

ADVENT

THE HOLY WAY

Walking in the way of God's heart

Isaiah 11:1-10



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Transforming Lives → Embracing Opportunities Through Christ

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TODAY'S WORSHIP CELEBRATION
10:30 am Sunday, December 4, 2016

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

GATHERING AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

*Gathering Song: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"
Welcome & Congregational Information
Advent Reading: Come, Let Us Walk
Opening Prayer

PRAISING AND WORSHIPING GOD

Children's Time
We Worship God by Presenting our Tithes & Offerings
*With Voices We Sing:
Brown #4 "How Great Thou Art"
Brown #143 "Infant Holy"
Brown #134 "Emmanuel"
Intercessory Prayer - Glen Rhodes
"You're Here" Ashley Litwiller

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings: Psalm 72: 1-7,18-19; Matthew 3:1-6
Message: "The Harmony of Heaven" Isaiah 11:1-10
Video: "Hallelujah" Christmas version by Cloverton

SENT FORTH IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Prayer of Response & Sending
*Sending Song: "May The Lord Go with You"

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. 5 - Daniel 1-2, 1 John 4
Dec. 6 - Daniel 3-4, 1 John 5
Dec. 7 - Daniel 5-7, 2 John 1
Dec. 8 - Daniel 8-10, 3 John 1
Dec. 9 - Daniel 11-12, Jude 1
Dec. 10 - Hosea 1-4, Rev. 1
Dec. 11 - Hosea 5-8, Rev. 2

Memory Passage

“Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness. May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice. May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.”

Psalm 72:1-3

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: Grades 9-12 - Youth House

Adults:

Fell. Hall: Creation: A Divine Cycle

Room 1: Joshua, Judges, & Ruth

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.



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 ~ January 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.

BARBERSHOP CHORUS

Benefit
Concerts

Today, 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.

JUNIOR HIGH		HIGH SCHOOL
<p><u>TODAY</u> Bible Study: Living Out the Lord's Prayer Youth House at 3pm</p> <p><u>Dec. 18th</u> Christmas Program</p>		<p><u>Wed, Dec 7th</u> Commit.3—Let Love Lead Youth House @ 7pm Snack: Lexi</p> <p><u>Wed, Dec 14th</u> Commit.4 - All Things Work Together</p>

KEEPING UP WITH AMC

- Christmas Choir practice continues tomorrow at 7 p.m. It's not too late to help make a joyful noise! We need more!!
- Chad & Maria Yoder took a honeymoon trip to California last week.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
Mon. Austin Kauffman
Kendall Schrock
Waylon Miller

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK



Community Life Our Relationships with Each Other

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 Worship Service and Prelude singing will still start at the normal times.

LEGACY

Today

The Legacy fellowship group will be meeting at Glen and Rhonda Rhodes' home for a Christmas gathering and games today, 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 Marion 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 beautify the sanctuary for Christmas you can sign up on the C.L. board. This year the poinsettia's will be white with green foil. 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 during Christ the King Sunday and in mailboxes last Sunday. If you have questions about the vision we will discuss and affirm it at the congregational meeting Dec. 11th.



Administration Developing & Coordinating our Relationships

PROPOSED BUDGET

In Mailboxes

The Administration Commission placed a proposed 2017 budget in mailboxes last week. 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

Next Sunday
9:30 a.m.

The final AMC congregational meeting for 2016 will be held next Sunday, 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	120
Christian Education	32

Offering

General Offering:	\$4,160
Budget Goal	\$4,245
Year-to-Date Progress	-1%

Designation:	
Building Fund	\$100
November Primary Dept.	
Mission Offering	\$9.42

Nursery	
Today: Colby & Jordon H.	
Dec. 11: Lonnie & Jenny S.	

REMINDERS

Fellowship Meal - Jan. 8th

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

Arthur Home Service – Jan. 22

Led by Andy Marner

Visitor of the Week: Josephine M.

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 second 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/

The AMC primary department is contributing to the bulletin covers during advent. Today's cover art, depicting the star over Bethlehem was drawn by Lonnie & Jenny Schrock's son Kade.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Kim Kauffman - Having another surgery in Ohio on Dec. 14
- Henry Herschberger - Healing from knee surgery.
- Gloria Yoder - Healing from foot surgery.
- 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
- Pray for families of plane accident in South America.
- 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
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration
	3:00 p.m.	Jr High Group
	6:00 p.m.	Legacy Fellowship Group
Mon., Dec. 5th	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir Practice
Wed., Dec. 7th	7:00 p.m.	Youth
Thurs., Dec. 8th	9:00 p.m.	MOPS Leadership Meeting
Fri., Dec. 9th	6:00 p.m.	Care 'n Share Fellowship Group
Sat., Dec. 10th	6:00 p.m.	Homebuilders Fellowship Group
		Youth Work Day
Sun., Dec. 11th	9:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration

FUTURE EVENTS

Christmas Program ~ Dec. 18th at 6 p.m.

SNAPSHOT OF THE WEEK

JUST FOR FUN

Back in 2008 Derek Rhodes and Meredith Schrock were Joseph and Mary in the Christmas program. This year's program is Dec. 18th at 6 p.m.



“The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.”
—Mark Twain.



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