

November 24, 2019

CREATION SUNDAY



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

Community Thanksgiving Service Tonight

The Annual Community Thanksgiving service sponsored by the Arthur Ministerial Association will be held tonight at 6:00 pm at the Arthur First Baptist Church. This service will include songs and scripture of thanksgiving and people from various local churches sharing stories and reflections on God's provision and love in both good and hard times. Erica Schrock will be sharing from Arthur Mennonite. Let's join together as a community and give thanks for all of the Lord's blessings in life.

Right Now Media

Our church is now subscribed to Right Now Media which gives our AMC family access to over 20,000 videos for adults, youth, and children. If you have not signed up, here are a few ways: Use this QR Code -> OR Text "RIGHTNOW ARTHURMC" to 41411. Follow the link from our Instagram bio. Call the office for more details.



Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to buy a poinsettia (in memory or just because) to help decorate our church this Christmas you can sign up for them on the bulletin board. They will be white with purple paper this year. They will be displayed on Dec. 15 & 22 and you can take them home after worship on Sunday, Dec. 22nd.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am	Arthur Home worship service
	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship - Creation Sunday
	6:00 pm	Community Thanksgiving Service
Wednesday	8:15 am	Breakfast Club at Yoder's Kitchen
Thursday		Happy Thanksgiving!
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship - First Sunday of Advent
	12:00 pm	First Sunday Fellowship Meal
	3:00 pm	JrYouth Bible Study

COMMUNITY LIFE

First Sunday Fellowship Meal Next Sunday

The first Sunday of December is next Sunday. That means its time once again for our First Sunday fellowship meal. Bring a dish to share and join us after worship for great food and fellowship.

Lifetouch Directory Address & Phone Number Update

For the 2020 Directory, we need your updated address info. Email the church with your new address or phone number OR note any changes on the sheet out in the foyer under the board today.

Care 'n Share Christmas Gathering

Mark Your Calendars: The Care 'n Share fellowship group will have their Christmas Party at the Smith House on Dec 6th at 6pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board today to rsvp!

Birthdays This Week

Floyd Miller	Sunday, November 24
Nadine Miller	Wednesday, November 27
DuWayne Miller	Friday, November 29



Anniversaries This Week

Floyd & Clara Wood	Tuesday, November 26
Delmar & Linda Schrock	Friday, November 29

PRAYER LIST

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

Praying for our Church and Community

- Families of those who have lost loved ones recently.
- Janet Gingerich - Healing for knees.
- Marriages and families in our church and community.
- Curt Herzog - Brittney Y. father has stage 3 prostate cancer. Surgery is scheduled for Dec. 18 in Indianapolis.
- Gloria Yoder - Healing from surgery (returned from CO this week)
- Greg Beachey - Junior & Judy's son. Healing from surgery in Indiana.



Praying for our Nation and World

- Opioid and drug addictions in the U.S.
- Pray for those affected by wildfires in California and Australia.
- Ecuador & Hong Kong protests, U.S. govt. turmoil, Middle East wars.
- AMC Supported Missionaries in U.S. and around the world.

ADMINISTRATION

GDCC Response Forms Due Today

A letter from the AMC Gift Discernment Coordinating Committee with the proposed Commission roles for 2020 was in your boxes. Please return the response forms to the box in the foyer today.

Coffee & Conversation Taking Winter Break

Coffee & Conversation has been a weekly gathering at the local coffee shop (RoseLen's) now for over 3 years. It has been a great time of catching up with AMC friends and meeting new friends and old acquaintances from the community. C & C is going to take a break for the winter months ahead. This past Tuesday was the last weekly gathering until further notice. When Spring comes around, we will consider starting this back up again if there is enough interest.



Congregational Meeting on December 8

Our final congregational meeting of 2019 will take place on Sunday evening, Dec. 8 at 6:00 pm. The 2020 budget, Commission callings, and other reports will be shared. The proposed budget is in boxes today with a cover letter explaining the details. We will not have a finger food fellowship this time since the Christmas program is the following Sunday.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship Celebration	117
Christian Education	50

Offering

Sunday, Nov 17	\$7,086
2019 Weekly Goal	\$4,481
Budget Goal YTD	+7.3%

Fellowship Meal - December 1

Joe & Lanora G., Lynn & Marla K., Colby & Jordan H.

Sunday Arthur Home Service

November 24 - Floyd M & Levi Y.

