

ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH - NOVEMBER 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)

Praise Jesus, It's Not Up To Us

from Jeff Marner ~ Minister of Discipling

Ever feel like a lost cause?

Thanksgiving can be pretty nice when everything seems to be going well in life. Sometimes life doesn't work that way though, does it? Maybe the end of this year is going to feel pretty terrible. Aren't there just times when you just plain mess up or maybe a huge part of your life is messed up through no fault of your own. Everywhere you look, there is just no answer. There's no way that you've tried that can fix what is wrong.

I tell you what, you want to read about some people with some messed up stories just open your Bible. I'll use King David as an example. While his army is off to war, he sleeps with one of his soldiers wives. She gets pregnant so David tries to make it so the husband will think it's the husband's child. When that fails, he sends the guy back out to war and has him killed. Pretty great guy, huh?

How exactly does a person like that get redeemed? What could he ever do to justify

himself before God? Imagine if that happened today, the whole world would know. What hope would that man have in the eye of public opinion?

Sorry, I didn't bring this story up to make yours seem small. If you can find no answer, it's as big and difficult as anything can be. David had no personal might that could rectify his foolish actions. Your situation may not even be your fault but still very much out of your hands. But from David to you and me we are just descendants of a long line of people who have never been capable of picking ourselves out of the pits we sometimes fall in and other times dig.

Ephesians 2:8-10: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Praise Jesus it's not up to us.

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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 18th Christ the King Sunday at AMC

Be a part of our annual celebration of God's work through the people of AMC over the past year and looking forward to the year ahead.

9:30 a.m. Feet Washing

Come and learn about the practice of feet washing and what it signifies. Afterward we will have a time of feet washing for those that would like to participate. There will be a regular C.E. class in Room 5 at this time as well.

10:30 a.m. Christ the King Worship Celebration

In addition to our traditional worship we will relive memories of the past year through pictures, sharing, and communion.

Let's celebrate the mission, ministry and movements of God!



Personal Profile: Ron Thomas

What is your job?

I was a Journeyman Electrician until I retired in 2006. Currently, Janice & I volunteer at the Arthur MCC Thrift Shop on Fridays.

Favorite Verse/Book of the Bible:

My Favorite verse is Psalm 23.

Is there a time in your life when you have felt God's presence stronger than at any other time? In 2013, I lost two sister-in-laws', my wife, and my older brother all in four months. Without God's help, I would not have been able to move on.

The happiest memory of my life was the birth of my son Jon and meeting my wife, Janice.

My hobbies are hunting and riding my motorcycle.

Interesting Facts: I served in the US Navy as a ship's company electrician and I am an honorary Black Belt in Tae kwon do.

My favorite hymn is Amazing Grace.

My best piece of advice is Thank God every day and love your family.

Here are some snapshots from our Fall Festival in October!



42 School Kits were packed for MCC!



First Fruit Giving *Giving God Our Best*

Stewardship Attendance

9/30/18	\$1,666	122
10/7/18	\$5,006	114
10/14/18	\$4,447	96
10/21/18	\$3,027	119

Article 8 - Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective

SALVATION

"We believe that, though the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God offers salvation from sin and a new way of life to all people. We receive God's salvation when we repent of sin and accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. In Christ, we are reconciled with God and brought into the reconciling community of God's people. We place our faith in God that, by the same power that raised Christ from the dead, we may be saved from sin to follow Christ in this life and to know the fullness of salvation in the age to come."



Community Thanksgiving Service

A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held Sunday, Nov. 18th at 6 p.m. here at Arthur Mennonite Church. Sponsored by the Arthur Ministerial Association, it will include songs, scriptures, and stories from our community giving thanks to God.