

September 1, 2019

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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

Responding to God's Grace Fell. Hall
Book of Ephesians Room 1
Stories of the Bible Room 5

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (GRADES 9-12)

Youth House Sitting Room

JR HIGH YOUTH (GRADES 6-8)

Youth House Front Room

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 Marner
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

Move Up Sunday

Today is a great time for children, youth, and adults to start attending the Christian Education time each Sunday at 9:30 am. If you have questions see youth pastor Ashley Litwiller or primary coordinator Rhonda Rhodes.

Stewardship Sunday

On Sunday, September 15 Everence representatives Lyle Miller and Greg Liestman will be at AMC to encourage us in our Christian Stewardship journey. Lyle and Greg will lead two different CE classes during the CE time that day and during worship Lyle will be bringing us a stewardship focused message from God's Word.



Everence Webinar

Everence is holding an online webinar titled "The New Rules Of Money" to help people manage debt, avoid scams, and share other financial advice. This will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at two different times. 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm Central Time. Contact the church office for more information and a link to the webinar.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	First Sunday fellowship meal
	3pm	JrYouth
Tuesday	All Day	WMSC quilting
	3-5 pm	Coffee and Conversations at RoseLen's
	6:30 pm	Relief Sale Salad Supper at AMC
Wednesday	7pm	HSYouth
Thursday	7:00 pm	Administration Commission meeting
Saturday	10:00 am	Illinois MDS meeting at AMC
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	Congregational Meeting/Fingerfoods

COMMUNITY LIFE

Fellowship Meal Today

Plan to stay after the worship service today and join us for our monthly meal! This is a wonderful time of fellowship. If you forgot to bring a dish today, no problem; there's always enough food for everyone so plan to stay anyway.

Cliff Kauffman Tractor Drive Tomorrow

This tractor drive in honor and memory of Cliff will take place tomorrow beginning here in Arthur. Registration and Check in will begin at 6:30 am in front of Yoder's Kitchen. The tractors will depart at 8:00 am for a 30 mile route. An article and more details are posted on the board in the foyer.



Birthdays This Week

Brittnay Yoder Tuesday, September 3
Karen (Lamar) Miller Tuesday, September 3



Anniversary This Week

Chad & Maria Yoder Wednesday, September 4

PRAYER LIST

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

Praying for our Church and Community

- Gloria Yoder - Chemo treatments
- Cheryl Conlin - strong Chemo treatments at Barnes
- Bob Plank's family (Father Marvin passed away)
- Wayne and Clara King (Health in KS)
- Starla Carr - (Bertha Yoder's daughter) Cancer treatments
- Edna Helmuth family - Former AMC member passed away in VA



Praying for our Nation and World

- The ministry/work of MCC, MMN, and EMM around the world
- Mass shootings in U.S., Protests in Hong Kong
- Christians who are being persecuted around the world.
- Lift up the ongoing immigration going on around the world
- AMC Supported Missionaries in U.S. and around the world.

ADMINISTRATION

Illinois MDS meeting to be held at AMC

The Illinois District of Mennonite Disaster Service will hold their annual meeting at AMC this Saturday, September 7 from 10 am to 1 pm. Our church will be providing a noon meal and anyone is invited to attend and be a part of this meeting.



Quarterly Congregational Meeting

The third quarterly congregational meeting here at AMC will take place on Sunday, September 8 at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Each commission will be talking about current and upcoming ministries and share about future projects that are being discussed. The Ministry Team will also report on the current affiliation changes. Please bring a finger food to share for the fellowship time after the meeting.

GDCC Ballots

It's time to elect two new members to the AMC Gift Discernment Coordinating Committee. A letter/ballot with details is in your box today. Please return them to the box in the foyer by Sunday, Sept. 15.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship Celebration	134
Christian Education	61

Offering

Sunday, August 18	\$14,741
Designation: Youth	\$1,500
2019 Weekly Goal	\$4,481
Budget Goal YTD	+5%

Fellowship Meal - Today

Les & Marlene H.,
Virgil & Sondra G., Taya Foushi,
Jory and Natalie B., Ryan Miller

Sunday Arthur Home Service

September 22 - Youth

REMINDERS

Nursery

Today: Michael & Brittney
Sept. 8: Lamar & Karen

Visitor This Week:

Alta Yoder

Fellowship Groups

(organizers for September)

Pathfinders: Virgil & Sondra G.

Legacy: Matt & Jacque L.

