July and WBGL has been playing one of their recent songs titled "Let Love Win." This is a free concert.





# 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 during Christ the King Sunday and in mailboxes recently. If you have questions about the vision we will discuss and affirm it at the congregational meeting today.



## **Administration** Developing & Coordinating our Relationships

## **PROPOSED BUDGET**

In Mailboxes

The Administration Commission placed a proposed 2017 budget in mailboxes recently. The budget will be discussed and affirmed at the congregational meeting this morning. If you have questions please talk to a member of the Administration Commission.

## **CONG. MEETING**

Today  
9:30 a.m.

The final AMC congregational meeting for 2016 is this 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	146
Christian Education	54

### **Offering**

General Offering:	\$6,516
Budget Goal	\$4,245
Year-to-Date Progress	-.5%
November Primary Dept.	
Mission Offering	\$9.42

### **Nursery**

**Today:** Lonnie & Jenny S.  
**Dec. 18:** Kenny & Erica Schrock

## **REMINDERS**

### **Fellowship Meal - Jan. 8th**

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

### **Arthur Home Service – Dec. 25**

Led by Room 1 CE Class

### **Visitor of the Week: Carol Yoder**

### **Homebuilders - December**

Cliff & Kathy Yoder

### **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 third 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 Greater Things newsletter. You can also sign up for daily email devotions at [goshen.edu/devotions/](http://goshen.edu/devotions/)

*The AMC primary department is contributing to the bulletin covers during advent. Today's cover art, depicting Jesus healing the lame man, was drawn by Joe & Lanora Gingerich's son Jordan.*

## PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Kim Kauffman - Having another surgery in Ohio this Wednesday.
- Henry Herschberger - Healing from knee surgery.
- Gloria Yoder - Healing from foot surgery.
- Family of Andy Ray Yoder - Andy passed away in MO last week.
- Merle Plank - Larry & Cliff Yoder's brother in law. Hospital in STL.
- Helen Rutledge - Nadine's mother had pneumonia recently.
- 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 those in Southeast, wildfires and tornados
- Those effected by earthquakes around the world.
- Families of those in plane accidents. South America & Pakistan.
- 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.	Congregational Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration
Mon., Dec. 12th	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir Practice
Tues., Dec. 13th	11:00 a.m.	Ministry Team Meeting
	7:00 a.m.	Discipling Commission Mtg.
Wed., Dec. 14th	8:15 a.m.	Breakfast Club @ Yoder's
	7:00 p.m.	Youth
Thurs., Dec. 15th	9:00 p.m.	Mother's of Preschoolers
Sun., Dec. 18th	9:30 a.m.	Program Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration
	4:00 p.m.	Program Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Program

## FUTURE EVENTS

Christmas Day & New Years Day No Christian Education  
Worship Celebration starts at normal time.

### SNAPSHOT OF THE WEEK

### JUST FOR FUN



*The Millers shared their musical talents with the congregation at the Christmas Program in 2013.*

A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas. A friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those pretty 4-wheel drive vehicles?"

"She did," he replied, "But where in the world was I going to find a fake Jeep!!"



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