

March 24, 2019

*proclaiming your faith*

# BAPTISM

*SUNDAY*

**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



[arthurmennonite.org](http://arthurmennonite.org)

[arthurmennonite@gmail.com](mailto:arthurmennonite@gmail.com)

## 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

## Baptism/New Member Sunday's

We are very excited about this morning and Sunday, April 7 as we will be celebrating six baptisms and welcoming 10 new members into our church family. Welcome these new believers and members and let's support them in their walk of faith.

## 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.

## Fifth Sunday Offering Next Week

The 5th Sunday offering next Sunday will go towards the local Mennonite Central Committee meat canning ministry fund. This ministry provides food and meat to people in need in the U.S. and around the world. All the offering next Sunday will go to this ministry.



# CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am	Arthur Home Service (Youth/JH)
	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship (Baptism Sunday)
	5:00 pm	AMC Night of Worship
Tuesday	11:00 am	Ministry Team meeting
Wednesday	8:15 am	Breakfast Club at Yoder's Restaurant
	6:00 pm	Easter Choir practice
Thursday	3-5 pm	Coffee and Conversations at RoseLen's
Friday/Saturday		Youth Group Winter Jam trip to Indianapolis
Saturday	6:00 pm	Arthur MCC Relief Sale Kickoff Banquet
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	AMC Prayer Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 pm	AMC Cong. Meeting & finger food fell.

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## 2019 Church Directories Have Arrived

The 2019 church directories were put in your mailboxes recently. We have some extra copies in the church office if you would like one for your vehicle or office.

## Stay Connected with AMC

Just a reminder of the many ways you can stay connected with AMC and your church family through the week. We have a Facebook Page, Twitter account, and Instagram account. We also have a church group set up on Facebook, let us know if you would like to join it. Our website also has links to bulletins, sermons, midweek reflections, church calendar, and much more. [Arthurmennonite.org](http://Arthurmennonite.org)

## Birthdays This Week

Katie Miller	Tuesday, March 26
Delmar Schrock	Wednesday, March 27
Kendall Burdick	Saturday, March 30



**Anniversary This Week:** Kevin & Lyndora Miller Mon., March 25

# PRAYER LIST

## Praying for our Church and Community

- Bob Plank - Hernia surgery has to be rescheduled.
- Peter Kauffman - Leg surgery has been delayed.
- Nancy Kuhns Father Jerry Dolan - Comfort care.
- Helen Rutledge - Nadine Miller's mother, health.
- Hunter Kauffman Family - Praise! Hunter is now home from NICU!
- Wilmer Schrock family - Wilmer passed away last weekend.
- Tim Mast - Leg swelling.
- AMC affiliation discernment. Vote is planned for May 19.



## Praying for our Nation and World

- Pray for families affected by recent flooding in the Midwest.
- Families of plane crash victims in Ethiopia & New Zealand shooting.
- 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.
- Pray for the country of Mozambique. Cyclone Idai.

# ADMINISTRATION

## Church Retreat is Coming! Sign up!

We are looking forward to our church retreat weekend at Camp Menno Haven on May 4-5. We hope all of you can make it for both days (Saturday & Sunday) but there is an option for some to carpool up on Sunday only if that is desired. Prices are listed on the sign up sheet in the foyer for lodging and meals. Activities will begin on Saturday morning at 10:00 am and conclude Sunday afternoon around 4:00 pm. Please sign up by Sunday, April 21 so we can turn our numbers into the camp. There will be no service here at AMC on Sunday, May 5 due to this retreat.



## Congregational Meeting Next Sunday - Finger food fellowship

A letter was in your mailboxes last Sunday 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 next Sunday, March 31 at 6:00 pm where there will be more time for questions. ***Bring a snack to share for the time of fellowship following the meeting.***

### LAST SUNDAY

#### Attendance

Worship Celebration	143
Christian Education	65

#### Offering

Sunday, March 17	\$3,029
Designations: None	

2019 Weekly Goal	\$4,481
Budget Goal YTD	-26.8%

#### Fellowship Meal - April 7

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

#### Sunday Arthur Home Service

TODAY: Youth & JH

### REMINDERS

#### Nursery

**Today:** Lamar & Karen M.  
**March 24:** Colby & Jordan H.

#### Visitor This Week:

Bertha Yoder

#### Fellowship Groups *(organizers for April)*

**Pathfinders:** Kevin & Lyndora M.  
**Legacy:** Andy & Lynn M..  
**Homebuilders:** Gary & Dorothy K.

#### Care N' Share (May-July)

John & Alta Y.,  
 Ervin & Bernadine Y., Carol Y,  
 Delilah E.

