

December 23, 2018



O'
COME
Emmanuel

Isaiah 7:14



When The Messiah Comes...
God is with us!

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

<i>Our Love for God</i>	Fell. Hall
<i>Genesis 25-50</i>	Room 1
<i>Various Topics</i>	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

Bulletin Change

In 2019 we are going back to a longer bulletin while still using some of the graphics and concepts of this shorter bulletin. This will allow for more information to be shared in larger print.

Prayer Theme

This past year we have focused on making our Bibles a more important part of our daily lives. In 2019 we are going to focus on devoting ourselves to prayer. Watch for more on this next week.

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 24	Hebrews 12:1-13
Dec 25	James 2:1-13
Dec 26	James 3:1-12
Dec 27	James 5:7-20
Dec 28	1 Peter 1:3-12
Dec 29	1 Peter 2:1-10
Dec 30	1 Peter 3:8-22
Dec 31	1 Peter 5:1-11

Snapshot of the Week



Madison Snyder and Kendall Burdick shared the song "Hallelujah" last Sunday evening during the AMC Christmas Program

COMMUNITY LIFE

Community Blood Drive

A community blood drive is planned for Thursday, January 10 from 1-6 pm at the Methodist Church, sponsored by the Ministerial Association and the Lion's Club. You can sign up online at redcrossblood.org or just show up.

Birthdays

Levi Yoder	<i>Tues, Dec 25</i>
Larry Yoder	<i>Fri, Dec 28</i>
Lela Reynolds	<i>Fri, Dec 28</i>
Bob Plank	<i>Sat, Dec 29</i>
Ron Thomas	<i>Fri, Dec 29</i>

Anniversaries

Cory & Emily Kauffman	<i>Thurs, Dec 27</i>
Ervin & Nancy Kuhns	<i>Thurs, Dec 27</i>
Jake & Maranna Chupp	<i>Thurs, Dec 27</i>
Vernon & Irlene Chupp	<i>Fri, Dec 28</i>

DISCIPLING

Everence Job Opening

Everence Financial has a job opening at their office in Fisher, Illinois. See the bulletin board in the foyer for the job description and contact info.

Christmas Program Thank You

Thank you to all those who organized and had a part in last Sunday's Christmas program. Thank you to all those who came and invited friends and family to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the reason for the season.

OUTREACH

MDS/Taylorville Tornadoes

The Illinois Mennonite Disaster Service is assessing the damage and the needs in Taylorville, Illinois following the recent tornadoes there. Be watching for future opportunities to help with cleanup and reconstruction.

Pray for Hunter David Kauffman

Todd & Angie Kauffman's (Gary and Dorothy's son in PA) third child was born at 27 weeks & 2 lbs, they have a long NICU stay ahead of them; please keep this family in your prayers!

YOUTH

Junior High

Jan 11-13 Winter Retreat 4 pm

High School

Jan 2 Bible Study 7 pm

WORSHIP

Christmas Poinsettias

Thank you to all those who purchased a poinsettia to decorate the church this season. You can take yours home after worship this morning. The list of In Memories are posted on the bulletin Board in the foyer. Please place your check in the secretary mailbox.

ADMINISTRATION

Final Giving for 2018

Next Sunday is the last Sunday of 2018. Giving statements for this year for those who use the tithing envelopes will be put in mailboxes sometime in January. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the work of Jesus through this church family!

LAST SUNDAY

Worship Attendance	126
Christian Edu. Attendance	66
Total Offering: \$6,538	Budget: -12.1%

EVENTS

TODAY

Arthur Home Service 9:30 am

MONDAY

Fellowship Hall Reserved 2-8 pm

TUESDAY

Merry Christmas!!

THURSDAY

Coffee & Conversations 3-5 pm

SATURDAY

Fellowship Hall Reserved All Day

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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

Today's Christmas Message: "...God Is With Us!"

Isaiah 7:14 ~ Glen Rhodes

Scripture Readings: Psalm 139:7-14; Matthew 1:18-23

Worship Leader: Lamar Miller

Intercessory Prayer: Jeff Marner

Order of Service

Gathering Song
Congregational Information
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer
Children's Time
Tithes & Offerings
Worship Songs
Intercessory Prayer
Special Song
Scripture Readings
Video
Message
Prayer of Response & Sending
Sending Song

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

Sermon Questions

For Thought & Discussions

- ◆ Think about the various names we use for family and friends. Consider all the names for Jesus we are given in scripture.
- ◆ How could you explain "God with us" to a friend this Christmas?
- ◆ What can you do or change in your life to reach out to God and accept his gift of Jesus to you this Christmas?
- ◆ **Going Deeper:** Why is the name Immanuel sometimes spelled with an E (Emmanuel)? Do some study and research on that this week.

AMC Prayer List

Nolan Schrock *healing, ER last week*
Hunter Kauffman family *NICU stay*
Mervin Gingerich *spinal tumor surgery*
Families who have lost loved ones
GDCC *commission callings for 2019*
Kevin Litwiller *shoulder surgery*
Homebuilders Parents *health/healing*
AMC affiliation discernment

Visitor of the Week: Glen Rhodes

Families during the Christmas Season
AMC supported MMN missionaries
Taylorville Tornadoes *those affected*
Immigration challenges in the world
School Bus Wreck on I -74 *families*
California Wildfires *families affected*
Yemen *ongoing war and famine*
Peace in the Middle East