

December 25, 2016

Christmas Sunday



"The Soul Felt It's Worth"

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church

Transforming Lives → Embracing Opportunities Through Christ

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TODAY'S WORSHIP CELEBRATION
10:30 am Sunday, December 25, 2016

Worship Leader: Levi Yoder
Song Leader: Erica Schrock **Message:** Glen Rhodes
Prelude Singing begins at 10:20
*indicates those who are able may stand

GATHERING AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

*Gathering Song: Brown #153 "Come on, Ring Those Bells"
Welcome & Congregational Information
Christmas Reading: Alleluia!
Opening Prayer
Video: "That He Gave"
*With Voices We Sing:
Brown #125 "Joy To The World"
Brown #133 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

PRAISING AND WORSHIPING GOD

Children's Time
We Worship God by Presenting our Tithes & Offerings
"Noel" & "Birthday of a King" Adult Christmas Choir
Christmas Prayer - Lamar Miller

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 9:2,6-7; Luke 2:1-14
*With Voices We Sing:
Brown #145 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
Brown #148 "O Holy Night"
Message: "The Soul Felt It's Worth" Ephesians 3:14-21

SENT FORTH IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Prayer of Response & Sending
*Sending Song: "Silent Night"

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.
Merry Christmas!

Read Through the Bible in One Year

Dec. 26 - Haggai 1-2, Rev. 17

Dec. 27 - Zech. 1-4, Rev. 18

Dec. 28 - Zech. 5-8, Rev. 19

Dec. 29 - Zech. 9-12, Rev. 20

Dec. 30 - Zech. 13-14, Rev. 21

Dec. 31 - Malachi 1-4, Rev. 22

Memory Passage

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks by night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all people.” Luke 2:8-10

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.

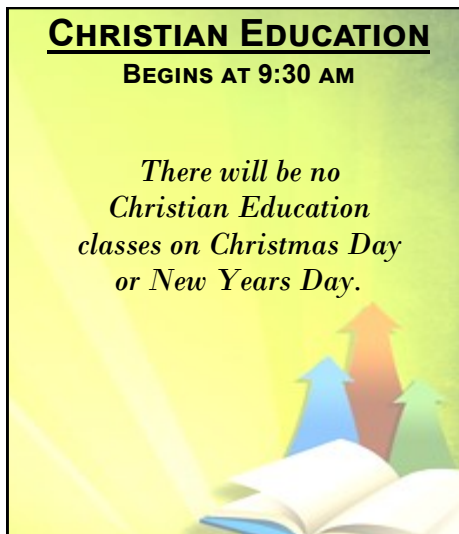
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BEGINS AT 9:30 AM

*There will be no
Christian Education
classes on Christmas Day
or New Years Day.*

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

COMMUNITY MEALS

Continue to Volunteer

In 2017 we will not have a set schedule of AMC volunteers for the Community Meals at the Methodist church. We would encourage you to continue to help out as you are able. The Methodist church has indicated that walk-in volunteers on any Wednesday afternoon or evening are needed and welcome as schedules allow.

WINTER RETREATS

Registration Forms in Mailboxes

The early registration deadline for Winter Retreats at Menno Haven is Tuesday, Jan. 2nd. Registration forms are in mailboxes. AMC covers the cost of winter retreat so just fill out the form and put it in Ashley's mailbox! Dates for Young Adults: Jan. 6-8, Jr High: Jan. 20-22, and High School: Jan. 27-29.



CHIX IN TRAINING

Meeting at AMC

In January a Chix in Training exercise group will be meeting at AMC three mornings a week. They will gather on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5-6 a.m. in the fellowship hall. If you have questions or would like to join them, please speak with Kat Burdick.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, Jan. 5th

The Arthur Ministerial Association and the Arthur Lion's Club are co-sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, Jan. 5th at the Arthur Community Building from 1-6 pm. Call the AMC church office to make an appointment or you can visit their website at redcrossblood.org. Walk ins are welcome as well.



JUNIOR HIGH		HIGH SCHOOL
<p><u>Jan. 8th</u> Bible Study: Worthwhile Ashley's @ 3 p.m.</p> <p><u>Jan. 20-22</u> Menno Haven Winter Retreat</p>		<p><u>Wed, Dec. 28th</u> Merry Christmas & New Year! No Youth</p> <p><u>Wed, Jan. 4th</u> Commit.5 - How do I fit in? Ashley's @ 7pm</p>

KEEPING UP WITH AMC

- The list of 2017 fellowship meal helpers is in mailboxes. Contact Sandy Snyder if you have questions.
- The Arthur Fire Department delivered many Christmas boxes to local families last week. We have quite a few men in our church who helped with this.
- There will be no Christian Ed. classes next Sunday (New Years Day). Prelude singing will start at 10:20 and worship at 10:30.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK
 Tues. Cory & Emily Kauffman
 Tues. Ervin & Nancy Kuhns
 Tues. Jake & Maranna Chupp
 Wed. Vernon & Irlene Chupp
 Fri. Floyd & Marilyn Miller

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
 Today Levi Yoder
 Wed. Larry Yoder
 Lela Reynolds
 Thurs. Bob Plank
 Ron Thomas
 Sat. Vernon Chupp



Community Life Our Relationships with Each Other

POINSETTIAS In Memory

Thank you to those who bought poinsettias in memory of loved ones to decorate the Sanctuary today. Please take them home after the service today.

