

December 2, 2018



ADVENT  
← A SEASON OF →  
PREPARATION

“When the Messiah Comes...”  
The Prophecies of Isaiah

**AMC**  
arthur mennonite church

710 East Park Street // Arthur, Illinois 61911 // 217-543-2781

# Welcome!

## First-time Guests

- We are glad you are here!
- Need more info about AMC? Speak with a member of the ministry team or visit our website.
- Nursery is available for children 5 and under.
- Buddy bags for older children are in the foyer.
- Large print hymnals are available.

## WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Prelude singing begins at 10:20 a.m.

## CHRISTIAN EDU 9:30 A.M.

### ADULTS

*Our Love for God*  
*Genesis 25-50*  
*Various Topics*

Fell. Hall  
Room 1  
Room 5

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (GRADES 9-12)

Youth House

### JR HIGH YOUTH (GRADES 6-8)

Youth House

### PRIMARY KIDS (AGE 2—GRADE 5)

West Basement

## Ordination Sunday Next Sunday

Illinois Mennonite Conference  
Interim Conference Minister Steve  
Slagel will be with us next Sunday  
during worship for the ordination of  
Ashley Litwiller.

Steve will lead the ordination  
service and will also be bringing  
the message for our second  
Sunday of Advent.

The December fellowship meal is  
also being moved to next Sunday.  
Please bring extra food for our  
guests who will be here.

## CONNECT

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## MINISTRY TEAM

Glen Rhodes (Team Leader)  
*Administration & Community Life*

Ashley Litwiller  
*Worship & Youth*

Lamar Miller  
*Outreach*

Jeff Marner  
*Discipling*

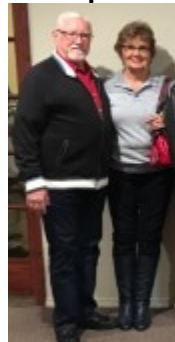
## 2018 The Year of Your Bible



### This week's readings:

Dec 3 Ephesians 1:3-14  
Dec 4 Ephesians 2:1-10  
Dec 5 Ephesians 3:14-21  
Dec 6 Ephesians 4:17-24  
Dec 7 Ephesians 5:6-20  
Dec 8 Ephesians 6:10-20  
Dec 9 Philippians 2:1-11

## Snapshot of the Week



Ron & Janice Thomas & Sherryl  
Herschberger participated in the  
Arthur MCC Thrift Shop fashion show.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Grocery Shower

During our fellowship meal next Sunday, Dec. 9 we will be having a grocery shower for newlyweds Jory & Natalie Borntreger. Bring a bag of groceries to bless this couple.

### Church Directory Pictures

This is the week for church pictures. If you could help with sign-in on Dec 6, please see Ashley. Also, **please update your contact info** in the foyer on our master list on table.

### Birthdays

Jake Chupp	Today, Dec 2
Sandy Synder	Mon, Dec 3
Austin Kauffman	Wed, Dec 5
Kendall Schrock	Wed, Dec 5
Waylon Miller	Wed, Dec 5

### No Anniversaries This Week

## DISCIPLING

### Children Program Practice

If your children would like to be in the Christmas Program, they should be in C.E. through Dec 16th, 9:30-10:15 am.

### AMC Christmas Program

This years program, titled "Not Sold In Stores", will be held on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 6:00 pm. It will include all ages. A finger food fellowship will follow the program. Invite your family!

## YOUTH

### Junior High

Dec 16 White Elephant 3 pm

### High School

Dec 5 Study: Suitable Helper 7 pm  
**Coffee Orders are due by Dec. 22!**

## OUTREACH

### Missionary Sharing

We had a wonderful time this past Monday with our MMN supported missionaries. Continue to pray for all those sharing the good news of Jesus around the world.

## WORSHIP

### Christmas Poinsettias

You can purchase a poinsettia to honor a loved one during Christmas, please sign up on the foyer bulletin board.

### Christmas Decor

Thank you to all those who came this week to help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season.

### Night of Caroling

In lieu of a choir this year, Worship Commission is inviting everyone out for a night of caroling around town Dec 13 at 6 pm. We'll meet here at the church.

## ADMINISTRATION

### 2018 Final Congregational Meeting

Tonight at 6 pm, we will hear sharing from the AMC Commissions and be discussing things for the year ahead. Bring a finger food for the fellowship time after the meeting.

### 2019 AMC Budget Proposal

Administration Comm. has prepared the proposed 2019 budget. That letter & budget were in your boxes and will be discussed at tonight's meeting.

### LAST SUNDAY

Worship Attendance	110
Christian Edu. Attendance	41
Total Offering: \$3,518	Budget: -14.2%

## EVENTS

### TODAY

JrYouth	3-5 pm
Congregational Meeting	6 pm

### TUESDAY

WMSC Quilting	All Day
Ministry Team Meeting	11 am

### WEDNESDAY

HSYouth	7 pm
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### THURSDAY

LifeTouch Church Pictures	1-8 pm
Coffee & Conversations	3-5 pm

### FRIDAY

Care 'n Share Christmas Party	6 pm
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# TODAY IN WORSHIP

**Advent Theme: "When The Messiah Comes..."**

**Today's Message: "...There Will Be Light"**

**Isaiah 2:1-5 ~ Glen Rhodes**

Scripture Readings: Psalm 27:1-4; John 8:12-16

Worship Leader: Willis Kuhns

Intercessory Prayer: Glen Rhodes

## Order of Service

Gathering Song  
Congregational Information  
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Children's Time  
Tithes & Offerings  
Advent Intro & Reading  
Worship Songs  
Intercessory Prayer  
Special Song

Scripture Readings  
Message

Prayer of Response & Sending  
Sending Song

*Pastor Glen will be at the front of the church for prayer after the service.*

## Sermon Questions

*For Thought & Discussions*

- ◆ What kind of extra lights do you put up during this Season?
- ◆ Have you ever thought much about how people lived before the convenience of the modern light switch?
- ◆ How is God asking you to walk in the light of the Lord at this time in your life? What darkness needs to be dispersed in the light of Jesus?
- ◆ **Going Deeper:** Make it a point this Christmas to slow down and enjoy the simple things of this wonderful Season. Simplicity can often help us to focus on the true reason for this season.

## AMC Prayer List

Bailey Mentzer *Broken arm/surgery*  
Esther Yoder *Health and move*  
Families who have lost loved ones  
GDCC *commission callings for 2019*  
Ashley Litwiller *Upcoming ordination*  
Homebuilders Parents *Health/Healing*  
AMC affiliation discernment  
Families during the Christmas Season

## Visitor of the Week: Josephine Marnier

AMC supported MMN missionaries  
Immigration challenges in the world  
Hurricane Florence & Michael *relief*  
Chicago Comm. *Hospital shooting*  
Ongoing violence in our country  
California Wildfires *Families affected*  
Yemen *Ongoing war and famine*  
Peace in Israel/Palestine