

December 22, 2019

Merry Christmas!

GOOD NEWS

IS WORTH THE WAIT

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 & 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



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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

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 today after the Christmas worship service. 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)

If you still have not paid, place your payment in the Secretary mailbox. Please make sure to mark who it is from.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am	Arthur Home Service (Rm. 1)
	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:20 am	Prelude singing begins
	10:30 am	Worship - Christmas Sunday
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Barn Service (Methodist)
Wednesday		Merry Christmas! Christ is Born!
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:20 am	Prelude singing begins
	10:30 am	Worship

COMMUNITY LIFE

Meals on Wheel's Help for 2020

Several AMC people have been on the list to help deliver meals on wheels this past year. Would you like to be added to the rotation? You take a week at a time and your turn will only roll around about once every three months. If you would like to help in 2020 please call Betty Phalen this week at 273-2995. She can also answer more questions if you have them.



Birthdays This Week

Mel Yoder	Sunday, December 22
Levi Yoder	Wednesday, December 25
Larry Yoder	Saturday, December 28
Lela Reynolds	Saturday, December 28

Anniversary This Week

Jake & Maranna Chupp	Friday, December 27
Cory & Emily Kauffman	Friday, December 27
Ervin & Nancy Kuhns	Friday, December 27



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, healing / prostate cancer surgery.
- Gloria Yoder - Will be beginning radiation treatments soon.
- Rachel Miller - Linda, Lanora, & Lyndora's mother (Health)
- 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.
- Refugee crisis/opportunity around the world.
- 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.

Christmas Eve Barn Service

If you are looking for a Christmas Eve service to attend this week the Arthur Methodist Church welcomes everyone to their annual Christmas Eve service in the barn at Scott and Steffanie Seegmiller's place again this year. It begins at 7:00 pm this Tuesday. Their barn is located Northwest of Arthur and their address is 1656 CR 2400 N.



LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship Celebration	116
Christian Education	52

Offering

Sunday, Dec 15	\$3,788
Desig: Primary	\$19
2019 Weekly Goal	\$4,481
Budget Goal YTD	+5.7%

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: Kendra H. & Erin S.
Next Sunday: Meg W. & Kendall B.

Visitor This Week:

Glen Rhodes

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 Borntgrager

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 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 end today and Outreach will distribute them to people. Christmas is a time of giving. This is just another way we can give in order to bless.

How long does it take to read the Bible?

The most common excuse for not reading our Bible's is "There's not enough time!" The truth is we often fill our time with other things instead. Did you know that almost half of the books in the Bible can be read in less than a half-hour? 23 of them can be read in under 20 minutes. The book in the Bible that is the shortest is 3 John which has 219 words and takes 2.2 minutes to read. The longest is the book of Jeremiah (Yes, it's not Psalms, which is 3rd) which has 33,002 words and takes 330 minutes to read. If you want to see a list of each book you can google this heading and go to the BibleGateway blog about it. Let's make time and take the time to get into God's Word!



Keeping Up



- Bob Plank will be traveling to Mexico this Christmas. He is visiting his girlfriend Cari's family in Monterrey, Mexico.
- Kathy and Cliff Yoder hosted these familiar ladies to their home for a Christmas brunch last week.



Just For Fun



A long time ago in a Galilee far, far away....



YOUTH GROUP

JRYOUTH

Jan 10-12

Menno Haven
Winter Retreat
We'll leave 4pm Fri.
& return 4pm Sun.



HS YOUTH

Jan 2

Winter Break Brunch
Meet Gertie @
8:30am

No Summer Plans? How about Menno Haven!

Are you a leader looking to make a difference in Summer 2020? Come join Menno Haven's mission team in this coming summer as we embark on a journey of learning, adventure, exploration, and most importantly helping campers grow in their faith and deepen their walk with Jesus! Call us at 815-255-4649 or email us at program@mennohaven.com for more information or with any questions. Apply at www.mennohaven.com/summer-staff.

We need your help to make this summer great!



WORSHIP

Christmas Program & Caroling

Thank you to all those who were a part of the Christmas Program and Christmas Caroling this past week. May the birth of Jesus continue to be celebrated in our homes and families throughout this wonderful season of good news.

2020 Schedules in Mailboxes Today

If you have volunteered to serve on one of our worship teams for 2020, a schedule is in your boxes this morning. Thank you to all who served in 2019; our worship time together is better because of you!

Mark Your Calendar: Arthur Community Blood Drive

Thursday, January 9th - 1-6pm - Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Christmas Sunday - Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Today's Message: "Worth The Wait!" Glen Rhodes

Main Text: Romans 1:1-7 Other Texts: Eph. 3:10-19; Matt. 1:18-25

Worship Leader: Willis Kuhns Intercessory Prayer: Ashley Litwiller

Order of Service

- Gathering Song
- Video & Christmas Story
- Welcome & Opening Prayer
- Call to Worship
- 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.

Sermon Questions

For Thought & Discussion

- ◆ How often are you truly surprised with a gift?
- ◆ Is it easy or hard for you to see the worth or value in waiting?
- ◆ What counterfeit words or thoughts have you been listening to?
- ◆ **Going Deeper:** If the Good News of Christmas is for ALL people, who do you need to extend this invitation to? Who have you deemed lost, unworthy, or unqualified?

Worship Notes

Snapshot of the Week



Ervin & Nancy Kuhns with their new grandson Theodore Robert Kuhns