

December 30, 2018

*Hope is Born*  
LUKE 2:11

**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* Fell. Hall  
*Genesis 25-50* Room 1  
*Various Topics* 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

## Prayer Theme for 2019

In the year ahead we are going to place a special focus on growing in our prayer life at AMC.

Our focus verse will be Colossians 4:2 and Glen will be sharing a

message next Sunday on that verse.

**Devoted To Prayer!**



## Bulletin Change

Next Sunday 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.

As always, we appreciate your feedback and comments on anything related to our church life together. Please feel free to share those at anytime with one of the AMC Ministry Team members.

## CONNECT

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## MINISTRY TEAM

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

Ashley Litwiller  
*Worship & Youth*

Lamar Miller  
*Outreach*

Jeff Marner  
*Discipling*

## Snapshot of the Week



AMC Carolers were able to share Christmas joy with Henry and Mary Herschberger recently. They were also able to wish them a happy 74th wedding anniversary.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Fellowship Meal

Next Sunday will be our first Sunday fellowship meal for January. Bring a dish to share and stay for great food and fellowship.

### Baby Shower Next Sunday

During the fellowship meal next week we will have a baby shower for Emma Hughes (Kendra and Zeb). This is their first child so bring a gift, diapers, or anything that might bless them as a family. Continue to pray for them.

### 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](http://redcrossblood.org) or just show up.

### Thank You Note

Check the bulletin board in the foyer for a thank you from Larry & Pat Yoder.

### Birthdays

Vernon Chupp	<i>Mon, Dec 31</i>
Evonda Yoder	<i>Wed, Jan 2</i>
Kathy Yoder	<i>Sat, Jan 5</i>

### Anniversaries

Floyd & Marilyn Miller *Today, Dec 30*

## YOUTH

### Junior High

Jan 11-13 Winter Retreat 4 pm

### High School

Jan 2 Bible Study 7 pm

## OUTREACH

### MDS Job Openings

Mennonite Disaster Service has several openings they are looking to fill. A Communication Manager, Volunteer Training Specialist, and Leadership Volunteer Interviewer are three of those positions. More information is on the bulletin board.

## DISCIPLING

### Explore Life Group

This Life Group is going to start meeting again in January with a new Bible Study focus. Are you interested in being in an AMC small group? Talk to Glen Rhodes who leads this group.

### Begin the New Year with C.E.

The beginning of a new year is always a great time to start new things. If you have not been a part of one of our Christian Education classes recently we encourage you to join us in 2019.

## WORSHIP

### Thank You 2018!

As we look back, we've had quite the year here at AMC. Thank you to each of you who have poured your time, energy, and soul into the ministries for our church family and for those we reach together.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Final Sunday of 2018

Today 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	127
Christian Edu. Attendance	60
Total Offering: \$11,288	Budget: -8.7%

## EVENTS

**TUESDAY** Happy New Year!!

### WEDNESDAY

HSYouth 7 pm

### THURSDAY

Coffee & Conversations 3-5 pm

# TODAY IN WORSHIP

**Today's Message: "Active Preparation"**

**Luke 2:41-52 ~ Lamar Miller**

Scripture Readings: Psalm 148: 1-6, 7-14

Worship Leader: Nancy Kuhns

Intercessory Prayer: Glen Rhodes

## Order of Service

Gathering Song  
Congregational Information  
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Children's Time  
Tithes & Offerings  
Worship Songs  
Intercessory Prayer  
Year of Your Bible

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*

- ◆ How involved are you in the life of the church?
- ◆ Are you setting a good example as a Christ follower?
- ◆ How can you help "point" someone to God's calling?

## AMC Prayer List

Ric Hudgens IMC Moderator *stroke*  
Hunter Kauffman family *NICU stay*  
Mervin Gingerich *spinal tumor surgery*  
Families who have lost loved ones  
Sherrill Shunk *Upcoming surgery*  
Ashley Guenther *Appendectomy*  
Kevin Litwiller *healing from surgery*  
Lavern Otto *Post-surgery infections*

## Visitor of the Week: Gloria Yoder

*AMC Commission calls begin for 2019*  
*AMC affiliation discernment*  
*Families/Marriages in this New Year*  
*AMC supported MMN missionaries*  
*Taylorville Tornadoes those affected*  
*Indonesia Lives lost in Tsunami*  
*Yemen ongoing war and famine*  
*Peace in the Middle East*