

December 8, 2019

Advent

A SEASON OF EXPECTATION.

*How Long, Lord?
Keep us alert for whatever is next!*

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

Honoring God Fell. Hall
Numbers & Deuteronomy 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

Christmas Poinsettias (Last Chance)

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 yet today 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. Each one is \$12. Please put a check or cash (with name on it) in the secretary box when ordering.

Ministry Team Begins Book Study

The AMC Ministry Team is starting to read and study a book titled "Growing Young: 6 Essential strategies to help young people discover and love your church." The team is also surveying AMC young people to get feedback from them as a part of this study.



Online Advent Devotionals

The Goshen College students, faculty, and staff are once again writing Advent devotionals to go along with the Advent theme "What are you waiting for?" These devotionals have already started and will continue until Christmas day. You can access them at Goshen.edu/devotions/ or you can also sign up to have them emailed to your inbox each day.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship - Second Sunday of Advent
	6:00 pm	Congregational Meeting
Wednesday	8:15 am	Breakfast Club at Yoder's Kitchen
	6:30 pm	HS Youth Shop trip for Adopt-a-Family
Friday	6:00 pm	Legacy Christmas Gathering
	6:00 pm	Homebuilders Christmas Gathering
Saturday	12:00 pm	Parents Day/Night Out Youth Fundraiser
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship - Third Sunday of Advent
	3:00 pm	JrYouth Christmas Party
	6:00 pm	AMC Christmas Program & Fellowship

COMMUNITY LIFE

Homebuilders Christmas Gathering

The Homebuilders fellowship group will meet this Friday, Dec. 13 at 6pm at Joe's Pizza in Tuscola. RSVP soon to Kathy Yoder.

Legacy Christmas Gathering

The Legacy fellowship group will meet this Friday, Dec. 13 at 6:00 pm at Glen & Rhonda's home for a carry-in Christmas dinner. We will also have Christmas games, and a grab bag gift exchange. Details will be shared among those in the group.

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

Trinity Schrock Thursday, December 12
Janet Gingerich Thursday, December 12

Anniversary This Week

Michael & Briittnay Yoder Friday, December 13



PRAYER LIST

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

Praying for our Church and Community

- Ashley Litwiller - Having wisdom teeth removed Mon.
- 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 (back at home now)
- 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 Christians in Burkina Faso, Africa. Churches being attacked.
- Ecuador & Hong Kong protests, U.S. govt. turmoil, Middle East wars.
- AMC Supported Missionaries in U.S. and around the world.

ADMINISTRATION

Congregational Meeting: Tonight at 6:00 pm

Our final congregational meeting of 2019 will take place next this evening, Dec. 8 at 6:00 pm. The 2020 budget, Commission callings, and other reports will be shared. The proposed budget was in boxes 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.

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 of fellowship and fun. If you can't go on a real cruise this Winter this is the next best thing.



"The World at its worst, needs the church at its best!"

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship Celebration	100
Christian Education	41

Offering

Sunday, Nov 24	\$4,848
Design: Building Fund	\$100
2019 Weekly Goal	\$4,481
Budget Goal YTD	+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: Nancy P. & Alexis H.
Next Sunday: Cory & Emily

Visitor This Week:

Carol Yoder

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

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. This compares to future predictions of India at 1.5 billion and China at 1.1 billion 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, how can we be a part of that? God is calling us to mission in our communities and to support those who are called to world missions with prayer and finances.



Operation Christmas Child Boxes: Thank you!

Wow, once again a great response for the children's Christmas boxes this year. We delivered a total of 66 boxes last week to be delivered around the world by Samaritan's Purse. Thank you for blessing children with your generosity this Christmas!

Keeping Up



- Ashley Litwiller is having her wisdom teeth removed tomorrow. She will be out of the office Monday and Tuesday this week. Keep her in your prayers as she heals.
- Henry Herschberger celebrated his 95th birthday last week. If you get the chance, reach out to Henry and Mary and let them know you are thinking of them. Their 75th wedding anniversary is coming up on December 21st.



Just For Fun



Talk is cheap...
until you hire a lawyer.



Policeman: Sir, you know how fast you were going?
Driver: Sorry, I was just trying to catch up with traffic.
Policeman: What traffic? The road is empty.
Driver: Yea, that's how far behind I am.

YOUTH GROUP

JRYOUTH

Dec 15

Christmas Party
YH @ 3pm



HS YOUTH

Dec 11

Shopping in Mattoon
for Adopt-A-Family
Gertie @ 6:15pm

Parents Day/Night Out Fundraiser: December 14

If you would like to sign up your kiddos for December 14th from Noon-9pm, 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 Lit.
Jan 10-12 ~ JrHigh (6-8th Grade) Speaker: Kim Litwiller
Jan 17-19 ~ High School (9-12th Grade) Speaker: Jessica Litwiller

WORSHIP

Christmas Program: Next Sunday, December 15, 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 year's 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

Our church will be going Christmas caroling again this year. Mark your calendar for Monday, 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 by Dec. 12.



TODAY IN WORSHIP

Advent Sunday No.2 - Peace

Today's Message: "How Long? How Long?" Glen Rhodes

Main Text: Romans 15:4-13 Other Texts: Psalm 13; Psalm 40:1-3

Worship Leader: Nadine Miller Intercessory Prayer: Jeff Marner

Order of Service

- Gathering Song
- Welcome & Announcements
- Call to Worship
- Opening Prayer
- Children's Time
- Tithes & Offerings
- Worship Songs
- Intercessory Prayer
- Scripture Readings
- Video
- 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

- ◆ If 1 is very patient and 10 is very impatient, where would you rank on that scale of waiting?
- ◆ What in your life has you asking, "How Long, O Lord?"
- ◆ While waiting, how are you getting ready for God's promises?
- ◆ **Going Deeper:** Make a list of stories in scripture that show waiting, disobedience, people's impatience, and the fulfilled promises of God. The stories will all lead to trust and hope in Jesus as the best response.

Worship Notes

Snapshot of the Week



Joe & Lanora Gingerich's family visited the Ark Encounter in KY last week.