“I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.” Rev. 3:11

Philadelphia

SEVEN
CHURCHES IN REVELATION

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

AMC
arthur mennonite church
TODAY’S WORSHIP CELEBRATION
10:30 am Sunday, October 15, 2017

Worship Leader: Nadine Miller
Music Leader: Pat Yoder  Message: Glen Rhodes
*indicates those who are able may stand

GATHERING AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

*Gathering Song: Together
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 We Sing:
  Brown #271  Standing on the Promises
  Brown #349  Trust & Obey (v.1,2,3,5)
  Screen  Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)
Intercessory Prayer - Lamar Miller
It Is Well ~ Kim Miller

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 41:10-13
Sermon Series: The Seven Churches of Revelation
Message: Philadelphia - “Life is Tough, Hold On!”
  Revelation 3:7-13

SENT FORTH IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Prayer of Response & Sending
*Sending Song:  Be Still & Know

Come forward for prayer following the service for anything in your life that you would like prayer for.

Have a blessed week!
WELCOME TO AMC!

If you are a guest we look forward to meeting you and invite you to join us again next Sunday.

- Information about AMC is available in the literature rack near the north doors and for more information visit 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 a.m. every Sunday!

Children: Ages 2-5th Grade
- West Basement

Jr High: Grades 6-8 - Youth House

Youth: Grades 9-12 - Youth House

Adult Choices:
- Fell. Hall: God’s Urgent Call
- Room 1: Psalms Bible Study
- Room 5: Variety of Lessons

SERMON QUESTIONS FOR THOUGHT AND DISCUSSION

- What comes to mind when you hear these phrases? “It isn’t over until it’s over!” “Life is tough!”

- When you look at our world and the Christian faith what is your perception? Do you see the glass half empty or half full?

- This letter to Philadelphia commends and encourages faithfulness. How can you hold on to Jesus in difficult times? Do you?

Going Deeper: What is your view of the end times, rapture, and tribulation? Take some time this week to study about the different views found in the Christian faith. Most important, be faithful in whatever comes.

PERSONAL WORSHIP NOTES
Arthur Mennonite is joining three other churches for a Men’s Retreat at Camp Menno Haven Nov. 11th & 12th. The theme of this Saturday/Sunday retreat is “The Making of a Man.” We would like to fill up the church van with AMC men for this retreat. Brochures and sign up sheet are on the Community Life board. Registrations need to be sent in by Oct. 24th so please sign up soon. Cost for lodging and meals is $105 per person. If cost is an obstacle or you have questions please see Glen Rhodes. Glen helped organize this event and is one of the speakers.

Operation Christmas child collects shoe boxes filled with gifts and delivers them to children in need around the world. We have boxes available to fill this year if you are interested. Brochures are in the foyer with details or you can talk to Emily Kauffman. Boxes are due Wednesday, Nov. 15th.

The High School and Jr High Youth are hosting Parents Night Out on Nov. 4th. Big Idea: we’ll watch your children for $20 per child ($15 for each additional child) from 5pm-10pm, so you can have a night off! We’ll keep the kiddos busy with games, worship, food, and a movie. Funds raised will be going to a worthy cause (soon to be decided) so mark your calendars!
Keeping Up with AMC

- This morning during CE we are serving hot chocolate from Ecuador that missionaries Peter and Delicia shared with us on their recent visit.

Thank You!
Thank you for all the calls, cards, and prayers since the loss of our sister-in-law.
~DuWayne & Karen Miller

Birthdays
Today John Yoder
Tues. Gloria Yoder
Tues. Larry Herschberger
Wed. Sam Petersheim

Cong. Meeting
With Michael Danner

Since our last congregational meeting discussing the changes going on in our denomination and conference we have received some helpful feedback. The Ministry Team appreciates hearing your comments. Illinois Mennonite Conference Minister Michael Danner will be at AMC on Sunday night, Oct. 29th, at 6 p.m. to speak on these changes and address any questions you may have. Please come and stay informed. We will have a fingerfood fellowship following the meeting to foster further conversations with Michael and others.

Submitted Pictures
Due Today

If you were unable to get your picture taken for the directory we can submit a limited number to be included. If you want to submit, please have your picture to the office today, Oct. 15th. Everyone will be listed in the directory, even if your picture is not. For those that did not get pictures taken this year, we will be scheduling a picture day late next year and you will be included in the updated directory for 2019. If your picture was taken this year, then you are good to go for several years!

Legacy
Campfire & Cookout

The Legacy fellowship group will meet at Glen & Rhonda’s this Friday, Oct. 20th for a campfire and cookout starting at 5:30 pm. Hamburgers and brats provided. Bring your lawn chairs. Talk to Rhonda about what else to bring.

Community Life
Our Relationships with Each Other
A 10 day trip to the Holy Lands is being planned for Nov. 3-11, 2018. Marsha Bowyer from Arthur is organizing this trip through GoAhead travels and recently spoke with the Arthur Ministerial Association about it. Details are on the CL board. This is an opportunity for local people to go together on an experience of a lifetime, to where Jesus walked and ministered. Call the church office if you are interested.

The Administration Commission has decided that this month’s fifth Sunday offering will go to the general budget since we are running behind by 11%. If we meet our budget goal by the end of the year we will give $5,000 to two other ministries outside of AMC as specified last year when the budget was presented. Thank you for your generosity in helping us to meet this goal.

**Reminders**

**Nursery**
- **Today**: Joanna & Alicia Yoder
- **Oct. 22**: Kyle & Jackie Crabtree

**Visitor of the Week**
- Glen Rhodes

**Homebuilders October**
- Cliff & Kathy, Sam & Janette

**Arthur Home Service - Oct. 22nd**
- Youth

**Fellowship Meal - Nov. 5th**
- DuWayne & Karen Miller
- Larry & Dory Kauffman
- Darrel & Janet Gingerich
- Mike & CJ Yoder

**Last Sunday Attendance**

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Ever wanted to go to church with your favorite Christian artists? Now you can. The Big Church Night Out Tour will be in Champaign tonight with artists including: Newsboys, Sidewalk Prophets, 7eventh Time Down, Blanca, and more. Talk to a member of the Worship Commission if you want to attend.

**Prayers for our Church & Community**
- Ed Gingerich - Healing from a mini-stroke
- Helen Rutledge - Nadine Miller’s mother. Health.
- Ben Miller - Stomach tumor.
- Cindy Miller’s family - DuWayne & Karen’s sister-in-law who passed.
- Edward J. Schrock - Levi’s father, colon cancer, had surgery recently
- LeAnne Kaiser - Junior and Judy Beachey’s niece. Brain tumor.
- Local friends and families who continue to deal with health issues.
- Those effected locally by violence in our schools.

**Prayers for our World**
- Families affected by the shooting in Las Vegas shooting.
- Those affected by natural disasters: hurricanes and wild fires.
- Racial tension in our country and around the world
- Pray for AMC supported missionaries
- Pray for the recent tensions with North Korea.
- Pray for all those sharing the good news of Jesus.

**AMC’s Vision**

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.

Grow Like Mary, Serve Like Martha
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### Future Events

**Congregational Meeting ~ Oct. 29 @ 6 p.m.**

**Men’s Retreat @ Menno Haven ~ Nov. 11 & 12**

Last week was fire prevention week and several volunteers did a presentation for the primary department including Joe Gingerich, Michael Yoder, Lonnie Gingerich, Elmer Miller, and Ed Yoder.

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Ministers: All of Jesus’ followers here at Arthur Mennonite

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