

March 10, 2019



BLESSED HUNGER,  
HOLY FEAST

First Sunday of Lent

*God's Hand Delivers 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>Discipleship &amp; Mission</i>	Fell. Hall
<i>Book of Mark</i>	Room 1
<i>Stories of the Bible</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

## AMC'S VISION

Arthur Mennonite Church will be a courageous people guided by God to rely on Christian practices and to deepen our intergenerational relationships.

We will use a spectrum of spiritual gifts and embrace our welcoming atmosphere to show God's love through our actions and fearlessly share his gospel with words.

**Grow Like Mary,  
Serve Like Martha**

## CONNECT



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## MINISTRY TEAM

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

Ashley Litwiller  
*Worship & Youth*

Lamar Miller  
*Outreach*

Jeff Marnar  
*Discipling*

Welcome Visitors! Are you interested in learning more about AMC? We would like to get to know you as well. Please fill this out, tear it off, and put in the offering plate this morning as it is passed. This can also be used for weekly prayer requests and answered prayer.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ I would like more info. about:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult/Child ministries \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Small Groups \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Bible Studies \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Service Opportunities \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Request/Answered Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCIPLING

## Baptism/New Member Sunday's

We are very excited about two Sunday's coming up at AMC. On Sunday, March 24 and Sunday, April 7 we will be celebrating seven baptisms and welcoming 11 new members into our church family. We hope you can be here on those Sunday's to welcome these new believers and members and be a part of this faith celebration.

## Women's Retreat: April 5-6

Mennonite Women USA will be holding a women's retreat focused on Sistercare April 5-6 at Menno Haven. The theme of the weekend is "Equipping women for healing ministry. Brochures and more information are available on the bulletin board in the lower foyer.

## Seven Points On Earth Documentary

Paul Plett has produced an hour long documentary that explores the lives of 7 Mennonite farmers around the world. From Iowa to The Netherlands, from Indonesia to Africa learn how farming life varies from country to country. This documentary is available on Amazon Prime and ITunes.



# CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	Christian Education (classes for all ages) Worship Ministry Team meeting
Wednesday	8:15 am	Breakfast Club at Yoder's Restaurant
Thursday	3-5 pm 6:30 pm	Coffee and Conversations at RoseLen's Worship Commission meeting
Friday	Evening	Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale (Normal)
Saturday	All Day	Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale (Normal)
Next Sunday	9:30 am 10:30 am 3:00 pm	Christian Education (classes for all ages) Worship (Second Sunday of Lent) JrYouth at Youth House

**Upcoming: Congregational Meeting, Sunday, March 31, 6:00 pm**

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## 2019 Church Directories Have Arrived

The 2019 church directories are in your mailboxes today. We have some extra copies available in the church office if you would like an extra copy. Thank you to those who updated your pictures this year. Each fall, Life Touch will come to update pictures and we will need to schedule at least 15 appointments each time to continue getting free directories each year.

## Sign Up For Easter Tulips

If you would like to buy an Easter tulip to decorate our Sanctuary this Easter you can sign up for those on the bulletin board in the lower foyer. These can be designated in memory of a friend or loved one. They are \$12 each. Please put checks in the secretary mailbox. They can be taken home after the Easter Service on April 21.



## Birthdays This Week

Erin Schrock	Tuesday, March 12
Roy Williamson	Friday, March 15

**Anniversary This Week:** Kenny & Erica Schrock Today, March 10

# PRAYER LIST

## Praying for our Church and Community

- Paul Sieber family - Former AMC pastor passed away
- Bob Plank - Upcoming hernia surgery March 19.
- Peter Kauffman - Surgery has been delayed.
- Schrock Family - House exploded in rural Sullivan.
- Hunter Kauffman Family - Gary & Dorothy's new grandson in NICU.
- Lela Reynolds - Back pain.
- AMC affiliation discernment. Vote is planned for May 19.



## Praying for our Nation and World

- Pray for families in Alabama. Tornadoes killed 23 people this week.
- Peace in war torn areas of our world (Syria, Yemen, Iraq, others)
- AMC Supported Missionaries around the world.
- Conflict in the country of Venezuela. Pray for the people there too.
- Ongoing Immigration challenges/opportunities around the world.

# ADMINISTRATION

## Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale

The annual Bloomington Relief Sale is being held at the Interstate Center next weekend on March 15-16. If you have never attended it's a great experience to see how another Relief Sale works.

## Mennonite Central Committee Thank You

*We are grateful for your generous support of the work of MCC this past year, as we provide hope, healing and comfort around the world in the name of Christ. Thank you serving and giving in the name of Christ.*

## Hiking Up Mt. Kilimanjaro

Arcola's Wilmer Otto and Hesston's John Sharp are leading a group who are hiking up Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa this week. They are embarking on this adventure to honor John's son M.J. who was killed in Congo a couple years ago working for the U.N. on a peacekeeper mission. The Decatur Herald & Review ran an article on this and it can be found on the foyer bulletin board for more details.



