

September 8, 2019

Beauty
from the
Ashes
Isaiah 61:3b

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

Stewardship Sunday: Next Week

Next Sunday, September 15 Everence representatives Lyle Miller and Greg Liestman will be here 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. Here are the two options for CE next week....

1. Financial advisor Greg Liestman will lead "Your Life, Your Goals: Are you on the right financial path?" This workshop will explore seven components of a healthy financial plan for managing God's resources, no matter your age.
2. Stewardship consultant Lyle Miller will lead "Estate Planning and Charitable Giving Basics." This workshop will explore the basic tools that should be part of a person's estate plan. It will also introduce strategies that can help people increase their ability to be generous.

War Room Movie

On 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!

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	Congregational Meeting (Fingerfoods)
Tuesday	11:00 am	Ministry Team meeting
	3-5 pm	Coffee and Conversations at RoseLen's
Wednesday	8:15 am	Breakfast Club at Yoder's Kitchen
	7:00 pm	HSYouth
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship (Stewardship Sunday)
	3:00 pm	JrYouth Bible Study

COMMUNITY LIFE

Red Cross Blood Drive

A community blood drive is taking place on Thursday, September 19 from 1-6 pm at the Methodist Church fellowship hall. You can make an appointment online at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Walk-ins will be welcome but making an appointment will save you some waiting time. Give blood and help save lives.

AMC Fall Festival

The annual AMC Fall Festival is planned for Sunday, October 13 at the Moultrie 4-H center. There will not be a fellowship meal on October 6 due to this. More details will come later. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us.

Birthdays This Week

Jillian Marner Saturday, September 14
Lonnie Schrock Saturday, September 14

Anniversaries This Week

Darrel & Janet Gingerich Thursday, September 12
Les & Marlene Helmuth Saturday, September 14



PRAYER LIST

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

Praying for our Church and Community

- Gloria Yoder - Chemo treatments/Healing
- Cherryl Conlin - Chemo treatments at Barnes/Healing
- Bob Plank’s family (Father Marvin passed away)
- Starla Carr - (Bertha Yoder’s daughter) Cancer treatments/Healing
- Edna Helmuth family - Former AMC member passed away in VA



Praying for our Nation and World

- Bahamas and others affected by Hurricane Dorian.
- 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

Quarterly Congregational Meeting

The third quarterly congregational meeting here at AMC will take place tonight 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 was in your box last Sunday. If you are an AMC member and did not get one please call the church office. There should be one per person, not per couple. Please return them by Sept. 15.



Changes coming at AMC

The AMC Administration Commission, Trustees, and other commissions recently discussed some changes that are coming to the AMC buildings and grounds. Come to tonight's meeting to hear more about these changes and upgrades. Your input is appreciated.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship Celebration	131
Christian Education	45

Offering

Sunday, August 18	\$5,500
Primary Mission Fund	\$48.55
2019 Weekly Goal	\$4,481
Budget Goal YTD	+5.5%

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: Lamar & Karen
Sept. 8: Colby & Jordan

Visitor This Week:

Bertha 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

Hungry World Farm in Tiskilwa, Illinois

Hungry World farm is an outreach that is seeking to raise animals, food, and resources to help those in need. This farm in Central/Northern Illinois is based out of Willow Springs Church near Tiskilwa. They are currently looking for some items for the farm. If anyone would be willing or have access to donate any of these please call Dave Bell at 815-303-4295 or Cal Zehr at 815-878-5487.

Needed:

22+ Wood posts, 8 feet or longer and 6 inches or more in diameter.
200 - Steel fence posts, for sheep and goat pasture.
Woven wire rolls for more fencing.
Help with burying water/electrical lines and replacing windows.

Backpack Program in need of donations

The Arthur Grade School backpack program is once again sending some weekend food home in kids backpacks each week. Volunteers purchase this food and organize it to be put in the backpacks. Funds for this program are once again needed. It takes about \$1,000 each month. If you can give to the Arthur Backpack Program you can do so at the State Bank of Arthur. If you would like to volunteer with a group that purchases and packs the food call Amanda Romine at the Grade School or talk to Vera Yoder who has been helping with this.



Keeping Up

- Peter Kauffman is looking for work. His knee is healed up and he is searching for a new job. Part time or full time. If you have any leads or opportunities talk to him soon.
- Congratulations to Lynn and Andy Marner who are great grandparents again. Olivia Caroline Whitaker was born on Wednesday to Kirk and Sherelle Whitaker.

Just For Fun

My ability to remember song lyrics from the '80's far exceeds my ability to remember why I walked into the kitchen.

The Patron Saint of copying people into emails is St. Francis of a CC.



YOUTH GROUP

JRYOUTH

Sept 15
Bible Study
Youth House
3-5pm



HS YOUTH

Sept. 11
Bible Study
Youth House
7pm

HSYouth Progressive Supper

On September 18th, the HSYouth would like to do a progressive supper where we visit 4 homes for one course of a meal: Appetizer, Entrée, Side Dish, and Dessert. We will start at 7pm, spending roughly 30 minutes for each stop (including travel times) to be back to the Youth House by 9pm. If you would like to be one of the hosts, let Pastor Ashley know by next Sunday, Sept 15th.

WORSHIP

Nursery Workers and Parents Info Meeting

The meeting for all those who volunteer in the nursery or have kiddos who attend nursery (up to 5 years old) will be held next Sunday, September 15th at 6pm. We will plan to meet for about an hour to go over guidelines as well as listen to concerns and answer any questions.

Hymns Seminar and Concert

Elim Springs Church of Jesus Christ outside of Sullivan is hosting Matthew Smith & Indelible Grace on September 18th. They will host a hymns seminar starting at 5pm and a concert following a light meal at 7pm. There is no admission. You can RSVP for the hymn seminar to vanessapatient@gmail.com.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Today's Message: "In Pursuit of Wholeness" Glen Rhodes

Main Text: 1 Thess. 5:16-24 *Others:* Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 9:1-6,10-11

Worship Leader: Lamar Miller

Intercessory Prayer: Lamar Miller

Order of Service

- Gathering Song
- Welcome/Cong. Information
- Call to Worship and Prayer
- Children's Time
- Tithes & Offerings
- Worship Songs
- Intercessory Prayer
- Special Song
- 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

- ◆ To what degree are you broken or whole in spirit, soul, and body?
- ◆ What do you need to surrender to Jesus today?
- ◆ **Take it Further:** Here are four steps to take you further....
 1. Humbly surrender your life to Jesus.
 2. Confess your sins to Jesus and to a close friend.
 3. Pursue ministries of freedom and deliverance.
 4. Develop guardrails for ongoing life and health.

Snapshot of the Week



Floyd & Anna Mary Borntreger took this picture recently at the Thompson Mill Bridge on CR 11 SW of Cowden, Illinois.