

ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH - OCTOBER 2018

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Greater *things*

Jesus said to his followers: “. . . if you have faith in me, you will do the same things that I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father.” (John 14:12)

Despair Not! Jesus is with us!

from Glen Rhodes, Minister of Administration and Community Life

After the recent congregational meeting, there were many things to consider, think about, and pray about. In light of the many changes occurring in our denomination (Mennonite Church USA), the Ministry Team asked the members of AMC to share their thoughts and feelings on how we should respond to these changes as a church body. 81% felt that we should consider other Mennonite/Anabaptist affiliations, while 19% felt we should remain with MCUSA. The feelings about how fast these decisions should be made were as follows: 42% thought we should take it slow and see what might develop at the MCUSA convention next July, while 58% felt we did not need to wait to make a decision on this.

These results have led the Ministry Team to suggest some steps for the months ahead. First, the church will enter into a time of deeper and more focused prayer and discernment about God's leading for AMC's future. Second, the Ministry Team will spend some time in the months ahead researching other possible affiliations that would align best with our beliefs and values if we were to leave. Third, this process will likely lead to a congregational vote sometime next year, estimating a possible Spring vote by AMC members.

While discernment and decisions like this on a larger scale are difficult to go through, we must remember the valuable connections and unity we have here in our church family at Arthur Mennonite. While we will not agree on every little issue, (no church ever has), we have a bond of faith and unity here in this church that gives us hope. We can and will journey through this with the hope and grace of Christ.

We know for sure that Jesus will lead us and be with us in whatever the future holds. In Matthew 28:20 he said, "Behold, I am with you always!". Therefore, in the days ahead we must not give in to despair, but instead focus on the hope, restoration, and new life that we find in Jesus.

When the church in Corinth was having some problems, Paul wrote 1st and 2nd Corinthians as a way to identify those problems, offer solutions, and teach the believers how to live for Christ in a lost and corrupt culture. While some of his instruction was difficult for them to hear, he also encouraged them with the hope of Christ.

In 2nd Corinthians 4:7-10 Paul writes, "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; ...continued on back...

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...Continued from front perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body."

As we move forward as a church family, let us allow those words of Paul to bring us encouragement and hope. We may be perplexed by all of this, but we will not despair! Join us in the months ahead as we together pray for the Lord's wisdom and guidance!



Personal Profile: Jordan Herschberger

What is your job and what does it consist of?

I am a stay at home mom. My job consists of a lot of things, but my daily objective is to raise happy and healthy children through the way of the Lord.

What is your favorite verse/book of the Bible?

I have so many! But, one of my all time favorites is Isaiah 40:31 "But they that way upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. "

A time in your life when you have felt God's presence stronger than any other?

Definitely was two days before my mother passed away. My sister and I were visiting her at the hospice house. During that time, she was very tired and struggling physically. But, not that day. On that day she was adamantly telling my sister and I that angels were all around us and that everything was going to be okay. She seemed so at peace that day. That evening she fell into a coma and passed away two days later. We feel so beyond blessed to have felt God that day and have that moment as one of our last with her.

What is the happiest memory of your life? The births of my two children.

What hobbies do you enjoy? I love event planning and photography!

What are some interesting facts about you? I am a born and raised Floridian, I was a competitive gymnast and later competitive cheerleader from K-12th grade.

What would you say is your favorite meal? Tacos, definitely tacos!

What is your favorite song or hymn that we sing at church?

"Jesus Paid It All". Such a truthful and powerful song!

Article 7 - Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective

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"We confess that, beginning with Adam and Eve, humanity has disobeyed God, given way to the tempter, and chosen to sin. Because of sin, all have fallen short of the Creator's intent, marred the image of God in which they were created, disrupted order in the world, and limited their love for others. Because of sin, humanity has been given over to the enslaving powers of evil and death."



AMC Fall Festival
October 14, 3-8 pm
Moultrie 4-H Center

Join us for our annual gathering to celebrate the Fall season together and give thanks for God's bountiful blessings.

Many activities are planned along with a carry-in fellowship meal to be shared around 6:00.

First Fruit Giving

Giving God Our Best

Stewardship Attendance

9/2/18	\$5,535	128
9/9/18	\$3,428	117
9/16/18	\$2,412	128
9/23/18	\$2,864	121

Menno Haven Men's Retreat
November 10-11

Theme: Ephesians 6
Suit Up! The Armor of God

Talk to Glen if you are interested in attending!

Resource of the Month

YouVersion Bible App



Available for
iPhone or Android

This is one of the most used apps in all the world. The YouVersion Bible app has many wonderful features to help you in your Bible reading, study, listening, and devotional time. Here are some of the many things it offers:

- Many different translations of the Bible
- Audio readings of some translations in many different languages
- Many daily devotionals to pick from
- Ability to share verses with friends or through various social media sites

These are just some of the many benefits you will find that plug you into God's Word on the go.