

Jesus said to his followers:
". . . if you have faith in me,
you will do the same things
that I am doing. You will do
even greater things, now that
I am going back to the
Father."

(John 14:12)

Greater things

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Moving Forward

from Glen Rhodes, Ministry Team Leader

In life we usually don't know what is waiting around the next corner. As Christians we entrust whatever it is to the Lord and ask Jesus to lead us as we move forward. One of our favorite verses here at AMC gives testimony to that. Proverbs 3:4 says, "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*"

The past several years at Arthur Mennonite Church (AMC) have seen many conversations and questions about denominational affiliations. These all led to a congregational vote on Sunday, May 19 in which the AMC members in attendance voted to leave Mennonite Church USA and Illinois Mennonite Conference to join LMC: A Fellowship of Anabaptist Churches (formerly Lancaster Mennonite Conference) and the Evana Network of churches. The vote to change affiliations passed by 88% in favor. This transition will begin to take place in the next month or two.

During these past several years we have continued to focus on many other ministries and callings as a church family. While these conversations about denominational affiliations were

taking place they did not deter us from these other callings that allowed us to grow, serve, and seek after the Lord in many different ways. This must continue to be our main focus and hopefully in the days ahead we can devote even more of our focus to these ministries. Ministries such as sharing the Gospel message of Jesus, discipleship, local outreach, community involvement, national and international connections, and seeking God's plan for AMC's future.

As the leader of the AMC ministry team, my hope is that moving forward we will see renewed commitment, renewed fellowship, renewed energy, and renewed faith within every person and family that calls AMC their church home. As a ministry team we will lead in ways that seek to foster this renewal and growth among us. It is exciting to think about what God has for us around the next corner.

May we join the apostle Paul when he says, "*I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus*" (Philippians 3:14). Let us pray that we will be ready and willing to embrace whatever the Lord has for us in the days ahead. And in all those things.... To God Be The Glory!

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Discipline in the Church

“We believe that the practice of discipline in the church is a sign of God’s offer of forgiveness and transforming grace to believers who are moving away from faithful discipleship or who have been overtaken by sin. Discipline is intended to liberate erring brothers and sisters from sin, to enable them to return to a right relationship with God, and to restore them to fellowship in the church. It also gives integrity to the church’s witness and contributes to the credibility of the gospel message in the world.”

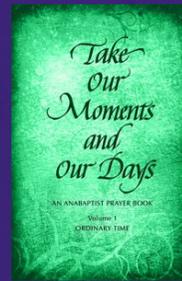
All kiddos ages 4 years old through JrHigh students are invited to join in here at Arthur Mennonite Church from 9-11:30am!

You can register kiddos on their website at www.arthurvbs.org.

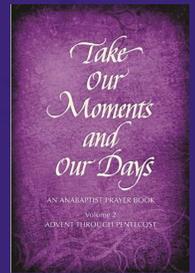
Arthur Community Vacation Bible School



Resource of the Month:



Take Our Moments & Our Days: Anabaptist Prayer Books



Take Our Moments and Our Days is a four-week cycle of morning and evening prayer services prepared for the period in the church year between Pentecost and Advent. The services focus on the teaching and ministry of Jesus: the Lord's Prayer (week one), the Beatitudes (week two), Jesus' parables (week three), and Jesus' miracles (week four).

The prayer services are designed for use by small groups or families, although they are suitable for individuals as well. The central features are: Scripture-saturated prayer, the voice of Jesus, and Anabaptist coloration. Published in collaboration with the Institute of Mennonite Studies at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana.

You can also download the app on iTunes or Google Play. These books are now in our library bookshelf in the foyer.



AMC Personal Profile: Lynn Kauffman

What is your job? I am a plumber and also do heating and air conditioning.

What is your favorite bible verse? John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Is there a time in your life when you have felt God’s presence stronger than at any other time? At the times of passing of my sister, and each of my parents.

Who is your favorite author? Max Lucado

What is your happiest memory? Marrying my wife.

What are your hobbies? Fishing, Anything Nature.

What is your favorite meal? Not too picky, as long as it’s meat and potatoes.

What is your favorite song? Actually there are two; #1 - Here I Am, Lord. #2 - Lord of the Dance.

What is your best piece of advice? Keep looking up whether good or bad times.

First Fruit Giving Giving God Our Best

Stewardship Attendance

4/28/19	\$1,337	110
5/5/19	Menno Haven	39
5/12/19	\$7,537	130
5/19/19	\$4,378	123

All Men are invited to our annual Men’s Picnic out at Bryan Yoder’s Pond. Food is provided. Bring your fathers, sons, a lawn chair and yard games.

