

September 22, 2019

Relentless
GRACE

FOR IMPERFECT PEOPLE

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

Combined CE in Fellowship Hall for Missionary Sharing

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

Combined CE Today: Missionary Visit

The Bravo/Wigginton family, our supported missionaries from Ecuador will be here today to share about their ongoing work in that country through Mennonite Mission Network. They will be sharing in more detail during a combined CE time at 9:30 am and they will share a short report during worship.

War Room Movie

Next Sunday, September 29 at 6:00 pm we will be showing the movie War Room on the big middle screen in the sanctuary. This movie will be shown instead of our prayer meeting in September. War Room is a Christian movie about the power of prayer and goes along well with our 2019 prayer theme focus. Plan to join us!



Connecting with Everence

This past Sunday, we welcomed Greg Liestman and Lyle Miller during our adult CE and worship times. They are part of Everence, a financial services ministry that supports people seeking to integrate their faith and their finances. If you would like to speak with Greg concerning your own financial situation, including ways that you can support AMC and other ministries, contact him at greg.liestman@everence.com or 866-390-1917. Levi Yoder is also our AMC rep. for Everence if you have any questions.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am	Arthur Home Service - Youth
	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship
Tuesday	3-5 pm	Coffee and Conversations at RoseLen's
Wednesday	8:15 am	Breakfast Club at Yoder's Kitchen
	7:00 pm	HSYouth Bible Study
Saturday	2-5 pm	Marie Schrock's 90th Bday party (FH)
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Christian Education (classed for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	War Room movie in Sanct. (big screen)

COMMUNITY LIFE

Marie Schrock's 90th Birthday Party

Marie's family is planning a party for her 90th birthday and everyone is invited. It will be held this Saturday, September 28 from 2-5 pm in the church fellowship hall. It will be a come and go open house with cake and punch. Instead of gifts, bring or send a card.

Homebuilders

Homebuilders Fellowship Group will meet Sunday, September 29th for lunch following the service at La CasCada. RSVP to Janette Petershiem at 273-0954 so that a table can be reserved.

Legacy

The Legacy Fellowship Group will be attending an Illini volleyball game together on Saturday, Sept. 28. They will eat dinner in Champaign before the game. See Matt Lane for tickets and details.

Birthdays This Week

Dawson Miller	Sunday, September 22
Delilah England	Sunday, September 22
Dorothy Kauffman	Tuesday, September 24
Travis Schrock	Tuesday, September 24
Marie Schrock	Thursday, September 26
Meg Wind	Thursday, September 26



No Anniversaries This Week

PRAYER LIST

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

Praying for our Church and Community

- Gloria Yoder - Chemo treatments/Healing
- Cheryl Conlin - Chemo treatments at Barnes/Healing
- Bob Plank's family (Father Marvin passed away)
- Starla Carr - (Bertha Yoder's daughter) Cancer treatments/Healing
- Kim Kauffman - On trip to Tanzania, Africa



Praying for our Nation and World

- Bahamas and others affected by Hurricane Dorian.
- The ministry/work of MCC, MMN, and EMM around the world
- Lift up the ongoing immigration going on around the world
- AMC Supported Missionaries in U.S. and around the world.

ADMINISTRATION

GDCC Results

Thank you to all those who turned in Gift Discernment Coordinating Committee (GDCC) ballots last week. 39 ballots were turned in and counted by current GDCC members. Floyd Miller and Nancy Kuhns were elected to serve on GDCC for the next two years. Keep GDCC in your prayers as the prayer and discernment for the 2020 AMC Commission callings begin.

Changes coming at AMC

These changes/updates were shared at the last Cong. Meeting...

