

December 29, 2019

A Child is Born



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

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!

AMC and Right Now Media via Evana

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. An email was sent out recently with your link to sign up, login, and begin using all of this great content. If you did not get the email and would like to subscribe, please call the church.



LMC opens new Gathering Place

LMC: A Fellowship Of Anabaptist Churches has opened a new café area next to the LMC offices in Lancaster, PA. This space will be used for personal study space, connecting with friends, or informal meetings. See pictures in the news area of their website.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am 10:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages) Worship
Wednesday		New Years Day: Happy New Year!
Thursday	8:30 am 7:00 pm	HS Youth Brunch Explore Life Group
Friday - Sunday		Young Adult Winter Retreat at M.H.
Next Sunday	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	Christian Education (classes for all ages) Worship First Sunday Fellowship Meal

COMMUNITY LIFE

Fellowship Meal Next Sunday

Welcome in the New Year and the first Sunday of 2020 by joining us next Sunday for the First Sunday carry-in fellowship meal.

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

Bob Plank	Sunday, December 29
Ron Thomas	Sunday, December 29
Vernon Chupp	Tuesday, December 31
Evonda Yoder	Thursday, January 2



Anniversary This Week

Floyd & Marilyn Miller	Monday, December 30
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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.
- Extended family members who are battling cancer.
- Gloria Yoder - began radiation treatments this past Thursday.
- 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 Today

The 5th Sunday offering today, 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. If you have any questions see Joe Gingerich or one of the trustees. Admin. & Worship Commissions are involved as well.

Everence Meeting Locally For Farmers and Land Owners

Did you know that you can support your church and other ministries you care about by gifting corn, soybeans, and other farm commodities? It's one of the most tax-advantaged tools for generosity that is available. Join Everence Stewardship Consultant Lyle Miller for a complimentary breakfast and workshop, "Corn beats Cash: Farm commodities as a tool for generosity," on Thursday, January 16 at Yoder's restaurant in Arthur at 8:00 am. Please RSVP by emailing megan.hallden@everence.com or calling 866-390-1417.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship Celebration	113
Christian Education	39

Offering

Sunday, Dec 22	\$16,180.31
Desig: Building Fund	\$1,057
Kitchen	\$200
Youth	\$200
Primary	\$32

2019 Weekly Goal	\$4,481
Budget Goal YTD	+10.4%

Fellowship Meal - January 5

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

Sunday Arthur Home Service
January 5 (switch) - Andy Marner

REMINDERS

Nursery

Today: Meg. W. & Kendall B.
Next Sunday: Nancy P. & Olivia G.

Visitor This Week:

Alta Yoder

Fellowship Groups *(organizers for January)*

Pathfinders: Parents Night Out

Legacy: Matt & Jacque Lane

Homebuilders: Open

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 Thank You

The AMC Outreach Commission delivered the donated food this past week. Thank you to all those who brought food or gift certificates this past season. As the new year begins, let's all look for opportunities to bless others with generosity and love.

Arthur Community Blood Drive

The Arthur Ministerial Association and the Arthur Lions Club are sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, January 9, from 1-6 pm at the Arthur Methodist fellowship hall. You can make an appointment online at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Walk-ins are also welcome. Be the lifeline that patients need. Give blood, save lives.



"New Years Day is a good time to fix one's eyes on the only One who knows what the year is to hold." - Elisabeth Elliot

Keeping Up



- Jillian Marnar ran in 2 5K races this past year. Great Job!
- Meredith Schrock is a captain for the Orange Crush student cheering section this season during the U of I basketball games. ILL - INI
- Congratulations to Sarah Storm. She had a great-granddaughter (Emery Jo Storm) born in Shelbyville recently.
- Some of our friends are heading south. Don't forget to stay in touch with us via Facebook and the website this winter.

Just For Fun



Instead of giving presents this year I decided to give everyone my opinion. It wasn't received so well.



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

Thank you!

Thank you to all who served in 2019 in any and all ways on Sunday mornings. One of our vision goals is to use our variety of spiritual gifts and all the small and important ways each of us volunteer is a beautiful way we can serve and worship our Lord! Thank you!

New Digital Sound Board Installed

Thank you to our Sound Engineer Team (Andy Marner, Les Helmuth and Chad Yoder) for their extra work as we switch over to a new sound board because of the age of our last one. We also ask for grace as we work on the kinks and find our new balance.

Emmanuel: God with Us

Last Sunday during Children's time the children were asked to color pictures of the Christmas story. Those are on the Bulletin Board in the foyer this Sunday. Let us know if you have more to add.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Today's Message: "A Child is Born" Glen Rhodes

Main Text: Matt. 2:13-23 Other Texts: Psalm 148:1-6; Joshua 24:14-18

Worship Leader: Matt Lane Intercessory Prayer: Jeff Marner

Order of Service

- Gathering Song
- Welcome & Announcements
- Call to Worship & Candle Lighting
- Opening 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.

Sermon Questions

For Thought & Discussion

- ◆ What is the best thing to happen in your life? Was it the birth of a child or children?
- ◆ How faithful are you in raising your children in the Lord?
- ◆ What can our church do to increase our faithfulness to raising our children in the Lord?
- ◆ **Going Deeper:** Ask yourself what could change in your own life when it comes to discipling children. How could you be a better parent grandparent, or Jesus follower?

Worship Notes

Snapshot of the Week



Andy Marner and Kendall Burdick share during the AMC Christmas Program.