### LAST SUNDAY

#### Attendance

Worship Celebration	105
Christian Education	58

#### Offering

Sunday, March 3     \$4,092.25

Designations:

Kitchen—\$50  
Primary—\$100

2019 Weekly Goal	\$4,481
2019 Budget goal YTD	- 6 %

#### Fellowship Meal - April 7

Larry and Dory Kauffman  
Andy and Nancy Plank  
Kenny and Erica Schrock

### REMINDERS

#### Nursery

**Today:** Steve & Meg Yoder  
**March 17:** Nancy P. & Olivia G.

#### Visitor This Week:

Gloria Yoder

#### Fellowship Group (organizers)

**Pathfinders:** Delmar & Linda S.

**Legacy:** Andy & Lynn M..

**Homebuilders:** Sandy S, Karen L.

**Care N' Share:** John & Alta Y.,  
Ervin & Bernadine Y., Carol Y,  
Delilah E.

#### Sunday Arthur Home Service

March 24: Youth & JH

#### Next Tues. Arthur Home Service

March 26 - Jeff M. (Legacy)

# OUTREACH

## Meals on Wheels Schedule Posted

The current Meals on Wheels schedule is now posted on the outreach board in the foyer. Just in case you forget when you are scheduled. Thank you to all those who are helping with this valuable ministry in our community.

## Schrock Family Community Benefit

Local churches are working together through the Arthur Ministerial Association to hold a community benefit/fundraiser event for the Schrock family that recently lost so much when their house exploded. Each church is being asked to provide one person to be on this committee. If you would be willing to help with this, please see our Minister of Outreach, Lamar Miller. We will all have the opportunity to help with this fundraiser once the plans begin to take shape.

## Mission Prayer Request:

Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado of Mennonite Mission Network are serving at *La Casa Grande* children's home in Benin. Pray for good health and open hearts as Diana and Felipe teach English, assist with gardening, and share God's love with each child.

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## Keeping Up / Did You Know!

- Esther Yoder is the Eberhardt Village resident of the month. You can see the newsletter article about her with pictures on the foyer bulletin board.

### *Did You Know Facts*

- At any given time, there are 1,800 thunderstorms in progress over the earth's atmosphere.
- Recycling one glass jar saves enough energy to operate a television for three hours.
- Women blink nearly twice as often as men.

## Just For Fun

If the front of  
your vehicle says  
"DODGE"



do you really need a horn?



# YOUTH GROUP

## JRYOUTH

**March 17**

Bible Study:  
Rescuing Time  
YH @ 3 pm



## HS YOUTH

**Mar 20**

Mothers &  
Daughters' Night  
YH @ 7pm



## Winter Jam Indy Trip

March 29-30, HSYouth Girls & Sponsors will be going on an overnight trip to Indianapolis. Friday night, they will attend 2019 Winter Jam Tour and Saturday they will explore city attractions.

## Prayer for AMC Youth

Up on the Youth Bulletin Board are labels with names of AMC HSYouth and JrYouth. We are looking for 7 more people to grab a label & pray for them regularly! Some names have already found a prayer partner so thanks to those who have begun!

# WORSHIP

## Lent Begins Today

Observance of the season of Lent begins today. The theme for this Lenton season is "Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast." See the March edition of the Greater Things newsletter for more details.



## Lent Resources

Two resources are available to go along with our Lent theme.

- Lent At Home is a free download online. Search "Lent At Home"
- Lent Daily Devotions are available through Goshen College. These daily devotions can be emailed to your inbox each day. Read more and sign up for these at [Goshen.edu/devotions](http://Goshen.edu/devotions).

## Easter Choir

Practices for Easter Choir will begin March 27th at 6pm. This will be the first of four Wednesday night practices. Talk to Worship Commission for more details.

# TODAY IN WORSHIP

Lent Series: Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast

Today's Message: "Grateful for a Saving God" Deut. 26:1-11

Scripture: Psalm 91: 1-16

Worship Leader: Jenni Marner

Intercessory Prayer: Jeff Marner

## Order of Service

- Gathering Song
- Congregational Information
- Call to Worship and Prayer
- Children's Time
- Tithes & Offerings
- Worship Songs
- Special Song
- Intercessory Prayer
- Scripture Reading
- Message
- Song of Response
- Prayer of Response & Sending

*A pastor will be at the front of the church for prayer after the service.*

## Worship Notes

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## Sermon Questions

*For Thought & Discussions*

- ◆ Where did your ancestors come from? How did you end up where you are today?
- ◆ Have you stopped to think about your life journey and what God might be up to?
- ◆ What kind of reflection can you do during Lent to bring forth confession, repentance, and thankfulness?

**Going Deeper:** Think about the history of your family, your life, and how it has brought you to today? Try to learn more about how God has guided and blessed your journey so far.

## Snapshot of the Week



Owen Henry Herschberger (son of Colby & Jordan) enjoyed a winter swing ride recently. We are hoping for more Spring like swinging days ahead!