

December 15, 2019

# Expect *the* Unexpected



**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

<i>Honoring God</i>	Fell. Hall
<i>Numbers &amp; Deuteronomy</i>	Room 1
<i>Stories of the Bible</i>	Room 5

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (GRADES 9-12)

*The Screwtape Letters* ~ Youth House

### JR HIGH YOUTH (GRADES 6-8)

*Shine On* ~ Youth House

### PRIMARY KIDS (AGE 2—GRADE 5)

*Shine On* ~ 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



[arthurmennonite.org](http://arthurmennonite.org)

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCIPLING

## Christmas Poinsettias in Memory

Thank you to those who bought a poinsettia in memory of a loved one to beautify the church during this Christmas season. You can take your poinsettia home after the Christmas worship service next Sunday, December 22. Merry Christmas Everyone!



Lela Reynolds	1	Husband Art
Sandy Snyder	1	Husband DeWayne
Vera Yoder	1	Parents
Deb Kauffman	1	Husband Cliff, Dad
Faye Oye	1	Husband & Parents
Nancy Kuhns	1	Nancy's Dad, Ervin's Mom
Kathy & Cliff Yoder	1	Parents
Larry & Dory Kauffman	1	Parents
Andy & Lynn Marner	2	Both of our Dad's & Andy's Mom
Lester Schrock	1	Parents
Luke & Katie Miller	1	Katie's Grandmothers, Luke's Grandparents & Father
Lynn & Marla Kauffman	2	Lynn's Parents & Sister, Marla's Parents
Kenny & Melissa Schrock and Family	1	Dale Richeson (Stepfather & Friend)

# CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship - Third Sunday of Advent
	1-3 pm	Henry & Mary Herschberger Open House
	3:00 pm	JrYouth Christmas Party
	6:00 pm	AMC Christmas Program & Fellowship
Monday	5:30 pm	Christmas Caroling (meet at church)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	HS Youth Christmas Party
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Arthur Home Service (Rm. 1 & Primary)
	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship - Christmas Sunday

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## Henry & Mary Herschberger's 75th Anniversary Open House

Henry and Mary's family are hosting an open house here in the church fellowship hall today from 1-3 pm to celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary. Yes that is correct, 75! Congratulations!!!! Everyone is invited to come, your thoughts is their gift.

## Young Adult Illini Basketball Game Night Out

We are wanting to get a group of people together to go to an Illini Game in Champaign on Dec 29th. If you are interested in going, talk to Derek Rhodes or Ashley Litwiller before December 20th.

## Birthdays This Week

Linda Schrock	Tuesday, December 17
Myra Beachy	Wednesday, December 18
Edna Gingerich	Thursday, December 19
Jackie Carter	Thursday, December 19
Les Helmuth	Thursday, December 19
Vera Yoder	Thursday, December 19



## Anniversary This Week

Henry & Mary Herschberger (75)	Saturday, December 21
Larry & Pat Yoder (45)	Saturday, December 21

# PRAYER LIST

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

## Praying for our Church and Community

- Safety for those traveling over the Holiday Season.
- Janet Gingerich - Healing for knees.
- Marriages and families in our church and community.
- Curt Herzog - Brittney Y. father, Surgery for prostate cancer Nov. 18
- Gloria Yoder - Will be beginning radiation treatments soon.
- Maria and Chad Yoder - Pregnancy with twins.



## Praying for our Nation and World

- Violence and shootings. Those affected by these tragedies.
- Pray for Christians in Burkina Faso, Africa. Churches being attacked.
- U.S. govt. turmoil, Middle East wars, protests/riots in several places.
- AMC Supported Missionaries in U.S. and around the world.

# ADMINISTRATION

## 5th Sunday Offering & Changes Coming

The 5th Sunday offering on Dec. 29 will go towards the AMC building fund. Please make note of this. At the congregational meeting this past Sunday it was shared that the front of the sanctuary will be undergoing some changes sometime in January. The slates at the front will be taken down and the two side walls will be painted. The two front banisters will have decorative plywood material installed on them. In the next month or two we will also be updating the rest of the lighting in the church to LED lights. The fellowship hall and kitchen have already been changed over. If you have any questions see Joe Gingerich or one of the trustees. Admin. & Worship Commissions are involved as well.

## Cruise Night is Coming!

Committee's are meeting and planning for our next AMC cruise which will take place in February. Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 8, at 6:00 pm. We will be cruising to Australia this time. Cruise night sign ups will begin the first of January. Cruise Night is a bi-annual event at AMC which includes a catered meal, in house entertainment, and a decked out fellowship hall. It's always a great time.