- Sanctuary roof cleaned (Kauffman Powerwash did it last week)
- Parking lot repaved and stripped (work was done this past week)
- Concrete will be poured at North entrance and two benches and a table will make for a seating area there with funds from Duane Oye memorials. Bike racks are now located on North side.
- The front of the sanctuary will be changing in the months ahead. The wood slates are going to be taken down, and the walls drywalled and repainted. Worship & Décor deciding on colors.
- Merv's electrical will be replacing the rest of our lights to LED to save on electric costs and take advantage of a current grant.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship Celebration	113
Christian Education	41

Offering

Sunday, September 15	\$2914
Primary Dept Mission	\$84
2019 Weekly Goal	\$4,481
Budget Goal YTD	+2.9%

Fellowship Meal - October 13

Fall Festival at 4-H Center

Cliff & Kathy Y., Ervin & Nancy K., Vera Yoder

Sunday Arthur Home Service

September 22 - Youth

REMINDERS

Nursery

Today: Nancy & Olivia
Sept. 8: Emily K, & Erin S.

Visitor This Week:

Lela Reynolds

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

Menno Haven Ministry Team Opening

Menno Haven is currently seeking applicants to join the ministry team in the role of Facilities Manager. The Facilities Manager oversees new construction, repairs existing structures, keeps transportation moving, insures forest/prairie/lake health and beautiful grounds, and maintains all equipment at camp. Pass this on to someone you think would be a good fit! Contact Doc Johnson at execdir@mennohaven.com for more information. Contact Sheena at sheena@mennohaven.com if you'd like to volunteer in this area.

MCC School Kits: Fall Festival is coming soon

This is a great time for buying MCC school kit supplies. Place the items in the tub in the foyer and they will be put together at the AMC Fall Festival on Sunday, October 13.

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

- Kim Kauffman went on a hot air balloon ride this past week while on her safari vacation in Tanzania, Africa. Pray for Kim as she returns home this week with many stories.
- Andy and Lynn Marner were camping last weekend at Lake Sarah. Lynn left this week for a two week trip south to Tennessee and Florida to see family.

Just For Fun

Don't be redundant by repeating yourself!

"I've lost a lot of weight,"
Tom expounded.

FINALLY!



A CUP FOR THE LEFT-HANDED!

YOUTH GROUP

JRYOUTH

Oct 13

Fall Festival
4-H Fairgrounds
Time TBA



HS YOUTH

Sept. 25

Bible Study
YH @ 7pm

HS Youth Turkey Run Trip

Our High School Youth group will be taking a trip to Turkey Run on Saturday, October 5th for a hike, horseback riding and a canoe ride. If your high schooler wants to go, have them text Pastor Ashley for more details!

WORSHIP

Children's Sunday NEXT SUNDAY!

Join us September 29 during our regular worship service time; we will be having a service tailored for childlike faith. 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 Survey in Boxes Today

Don't forget to check your mailboxes today! Worship Commission is asking everyone to fill out a survey noting different opportunities we have for you to be involved in our worship experience on Sunday mornings. Forms are due to the Minister of Worship mailbox in the foyer by Oct 6th. Thank you to all who serve!

Fifth Sunday offering Next Sunday (September 29)

The 5th Sunday offering next Sunday will be divided in half with half designated to the AMC camp fund and the other half to Camp Menno Haven's Ark playground blue mulch. It will be fitting to designate our offering on Children's Sunday to these efforts to send children to camp and support camp Menno Haven.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Today's Message: "Debt Cancellation" Glen Rhodes

Main Text: Matt. 18:21-25 Others: Psalm 145:8-13; Luke 15:1-7

Worship Leader: Andy Marner Intercessory Prayer: Ashley Litwiller

Order of Service

Gathering Song
Welcome/Cong. Information
Call to Worship and Prayer

Children's Time
Tithes & Offerings
Worship Songs
Intercessory Prayer
Missionary Update

Scripture Readings
Message

Prayer of Response & Sending
Sending Song

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

Worship Notes

Sermon Questions

For Thought & Discussions

- ◆ Is there someone in your life that you have been withholding forgiveness from?
- ◆ Have you been keeping score?
- ◆ Have you been living in the grace of Jesus while withholding grace from someone else?
- ◆ **Take it Further:** Jesus told these parables so that we would live them out in our lives. How can you take this parable of the unforgiving debtor and apply it to your relationships?

Snapshots of the Week



Kauffman's Mobile Power Washing did a great job washing the church roof last. From the looks of this it was needed.