

December 31, 2017

Seek Him



AMC
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TODAY'S WORSHIP CELEBRATION
10:30 am Sunday, December 31, 2017

Worship Leader: Jenni Marner
Music Leader: Lynn Marner **Message:** Glen Rhodes
*indicates those who are able may stand

GATHERING AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

*Gathering Song: *Great Are You Lord*
Welcome & Congregational Information
Call to Worship: *The Light is Here!*
Opening Prayer

PRAISING AND WORSHIPING GOD

Children's Time
We Worship God by Presenting our Tithes & Offerings
*With Voices We Sing
 Brown #138 *Go Tell It On The Mountain*
 Brown #364 *My Jesus, I Love Thee*
 Screen *Revelation Song*
Intercessory Prayer - Glen Rhodes
#RAOK - Kim Kauffman

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6; Luke 10:1-9
Message: "Yes! Let it be Declared" Matthew 2:1-12

SENT FORTH IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Prayer of Response & Sending
*Sending Song: *I Love To Tell The Story*

**Come forward 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 CLASSES TODAY

Classes start at 9:30 a.m.

Children: Ages 2-5th Grade
West Basement

Jr High: Grades 6-8 - Youth House

Youth: Grades 9-12 - Youth House

Adult Choices:

Fell. Hall: Faith in Action

Room 1: Psalms Bible Study

Room 5: Variety of Lessons

SERMON QUESTIONS FOR THOUGHT AND DISCUSSION

- What depiction of the Magi in pictures and nativity scenes have been most helpful for you to envision their journey to seek Jesus?
- Are you as a Jesus follower reacting differently than you would if you were not a Jesus follower?
- Have you been seeking after Jesus? Have you been declaring the good news of Christ? What hinders your desire to do so?

Going Deeper: Use internet search engines or other resources to find Old Testament prophecies that may have directed the Magi of where to look and how to look for the promised Messiah. There are many!

PERSONAL WORSHIP NOTES



Outreach Our Relationships with the World

DELIVERY & TESTING

Helpers Needed

The MCC Thrift Shop could use volunteers in two specific areas.



One is to deliver boxes to Salt & Light in Champaign as needed (possibly once every 4-6 weeks). The other is to help test electronic and battery operated items to see if they work prior to selling during the months of Jan-April. Talk to Nadine Miller for more info!

MMN VISIT

Jan. 14th

Mennonite Mission Network

representatives Mike Sherrill and Steve Steiner recently made a trip to Asia to visit the mission work that AMC is supporting there.



They will be visiting AMC on Sunday, Jan. 14th to share pictures and stories of their visit. We will have a combined CE time that morning at 9:30 a.m. and Mike will be bringing the message during worship that day. Plan to be here!

MMN

Prayer Request

Tonight is Watch Night in many African-American communities. At midnight on Jan. 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation became law. Though written 154 years ago, that law has not yet been completely fulfilled. Join Mennonite Mission Network in proclaiming and working toward salvation and justice for all people in the coming year.

JUNIOR HIGH

January 7th

Bible Study: Stress
Ashley's @ 3pm

Arthur Mennonite Church



HIGH SCHOOL

SUNDAY, Jan 7th

Solomon & Rehoboam
Youth House @ 6pm

KEEPING UP WITH AMC

- There were three thermal coffee mugs left in the sanctuary recently. If one is yours, you can retrieve it from the coat rack in the foyer.

BIRTHDAYS

Vernon Chupp *Today*
Justin Taylor *Monday*
Evonda Yoder *Tuesday*
Kathy Yoder *Friday*

THANK YOU!

We want to thank everyone for our grocery shower. It is such a neat idea and truly a blessing. Owen walked into the kitchen after we had unloaded everything and said "Woah . . . we are really blessed." He could not have said it better. We can't imagine there is a better church family out there!
~Steve & Meg Yoder



Community Life Our Relationships with Each Other

Fellowship Meal Next Sunday

Bring a dish to share and join us next Sunday after worship for great food and fellowship!