#### Next Tues. Arthur Home Service

March 26 - Jeff M. (Legacy)

# OUTREACH

## 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 information.



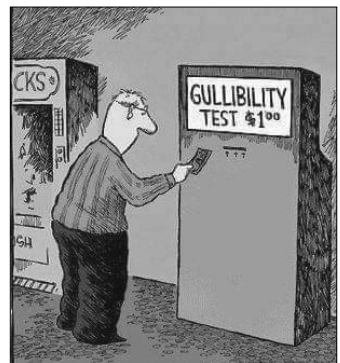
## MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP)

Mennonite Central Committee is seeking volunteer groups, individuals and summer staff for SWAP. Summer will be here before we know it, so make your summer plans now to join SWAP in Kentucky or West Virginia. Don't miss out on your chance to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Groups or individuals can volunteer to serve as week-long volunteers. SWAP is also looking for summer staff to serve as job site coordinators and meals coordinators/cooks for three month assignments. For more information about bringing a group to SWAP or serving as summer staff, visit [swap.mcc.org](http://swap.mcc.org)

## Keeping Up

- Wilmer Schrock (former AMC member) passed away last weekend. Visitation is today from 1-3, 6-8 at Penn Station. Funeral is here at AMC tomorrow (Monday) morning at 10:00 am. Keep this family in your prayers.
- Glen & Rhonda Rhodes daughter Rebecca Hopkins has been on a week long mission trip in Mexico this past week. Becca runs a coffee shop at their church in California that supports this school/orphanage in Mexico that they visited.

## Just For Fun



I told my boss that three companies were after me and I needed a raise. My boss asked, "What companies?"  
Gas, water and electricity.

# YOUTH GROUP

## JRYOUTH

April 7th  
Fellowship  
TBD @ 3 pm



## HS YOUTH

Mar 29-30  
Winter Jam Trip  
to Indy  
Gertie @ 4pm

### Prayer for AMC Youth

Up on the Youth Bulletin Board are labels with names of AMC HSYouth and JrYouth. We need 6 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: Tonight at 5:00 pm

Come together to hear special songs and sharings brought forward illustrating what worship means to a variety of people. At different times in our lives, worship may look different, but we are ready to praise in any season. Come ready to sing or ready to just sit back and enjoy the messages in each sharing for two hours.

### Easter Choir Practice Starts This Wednesday

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!

### Prayer Meeting Next Sunday at 5:00 pm

Next Sunday night, our monthly time of prayer will begin at 5:00 pm before the congregational meeting. Join us for a time of praise, reflection, and lifting our church, community, country, and world in prayer.



# TODAY IN WORSHIP

Lent Series: Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast

Today's Message: "Hope & Grace Poured Out" 1 Peter 3:8-22

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-6; Psalm 63:1-4

Worship Leader: Lynn Marnier

Intercessory Prayer: Ashley Litwiller

## Order of Service

Gathering Song  
Congregational Information  
Call to Worship and Prayer

Children's Time  
Tithes & Offerings  
Worship Songs  
Intercessory Prayer  
Baptisms/Membership

Scripture Reading  
Message

Prayer of Response  
Sending Song

*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*

- ◆ What kind of benefit package do you have at your job?
- ◆ Have you ever considered the great benefit and blessing we have through the love of God?
- ◆ What in your life right now needs the hope and grace of Jesus? Receive it, apply it, live in it!

**Going Deeper:** If you have received Jesus into your life and would like to be baptized talk to someone on the AMC Ministry Team. Give public testimony of that life-changing decision.

## Snapshot of the Week



Maria (pictured) and Chad Yoder recently welcomed a new pup named Duke to their farm. This was one of his first rides.