Homebuilders: Sam & Janette P.

Care N' Share (Aug. – Nov.)

Jr. & Judy B., Jake & Maranna C.,
Ed & Edna G.

Next Tues. Arthur Home Service

Nov. 5 - Lamar M. (Pathfinders)

OUTREACH

Relief Sale Salad Supper

The annual Relief Sale salad supper will be held in the AMC fellowship hall this Tuesday at 6:30 pm. This is for all those who are on a committee or lead a booth at the relief sale. It is a time to revisit this years sale and discuss ways to make it better for next year. Those attending are encouraged to bring a salad to share.

MCC School Kits

Since the store aisles are filled with school supplies now is a good time to buy supplies for MCC School Kits. Place the items in the tub in the foyer and they will put together at the AMC Fall Festival.

One kit includes:

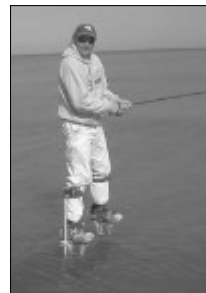
- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks
(8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets),
- 8 new unsharpened pencils,
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm),
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging),
- 1 large eraser,
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens,
- 1 small all metal pencil sharpener, one or two holes.

Keeping Up

- Noah and Edna Helmuth were AMC members many years ago and raised their family in Arthur. Edna (97) passed away in VA this week. Visitation and funeral were held at AMC on Wed. & Thursday. Cards to Noah can be sent to: 1401 Virginia Ave., Harrisonburg, VA 22902
- Lamar Miller came home with the 2nd place trophy last weekend at the Macon Speedway Faster Pastor race. Good job Lamar!
- Ashley L. has moved in Arthur. New address is 217 N Hickory #3

Just For Fun

Even if you've been fishing for 3 hours and haven't gotten anything except poison ivy and a sunburn, you're still better off than the worm.



How
Drywallers
go fishing.

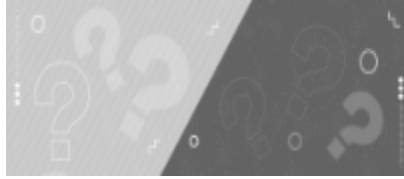


YOUTH GROUP

JRYOUTH

TODAY

New Year Kickoff
Youth House
3-5pm



HS YOUTH

Sept. 4th

New Year Kickoff
Youth House
7pm

Mennonite Colleges & Universities Fair

Mennonite Church of Normal has invited area Mennonite youth groups to their church for a college & university fair on September 15th at 5pm. Bethel College (KS), Bluffton, Eastern Mennonite, Goshen, & Hesston will all have a representative present. If you are interested in attending, talk to Pastor Ashley.

New School Year = New Curriculum

The above dates for our youth groups will be the first nights for the new members. JrYouth includes 6th graders through 8th grade and meet every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month. HSYouth includes 9th graders through 12th graders and they meet every Wednesday night. Spread the Word!

WORSHIP

Children's Sunday - September 29

Mark your calendars for September 29! That morning during our regular worship service time, we will be having a service especially for our children. The interactive service will include creative ways we can worship our Lord! Invite your kids, grandkids, friend's kids, and any other little ones in your life for this special service.

"Worship is where God isn't moved by the quality of our voice but by the condition of our hearts." - Chris Tomlin

"Any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven." - A.W. Tozer

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Today's Message: "In A Perfect World"

Main Text: Ephesians 3:1-12 Others: Isaiah 60:1-6; Luke 2:8-14

Worship Leader: Matt Lane

Intercessory Prayer: Jeff Marnar

Order of Service

- Gathering Song
- Welcome/Cong. Information
- Call to Worship and Prayer
- Children's Time
- Tithes & Offerings
- Video
- Worship Songs
- Intercessory Prayer
- Scripture Readings
- Message
- Prayer of Response & Sending
- Sending Song

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

Sermon Questions

For Thought & Discussions

- ◆ How would you define a perfect world?
- ◆ What change do you need Jesus to bring to your life?
- ◆ How are you sharing/working/caring for others so that they can experience the love of Jesus?
- ◆ **Going Deeper:** Make a list of truths that you want to live your life by. Make that list a daily or weekly part of your Bible Reading and devotions as a reminder.

Worship Notes

Snapshot of the Week



Gary & Dorothy Kauffman got to spend some time with their grandkids in PA this past weekend. Here Gary is holding his youngest grandson Hunter.