YOUNG ADULTS

Today

While people are home on Christmas break, the AMC Young Adults will meet at Old Orchard Lanes in Savoy for fellowship and bowling today at 3 p.m. Invite friends and come join in the fun! Talk to Ashley about carpooling!

TAKE A PIC

For Our Files

This year when we were compiling pictures for the annual Christ the King movie we realized that we could (and should) have more photographs in our archives. This year if you are at an AMC event consider snapping a few pictures and emailing them to the church. Thank you in advance!





Discipling Growing in our Relationship with Jesus

THE YEAR OF... Your Bible

One of the themes at AMC for 2018 will be making this year the year of your Bible. The January issue of the Greater Things newsletter (in boxes today) has more information about this. Glen will also be preaching on this theme next Sunday (Jan. 7th). You can start tomorrow! We will be listing daily Bible passages in the bulletin each week (today they are on the back) that will take you from Genesis to Revelation this year.



Administration Developing & Coordinating our Relationships

5TH SUNDAY OFFERING Today

The Administration Commission has decided to put this final fifth Sunday offering towards the general budget in hopes that we can meet our budget goal for the year. Thank you for supporting the Lord's work here at Arthur Mennonite and beyond.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship Celebration 112
No Christian Education

Offering

General Offering \$6,809
Designation: Poinsettias \$24
2017 Weekly Goal \$4,460
YTD Progress - 2.7%

Primary Dept. Mission Offering

November \$151
2017 Total YTD \$405.19

REMINDERS

Nursery

Today: Steve & Meg Yoder
Jan 7: Colby & Jordon H.

Visitor of the Week: Gloria Yoder

Arthur Home Service - Today
Room 1 C.E. Class

Fellowship Meal - January 7th

Ryan & Kat Burdick
Lamar & Karen Miller
Bob Plank
Steve & Meg Yoder



Worship Our Relationship with Jesus

TODAY

Normal C.E.
and Worship
Schedule

Today we return to our normal times for Christian Education and Worship. The start of the new year is a great time to start a new Sunday morning tradition of attending one of the Christian Education classes that are offered for all ages at 9:30 am. With three adult options, High School, Junior High, and children's classes, your entire family can seek after Jesus and grow in your faith. Happy New Year everyone!

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Scott Litteral's family - Scott's father Bob passed away and his mother is still in hospital following car accident in Shelbyville.
- Vernon Chupp's family - Vernon's father Floyd passed away.
- Beverly Alwert - Janet Gingerich's mother. Health.
- Duane Oye - health concerns. Ongoing tests.
- Brittnay and Michael Yoder family - Lucy was born recently.
- Kara Kuhns and family
- Ben Miller - Cancer. Chemo treatments continue.
- Adriene Lane - Serving in Ecuador with World Teach (Adriene is home this week for a Christmas break visit)
- Those among us struggling with loneliness and pain this season.

PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD

- Wildfires in California
- Pray for Christians in Egypt who are undergoing persecution.
- Addiction crisis in the United States.
- Pray for the Middle East and ongoing conflicts.
- AMC supported missionaries.
- Pray that Christmas would renew faith and hope.



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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 a.m.	Arthur Home Service
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration
	3:00 p.m.	Young Adults
Wed., Jan. 3	6:30 p.m.	New Life Group
Thurs., Jan. 4	All Day	WMSC Quilting
	3-5 p.m.	Coffee & Conversations
Sun., Jan. 7	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration
	Noon	Fellowship Meal
	3-5p.m.	Jr. High Youth
	6-8 p.m.	High School Youth

FUTURE EVENTS

High School Winter Retreat ~ Jan. 12-14

Junior High Winter Retreat ~ Jan. 19-21



The Year of Your Bible

Jan. 1	Gen. 1.1-2.4	A Story of Creation
Jan. 2	Gen. 2.5-25	The Garden of Eden
Jan. 3	Gen. 3.1-24	The Trouble with Sin
Jan. 4	Gen. 4.1-16	The First Murder
Jan. 5	Gen. 6.1-22	God Warns Noah
Jan. 6	Gen. 7.1-24	The Flood Comes
Jan. 7	Gen. 8.1-19	Floodwaters Dry Up

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