Andy & Lynn MarnerAndy’s parents & Lynn’s father
 Larry & Pat Yoder.....Mothers
 Cliff & Kathy Yoder Mother
 Duane & Faye Oye..... Parents
 Larry & Dory Kauffman..... Mothers & father
 Gary & Dorothy Kauffman.....Gary’s brother
 Sandy Snyder Husband DeWayne
 Vera Yoder Parents
 Lester Schrock Parents
 Joe & Lanora Gingerich Family
 Esther Yoder Parents, brothers & sister

If you have not already paid for your poinsettia, please put \$12 in the treasurer’s mailbox. Thanks!

NEW DIRECTORIES In Mailboxes

New AMC phone directories have been printed and are in mailboxes. If you need additional copies for your office, car, etc. please call the church office.





Discipling Growing in our Relationship with Jesus

AMC VISION

For 2017
and Beyond



The vision for our church for the next five years has been developed by the AMC vision team with your feedback and direction. This vision was shared and affirmed during the congregational meeting recently.

By 2022, Arthur Mennonite Church will be a courageous people guided by God to rely on Christian practices and to deepen our intergenerational relationships. We will use a spectrum of spiritual gifts and embrace our welcoming atmosphere to show God's love through our actions and fearlessly share his gospel with words.

The story of Mary and Martha in Luke 10 had a big impact on this vision and the shorter vision statement for the upcoming year and years will be:

Grow Like Mary, Serve Like Martha

You will be hearing more about this AMC vision and vision statement in the days ahead.



Administration

**Developing & Coordinating
our Relationships**

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship Celebration 114

Offering

General Offering: \$3,439

Budget Goal \$4,245

Year-to-Date Progress -.9%

November Primary Dept.

Mission Offering \$9.42

REMINDERS

Nursery

Today: Lamar & Karen Miller

Jan. 1:

Fellowship Meal - Jan. 8th

Gary & Ashley Miller

Virgil & Sondra Gingerich

Taya Foushi

Phyllis Kauffman

Peter Kauffman

Visitor of the Week: Glen Rhodes

Homebuilders - December

Cliff & Kathy Yoder



THANK YOU!

Advent/
Christmas
Drawings

A big thank you to the AMC primary department children who have been contributing to the bulletin covers during Advent and Christmas. Today's cover art, depicting the birth of Jesus our Savior, was drawn by Jeff & Jenni Marners's first grade daughter Jillian.



You can see all of the children's drawings on the wall next to the elevator in the foyer. Take time to look at them and talk with the children about their drawings. Many of them have their names on them.

NEW YEAR

New Things



As January rolls in very soon you will notice some new things. Glen will be sharing more about these in the January Greater Things newsletter but here is a glimpse of what is coming:

- New banner in foyer with our AMC vision statement
- Sermon questions in the bulletin each week
- Coffee and Conversations at Roselen's on Wednesdays
- Friday emails with bulletin/sermon links and more.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Kim Kauffman - Continues to heal from recent surgery.
- Henry Herschberger - Healing from knee surgery.
- Gloria Yoder - Healing from foot surgery.
- Bethany High School in Goshen - Senior student killed in car wreck.
- Merle Plank - Larry & Cliff Yoder's brother in law. Hospital in STL.
- Lois Hochstetler's family - 91 year old father killed in car accident.
- Joe Diener & Kara Kuhns - Health and healing.

PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD

- Those traveling over the Christmas season.
- Terrorist attacks around the world this past week.
- Our Community, State, and Country post election
- The people of Aleppo, Syria
- The worldwide refugee crisis.
- 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

Christmas Day

No Christian Education

10:20 a.m. Prelude singing begins

10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration

Wed., Dec. 28th

8:15 a.m. Breakfast Club @ Yoder's Restaurant

Fri., Dec. 30th

6:30 p.m. Pathfinders

Sun., Jan. 1

New Years Day

No Christian Education & No Fellowship Meal

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FUTURE EVENTS

Fellowship Meal ~ January 8th



Merry
Christmas

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