REMINDERS

Nursery

Today: Jordan & Nancy
Next Sunday: Colby & Jordan

Visitor This Week:

Lela Reynolds

Fellowship Groups

(organizers for December)

Pathfinders: Open

Legacy: Glen & Rhonda R.

Homebuilders: Cliff & Kathy Y.

Care N' Share

Levi & Gloria Y., Sarah Storm,
Floyd & Anna Mary Borntrager

Next Tues. Arthur Home Service

Jan. 28 - Jeff M.. (Legacy)

OUTREACH

Operation Christmas Child Boxes: Due Today

The Christmas boxes for kids all around the world are due today. Please return all completed boxes to the church foyer by this evening. If you have any questions, please see Emily Kauffman for more information.



From Mennonite World Conference

Recent protests in Hong Kong against the proposed extradition law brought much attention in the media. Something unique about this protest is how the church has stepped up her role as peacemakers. During a potential violent clash between protesters and the police force in Hong Kong, Christians came out in droves to declare peace. Sandwiched between the two groups, our brothers and sisters sang the chorus "Sing Hallelujah to the Lord" to defuse the tension. Continue to pray for these believers and this situation.

Coles County Barbershop Chorus Christmas Benefit Concert

The Coles County Barbershop chorus is holding their annual Christmas benefit concerts next Sunday, Dec. 1 in two locations at two different times. The concerts are free but an offering is taken to help area homeless people and the local food pantry programs. Here are the two times and locations next Sunday.

3:00 pm at Wesley United Methodist Church in Charleston

6:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church in Mattoon

Keeping Up



- Glen Rhodes will be on vacation this next week. Glen & Rhonda will be traveling to Texas to be with his family over the Thanksgiving holiday. Please contact others on the Ministry Team if needs arise.
- Congratulations to Ervin & Nancy Kuhns on the birth of their 3rd grandson. Theodore Robert Kuhns was born to Ben & Jessica Kuhns last Sunday, November 17.

Just For Fun



- The only thing that flat-earthers fear is sphere itself.
- No matter how hard you push the envelop, it'll still be stationary



YOUTH GROUP

JRYOUTH

Dec 1
Bible Study
YH @ 3pm



HS YOUTH

Dec 4
Bible Study
YH @ 7pm

Parents Day/Night Out Fundraiser: December 14

Because of requests, AMCYouth will host our beloved fundraiser on December 14th from Noon-9pm. If you would like to sign up your kiddos, check the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary on the youth board. Talk to Ashley with any questions.

Save These Dates for Menno Haven Winter Retreats

Jan 3-5 ~ Young Adults (Post High School+)

Speaker: Ashley Litwiller

Jan 10-12 ~ JrHigh (6-8th Grade)

Speaker: Kim Litwiller

Jan 17-19 ~ High School (9-12th Grade)

Speaker: TBA

WORSHIP

Help Us Decorate the Church For Christmas

Come and join us this Tuesday, Nov 26th at 4 pm to decorate the church for the Christmas season. The more help the better! It's a come as you can open invitation and we will call in pizza at some point. Call Kathy Yoder with any questions!

Advent Begins Next Sunday

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. Our Advent theme this year is "What Are You Waiting For?" Our wait begins as we cry out to God to break into our lives with a new light and a new hope. Join us each Sunday as we anticipate the Savior Jesus of Christmas.

Save The Date!

AMC Christmas Program: Sunday, December 15, 6:00 pm
Carry in Fingerfood Fellowship to follow program.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Creation Sunday

Today's Message: "God's Great Love" Glen R./Kim K.

Main Text: Colossians 1:15-17; Genesis 1:29-31

Other Texts: Genesis 1:20-25; Psalm 139:7-14

Worship Leader: Lamar Miller

The Lord's Prayer: Glen Rhodes

Order of Service

- Gathering Songs
- Welcome & Announcements
- Call to Worship
- Opening Prayer
- Children's Time
- The Lord's Prayer
- Tithes & Offerings
- Worship Songs
- Scripture Readings
- Message
- Sending Song
- Prayer of Response & Sending

Worship Notes

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

Sermon Questions

For Thought & Discussion

- ◆ How often do you praise God for being the Creator?
- ◆ Do you find yourself dwelling on the negative in the world more than focusing on the wonders of God?
- ◆ What amazes you about God's creation?
- ◆ **Going Deeper:** Do an internet search this week for some of the amazing things about life, world, and the universe. Take note of those who give God the glory and those who do not.

Snapshot of the Week



The tree in front of the church was removed by the city this week due to roots causing a liability hazard on the sidewalk. They will repair the sidewalk in the near future.