### LAST SUNDAY

#### Attendance

Worship Celebration	109
Christian Education	55

#### Offering

Sunday, Dec 8	\$3,283
Design: Funeral	\$50
Primary Dept.	\$81

2019 Weekly Goal	\$4,481
Budget Goal YTD	+6.2%

#### Fellowship Meal - January 5

Les & Marlene Helmuth  
Jeff & Michelle Snyder  
Vernon & Irlene Chupp

**Sunday Arthur Home Service**  
December 22 - Room 1 C.E.

### REMINDERS

#### Nursery

**Today:** Cory & Emily. K.  
**Next Sunday:** Kendra H. & Erin S.

#### Visitor This Week:

Lynn Marnier

#### 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 Borntreger

**Next Tues. Arthur Home Service**  
Jan. 28 - Jeff M.. (Legacy)

# OUTREACH

## Christmas Groceries to Bless Others

The AMC Outreach Commission is encouraging us to bring food, groceries, and/or gift cards to the Christmas program tonight to bless others this Christmas season. Place them on the designated table in the foyer. One item or a whole bag, however you can help. These collections will continue until next Sunday, Dec. 22. Outreach will then distribute them to people in our community. Christmas is a time of giving. This is just another way we can give in order to bless.



## World Population & The Great Commission

Reaching the world for Christ is one of Christ's intention for giving us the Great Commission in Matthew 28. Our world is growing fast. The U.S. population is projected at 434 million by 2050. It is predicted that global population will reach 9.7 billion by 2050 which compares to 2.6 billion in 1955. These statistics are reminders that there will always be people that need to be reached with the good news of Jesus. How can you be a part of that?

## Keeping Up



- Lucy Yoder (Michael & Brittnay's daughter) celebrated her 2nd birthday last Wednesday. We did not get it in last weeks bulletin. Happy Birthday Lucy!
- Nadine Miller and Ashley Litwiller shared at the Arthur Grade School last week about service and giving back to our communities.

## Just For Fun



A snowman was seen at the carrot bin in the produce section of the local grocery store. He was picking his nose.



I like to make lists; I also like to leave them laying on the kitchen counter and then guessing what's on the list while at the store.



# YOUTH GROUP

## JRYOUTH

### TODAY

Christmas Party  
YH @ 3pm  
Bring your White  
Elephant Gift! We'll  
walk over to  
Program after.



## HS YOUTH

### Dec 18

Christmas Party:  
Gingerbread House  
Competition  
YH @ 7pm  
Bring your White  
Elephant Gift!

## Save These Dates for Menno Haven Winter Retreats

Jan 3-5 ~ Young Adults (Post High School+) Speaker: Ashley Lit.

Jan 10-12 ~ JrHigh (6-8th Grade) Speaker: Kim Litwiller

Jan 17-19 ~ High School (9-12th Grade) Speaker: Jessica Litwiller

Turn in your permission slip to Ashley by Dec 20th.

# WORSHIP

## Christmas Program: Tonight at 6:00 pm

Come and join us as we celebrate the Christmas story with scripture, song, word, and testimony of Christ's birth. All ages will once again be a part of this years program. Invite your family and friends. We will end the program by singing Silent Night by candlelight. Please bring a fingerfood or two (for visitors) to share for the fellowship time following the program.



## Christmas Caroling Tomorrow Night

Our church will be going Christmas caroling tomorrow night, Dec. 16 at 5:30 pm. Meet at the church to take the church van and other vehicles if needed. We will visit the Arthur Home, Eberhardt Village, Gardenview, and other homes. If you would like the group to come carol at your home or to suggest people to sing for, text or call Ashley today.

*"I would rather worship God than do any other thing I know of in all this wide world." - A.W. Tozer*

# TODAY IN WORSHIP

## Advent Sunday No.3 - Joy

Today's Message: "Longing For An Awakening" Glen Rhodes

Main Text: Isaiah 35 Other Texts: Psalm 146:5-10; Matt. 11:2-10

Worship Leader: Jenni Marnier Intercessory Prayer: Glen Rhodes

### Order of Service

- Gathering Song
- Welcome & Announcements
- Call to Worship
- Opening Prayer
- Primary Dept. Singing
- Children's Time
- Tithes & Offerings
- 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 & Discussion*

- ◆ How do you wake up each morning? What or who wakes you up?
- ◆ What are you longing for in your life right now?
- ◆ How is fear keeping you from the joy and freedom of Christ? How can you renew your trust in Jesus?
- ◆ **Going Deeper:** If you were speaking to a group about the unexpected ways that Jesus brings healing and hope what examples would you give? Does Isaiah 35 give you direction as you think about that?

### Worship Notes

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### Snapshot of the Week



This picture of Bertha Yoder and her two grandsons Mitch and Tyler was taken at a recent family wedding.