

March 17, 2019



**BLESSED HUNGER,
HOLY FEAST**

*God Gathers Us Together
in Safe Shelter!*

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 & 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 _____

DISCIPLING

Child/Parent Dedication This Morning

During our worship service this morning Zeb and Kendra Hughes will dedicate their daughter Emma and themselves to God's care, leading, and calling in the life of their family. This commitment is also an opportunity for our church family to commit to the responsibility of caring for Emma and helping this family in their faith journey. Children and Parents are a blessing from God!



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 six baptisms and welcoming 10 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.

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship
	3:00 pm	Jr. Youth at the Youth House
Tuesday	11:00 am	Ministry Team meeting
Wednesday	7:00 pm	HS Youth at the Youth House
Thursday	3-5 pm	Coffee and Conversations at RoseLen's
	7:00 pm	Explore Life Group
	7:00 pm	Marriage Life Group
Saturday	5:30 pm	Homebuilders/Legacy Pizza Party (F.H.)
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship (Baptism Sunday)
	5:00 pm	AMC Night of Worship

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

COMMUNITY LIFE

Homebuilders & Legacy Fellowship Groups

The Homebuilders group is inviting the Legacy group to join them this Saturday night, March 23 at 5:30 pm for pizza and games in the fellowship hall. Homebuilders will make the pizza. For more details contact Sandy S, Debby K, or Karen L.

2019 Church Directories Have Arrived

The 2019 church directories are in your mailboxes. We have some extra copies in the church office if you would like one.

Birthdays This Week

Mary Herschberger	Today, March 17
Andy Marner	Today, March 17
Willis Kuhns	Tuesday, March 19
Kevin Miller	Thursday, March 21
Jordan Herschberger	Saturday, March 23
Junior Beachey	Saturday, March 23



Anniversary This Week:

Larry & Myra Beachy Wed., March 20

PRAYER LIST

Praying for our Church and Community

- Paul Sieber family - Former AMC pastor passed away
- Bob Plank - Hernia surgery this Tuesday.
- Peter Kauffman - Leg surgery has been delayed.
- Schrock Family - House exploded in rural Sullivan.
- Hunter Kauffman Family - praise update: brain bleed has stopped!
- 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 last week.
- Families of plane crash victims in Ethiopia.
- 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

Congregational Meeting - Letter in Mailboxes

A letter is in your mailboxes this morning concerning the upcoming vote in May on church affiliations. The Ministry Team tried to address many things in the letter but we encourage you to attend the upcoming congregational meeting on Sunday, March 31 at 6:00 pm where there will be more time for questions & explanation.

Hiking Up Mt. Kilimanjaro

Arcola's Wilmer Otto and Hesston's John Sharp were part of a group hiking up Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa last week. They embarked 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. They reached the summit this past Tuesday at 19,341 ft. above sea level. This was their group picture from the top.



LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship Celebration	141
Christian Education	54

Offering

Sunday, March 10 \$4,835.49
Designations: Primary—\$50

2019 Weekly Goal \$4,481
Budget Goal YTD -26.3%

Fellowship Meal - April 7

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

REMINDERS

Nursery

Today: Nancy P. & Olivia G.
March 24: Lamar & Karen M.

Visitor This Week:

Lynn Marner

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

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. Thank you to Vera Yoder and Delmar Schrock who will be representing AMC on this committee. Watch for ways to help soon!

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.



MCC Relief Sale Kickoff Banquet

It's time again for the Arthur MCC Relief Sale Kickoff Banquet! This year, Les Gustafson-Zook will be sharing stories, music, and his work with MCC. An offering will be taken to defray the start-up expenses for the 2019 Relief Sale. There is a sign up sheet on the foyer bulletin board if you'd like to attend, along with a flyer with more info.

Keeping Up / Did You Know!

- Cory Kauffman was recently awarded the Chairman's Award for Excellence at

First Mid bank in Mattoon where he works. Congrats Cory! Great job!



- Correction from the March GT's Personal Profile article: It was written that Henry built the extension to the home. It was actually a committee board that worked together with many others for the build.

Just For Fun

Why do they call it a "building"? It's all finished, isn't it? Why not call it a "built"?

Experience: The name people give to their mistakes.



YOUTH GROUP

JRYOUTH

TODAY

Bible Study:
Rescuing Time
YH @ 3 pm



HS YOUTH

Mar 20

Mothers &
Daughters' Night
YH @ 7pm



Prayer for AMC Youth

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

Easter Morning Breakfast Fundraiser

Save the Date for Easter morning, April 21st at 8am, to come eat breakfast provided by HSYouth. Stay Tuned for more details!

WORSHIP

AMC Night of Worship: Next Sunday at 5:00 pm

Come join us for a little under two hours of song and sharings of what worship means. At different times in our lives, worship may look different, but we are ready to praise in any season.

AMC Night of Worship: Practice for Participants

If you are part of the sharing at N.O.W., we have slots to sign up for practice towards the end of this week. Talk to Ashley to sign up for a practice time on Wed, Thurs, or Fri. nights between 5-7pm.

Easter Choir

Practices for Easter Choir will begin March 27th at 6pm. This will be the first of four Wednesday night practices. We will be singing Lamb of God, as well as another song that the group picks at the first practice. Everyone is welcome to come join in!

Our Lenten Message Series Continues Today

Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast continues this morning with God provides for us a safe shelter.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Lent Series: Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast

Today's Message: "Safe Shelter" Psalm 27

Scripture: Luke 13:31-35; Philippians 3:17-4:1

Worship Leader: Glen Rhodes

Intercessory Prayer: Lamar Miller

Worship Notes

Order of Service

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

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

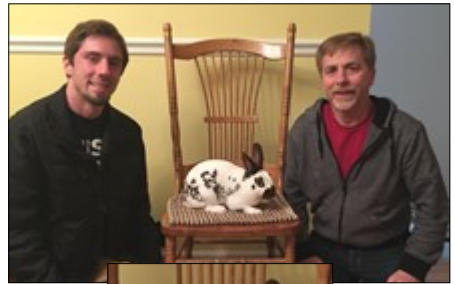
Sermon Questions

For Thought & Discussions

- ◆ What did you learn from your favorite movie as a kid?
- ◆ My Shelter is not _____.
- ◆ My Shelter is _____.

Going Deeper: Are you clinging to The Rock? Or are you only checking in when things go wrong or right? Sing a new song to our Savior today.

Snapshot of the Week



Lamar & Ryan Miller's rabbit won best of breed at the recent rabbit show at the Otto Center. It was the best of all the English Spot breed of rabbits.