

April 7, 2019

BAPTISM SUNDAY

GOD MAKES A WAY
THROUGH MIGHTY WATERS

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

New Chairs for C.E. Classes

We have new chairs in all of the adult Christian Education classes now. Combine that with great coffee and a great opportunity to converse with other believers and grow in your Christian faith and it is well worth coming to church 45 minutes earlier. Join us!

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



Sign Up For Easter Tulips: Last Sunday

This is your last chance if you would like to buy an Easter tulip to decorate our Sanctuary this Easter. You can sign up 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	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 at the Youth House
Wednesday	8:15 am	Breakfast Club at Yoder's Restaurant
	6:00 pm	Easter Choir practice
	7:00 pm	HS Youth at Ashley's House
Thursday	3-5 pm	Coffee and Conversations at RoseLen's
Friday	11:00 am	Ministry Team meeting
Saturday	11-3	Schrock Fundraiser Benefit at AOC.
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship (Palm Sunday)

COMMUNITY LIFE

First Sunday Fellowship Today

Join us after worship for some wonderful food and fellowship. Please stay even if you did not bring anything, there is plenty of food.

Mother's Day Dinner at Yoder's Kitchen

The AMC Mother's Day dinner this year is going to be held on Saturday, May 11 at 6:00 pm in the banquet hall at Yoder's Kitchen. Sign up on the bulletin board and bring your mothers and daughters. All women are invited! This year we are also encouraging people to bring a family picture, heirloom item, or memento to place on your table. A short program will be provided after the buffet dinner.

Birthdays This Week

Liz Diener	Today, April 7
Jory Borntreger	Thursday, April 11

Anniversary This Week

Joe & Lanora Gingerich	Monday, April 8
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PRAYER LIST

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” Colossians 4:2

Praying for our Church and Community

- Bob Plank - Healing from Hernia surgery.
- Peter Kauffman - Leg surgery still delayed.
- Delilah England's family - Great Grandson passed.
- Nancy Kuhns Family - Father Jerry Dolan passed.
- 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.
- AMC Supported Missionaries around the world.
- Conflict in the country of Venezuela. Pray for the people there also.
- Ongoing Immigration challenges/opportunities around the world.
- Pray for the country of Mozambique and Africa. Cyclone Idoi.

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. **Help stain the Ark!** If you can go up on Friday, May 3 to help stain the Ark at camp see Glen Rhodes. Meals and lodging Friday are N/C for those who are helping on the Ark.

Congregational Meeting Recordings

Thank you to all those who were able to make it to last Sunday's congregational meeting. If you were unable to attend the meeting it was recorded on CD and DVD. Those are available for checkout in the media center. Meeting notes will also be posted on the bulletin board in the near future.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship Celebration	129
Christian Education	49

Offering

Sunday, March 31	\$3,744
Designations:	
All went to MCC Meat Canning.	
Pri. Dept. Action Bibles	\$173
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: Michael & Brittney Y.
April 14: Emily K. & Erin S.

Visitor This Week:

Josephine Marner

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. Most importantly, show up to support this fundraiser this coming Saturday. Wear your AMC shirts, other churches will be wearing their shirts as well.

Lenten Concert: Coles County Barbershop Chorus

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

Keeping Up

- Congratulations to Larry and Pat Yoder who are grandparents once again. Natalie Ann Yoder was born to their son Curt and his wife Kaylee this past week.
- Nancy Plank was interviewed on the WAND news this past week. She shared her story which she recently posted on her Facebook page. The news story can also be found on her Facebook page.
- Vera Yoder, Debby Kauffman, and Sandy Snyder helped with the 10th anniversary of the Methodist Community meal this past Wednesday.

Just For Fun



I've been to a lot of places, but
I've never been in Cahoots.
Apparently, you can't go alone,
you have to be in Cahoots with
someone.
I've also never been in Cognito
either. I hear no one recognizes
you there.

YOUTH GROUP

JRYOUTH

April 7th

Fellowship: Movie
YH @ 3 pm



HS YOUTH

April 10

Bible Study:
World Religions
Ashley's @ 7 pm

5 More Prayer Partners for AMC Youth

We need 5 more people to grab a label & pray for that youth regularly! Up on the Youth Bulletin Board are labels with names of AMC HSYouth and JrYouth. Thanks to those who have begun!

Easter Morning Breakfast Fundraiser

Save the Date for Easter morning, April 21st from 8-9:15 am, to come eat breakfast provided by HSYouth! Casseroles, Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit Salad, Donuts, and Drinks will be waiting for you!

Menno's Best Coffee Orders

Easter Morning, the Menno's Best Coffee will be brewed. Some didn't get a chance to order last round, so this is your last chance! This fundraiser ends on April 30th so tell a youth or sponsor if you'd like to stock up on this coffee before then! \$15 each.

WORSHIP

Easter Choir Practice This Wednesday

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

Baptism/New Members Today

We have had some very exciting services at AMC recently as we celebrated baptisms and welcomed new members into our church family. Today we will celebrate another baptism and 4 members becoming a part of God's family and the AMC family. Here is a list of those who have recently been baptized or become AMC members...

Baptism/New Member: Michelle Snyder, Madison Snyder, Kendall Burdick, Morgan Mercer, Jackie Carter, Erin Schrock.

New Members: Jeff Snyder, Katie Miller, Lynn & Marla Kauffman

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Lent Series: Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast

Today's Message: "Two, Three, Four, Steps Forward" Isaiah 43:16-21

Scripture: Psalm 126; Philippians 3:7-11

Worship Leader: Ed Yoder

Intercessory Prayer: Jeff Marner

Order of Service

Gathering Song
Congregational Information
Call to Worship and Prayer

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

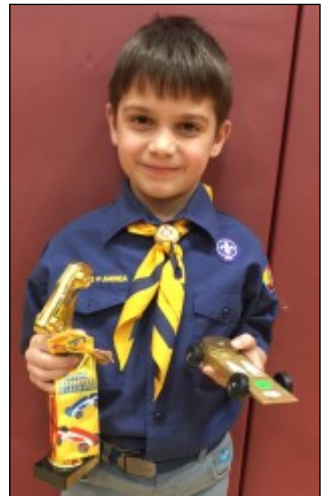
Sermon Questions

For Thought & Discussions

- ◆ What in your past continues to keep you from moving forward?
- ◆ Have you asked Jesus to help you release it?
- ◆ When will you start living in the "new thing" that God wants to do in your life?

Going Deeper: Read the story of the Israelites exodus from Egypt (Exodus 6-20) this week and think about the comparisons to your life.

Snapshot of the Week



Denton Marner recently brought home the second place trophy in the local Cub Scouts pinewood derby car race! Great job Denton!