

March 31, 2019



**BLESSED HUNGER,  
HOLY FEAST**

**God Reaches Out  
With Open Arms!**

**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 Members April 7

We had a very exciting service last Sunday as we celebrated five baptisms and welcomed 6 new members into our church family. Next Sunday we will celebrate another baptism and 4 more members becoming a part of God's family and the AMC family.

## 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.



## Community Good Friday & Easter Sunrise Services

The Arthur Ministerial Association is planning services for the community for Good Friday & Easter. Here are location & times....  
Good Friday, April 19 - Vine St. Christian Church - 12-1 pm  
Easter Sunrise, April 21 - Arthur Southern Baptist - 6:30 am

# CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship (4th Sunday of Lent)
	5:00 pm	Prayer meeting in fellowship hall
	6:00 pm	Cong. Meeting in sanctuary/fellowship
Tuesday	Day	WMSC Quilting
	7:00 pm	Ministry Team meeting
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Easter Choir practice
	7:00 pm	Marriage Life Group
	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
Friday-Sunday		Sister Care Seminar at Menno Haven
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship (Baptism/New Members)
	12:00 pm	First Sunday Fellowship Meal
	3:00 pm	JR Youth

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## First Sunday Fellowship Next Week

April arrives this week and that means next Sunday, April 7 is our First Sunday Fellowship meal. Bring a dish to share next Sunday and join us after worship for some wonderful food and fellowship. We also might have some family and guests joining us due to the baptism and members that will be joining. Extra food is always good.

## Lenten Concert: Coles County Barbershop Chorus

The Coles County Barbershop Chorus will present their 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Concert on Sunday afternoon, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM in the First Baptist Church (1804 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Mattoon), The one hour concert is free and a free will offering goes to area Food Pantry & Homeless Shelter.

## Birthdays This Week

Sarah Storm & Kade Schrock  
Ervin Yoder & Sherrill Shunk  
Taylor Miller & Chad Yoder  
Ryan Miller & Derek Rhodes

Today, March 31  
Tuesday, April 2  
Wednesday, April 3  
Thursday, April 4



# PRAYER LIST

## Praying for our Church and Community

- Bob Plank - Hernia surgery this Tuesday.
- Peter Kauffman - Leg surgery still delayed.
- Nancy Kuhns Father Jerry Dolan - Hospice care.
- Larry & Ruby Schrock family & upcoming fundraiser.
- Linda (Ashley Guenther's grandma)- lung cancer treatments
- Pray for families/marriages/singles in our church and community.
- 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.
- Pray about all of the hatred/anger/violence in our country & world.

# ADMINISTRATION

## Congregational Meeting Tonight - Finger food fellowship

A letter was in your mailboxes recently 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 congregational meeting tonight at 6:00 pm where there will be more time for questions. ***Bring a finger food snack to share for the time of fellowship following the meeting.***

## 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.



### LAST SUNDAY

#### Attendance

Worship Celebration	144
Christian Education	52

#### Offering

Sunday, March 17	\$3,040
Designations: Primary	—\$32
2019 Weekly Goal	\$4,481
Budget Goal YTD	-27.3%

#### Fellowship Meal - April 7

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

#### Sunday Arthur Home Service

April 28: Andy M./Rm 5 CE Class

### REMINDERS

#### Nursery

**Today:** Colby & Jordan H.  
**April 7:** Michael & Brittney Y.

#### Visitor This Week:

Lela Reynolds

#### 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

June 4 - Glen R. (Homebuilders)

# OUTREACH

## Schrock Community Benefit: Saturday, April 13, 11 am to 3 pm

Many local churches are working together to have a fundraiser to help the Larry and Ruby Schrock family.



They lost their son and home in an explosion last month and their daughter is still in intensive care in the hospital. Plan on coming to this event that will have many different food items and activities at the Arthur Christian School. Our church also needs to provide physical help and baked goods. Please see the bulletin board for your opportunity to help with these. They also need items for the silent auction, if you or your business might have some items to donate for that please talk to Vera Yoder soon.

## Fifth Sunday Offering Today

The 5th Sunday offering today 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 today will go this ministry .

## Keeping Up

- Virgil and Sondra Gingerich recently went to a Cardinals Spring Training game in Jupiter, Florida. Ashley Litwiller flew to Phoenix to take in a Cubs Spring Training game as well. The MLB regular season starts this weekend. Go \_\_\_\_\_ !
- Jenni Marner's brother and family (RJ, Sarah & Celeste) were visiting here from the country of Ireland recently. The Marner's were able to see their newborn niece and cousin for the first time in person.



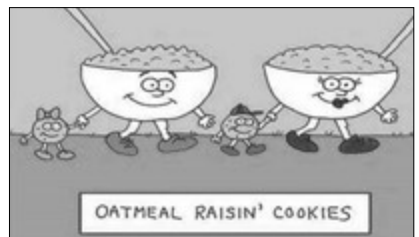
## Just For Fun

I lost my job at the bank on my very first day on the job.

A woman asked me to check her balance, so I pushed her over.

**NEW PASTA DIET!!!!**

You just walk pasta bakery without stopping, walk pasta candy store without stopping, walk pasta ice cream shop without stopping...



# YOUTH GROUP

## JRYOUTH

April 7th

Fellowship: Movie  
TBD @ 3 pm



## HS YOUTH

April 3

Shelby's Softball  
Game & Dinner  
@ 4:30 pm

## 5 More Prayer Partners for AMC Youth

Up on the Youth Bulletin Board are labels with names of AMC HSYouth and JrYouth. **We need 5 more people** to grab a label & pray for that 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 8-9:15 am, to come eat breakfast provided by HSYouth and their Parents! Stay Tuned for more details!

# WORSHIP

## AMC Night of Worship: Thank You!

Thank you to all those who had a part in the wonderful time of worship last Sunday night. Thank you to those who came for what was a great time of sharing praise to our Lord.

## Easter Choir Practice This Wednesday

Practices for Easter Choir will continue this Wednesday at 6pm. This will be the second of four Wednesday night practices. We will be singing Lamb of God, as well as another song. Everyone is welcome to come join in!



## Prayer Meeting Tonight at 5:00 pm

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

# TODAY IN WORSHIP

Lent Series: Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast

Today's Message: "In Search of What is Lost" Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Scripture: Psalm 32:1-7; 2 Corinthians 5:16-20

Worship Leader: Floyd Miller

Intercessory Prayer: Glen Rhodes

## Order of Service

Gathering Song  
Congregational Information  
Call to Worship and Prayer

Children's Time  
Tithes & Offerings  
Worship Songs  
Answered Prayers Sharing  
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 item have you spent time frantically searching for in the past?
- ◆ Have you written anyone off as too lost to ever find Jesus?
- ◆ What does this parable say about how we are to view the lost souls in our world?

**Going Deeper:** Name two specific people that you will pray for this week that are currently wayward, lost, and in need of Jesus' open arms to welcome them home.

## Worship Notes

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## Snapshot of the Week



Lucy Yoder recently found a diaper box to play in at home. There is more than one reason why we have diaper showers at AMC!