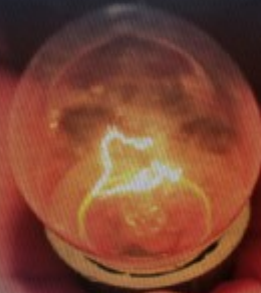


January 12, 2020

*Light*

of the

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**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)

[arthurmennonite@gmail.com](mailto:arthurmennonite@gmail.com)

## 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

## AMC Theme for 2020

This past year we devoted ourselves to prayer and now in 2020 we are going to move forward together in the truth, spirit, and light of Christ. We will be encouraging this theme of togetherness throughout the coming year. Our theme verse will be 1 John 1:7 which says, *“If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”* Let’s move “Forward Together” in all that God has for AMC in 2020 and beyond. The January messages will focus around the book of 1 John.



## Most Popular Bible Passage of 2019

The most popular Bible verse or passage of this past year according to the popular Bible app YouVersion was Philippians 4:6 which says, *“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.”* The global YouVersion community engaged more in the Bible this year than in any previous year. In fact, people read and listened to the Bible 30% more this year compared to last year. In total, YouVersion saw 5.6 billion chapters listened to and 35.6 billion chapters read in 2019. Let’s continue this in 2020!

# CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am 10:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages) Worship
Wednesday	9:00 am	MCC Winter Warm-Up at Sunnyside M.
Thursday	8:00 am	Everence Workshop at Yoder’s Kitchen
Friday	1:00 pm	MCC Winter Warm-Up at Sunnyside M.
Friday - Sunday		HSYouth Winter Retreat at M.H.
Next Sunday	9:30 am 10:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages) Worship

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## AMC Cruise Night Boarding Passes

It's time to start signing up for the AMC Cruise Night that will be held on Saturday, February 8 at 6:00 pm. Sign up today on the bulletin board in the foyer. All AMC adults, youth, and junior high age are invited to attend. We are "cruising" to Australia this year so come on along, 'mates! Cruise Night is a fun evening with a catered meal and in-house entertainment, games, door prizes, and fellowship. It's always a great time of being together with our church family, being a little silly, and having a lot of fun.

## Birthdays This Week

Brendon Lane	Wednesday, January 15
Jackie Crabtree	Wednesday, January 15
Ed Yoder	Friday, January 17
Nancy Kuhns	Friday, January 17
Madison Snyder	Saturday, January 18



## No Anniversaries This Week

# PRAYER LIST

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

## Praying for our Church and Community

- Kim Kauffman - Surgery in Ohio tomorrow.
- Michelle Schrock - Healing. Had her wisdom teeth removed.
- Janet Gingerich - Healing for knees.
- Larry & Myra Beachy - Recent health struggles
- Dee Kuhns - Healing from broken wrist and kneecap
- Mike Trainer - Brother-in-law of DuWayne M. (liver transplant)
- Jeff Marner's family - Grandfather Emil Ropp passed away in Iowa.
- Gloria Yoder - Daily radiation treatments at DMH right now.
- Rachel Miller - Linda, Lanora, & Lyndora's mother (Health)
- Maria and Chad Yoder - Pregnancy with twins.

## Praying for our Nation and World

- Current U.S. escalated tensions with Iran. Pray for peace and calm.
- Australian wild fires.
- U.S. govt. turmoil, Middle East wars, protests/riots in several places.
- Refugee crisis/opportunity around the world.

# ADMINISTRATION

## 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](mailto:megan.hallden@everence.com) or calling 866-390-1417.



## 2019 Budget Goal Met

The Administration Commission would like to thank everyone for your generosity in the giving of tithes and offerings this past year. AMC finished the year around 10% ahead of our budget goal for the year. That goal included \$5,000 extra to give to two outreach organizations who are sharing the good news and love of Jesus Christ in various ways. The Ministry Team and Outreach Comm. will be meeting in the days ahead to decide which two ministries will be receiving \$2,500. We thank you for blessing God's work at AMC.

### LAST SUNDAY

#### Attendance

Worship Celebration	107
Christian Education	37

#### Offering

Sunday, Jan 5	\$2,434
Camp Fund	\$100
Building Fund	\$50
Primary Dept.	\$80

2020 Weekly Goal      \$4,559

#### Fellowship Meal - February 2

Gary & Dorothy K., Kim K.  
Ryan & Kat B., Mel Y.

**Sunday Arthur Home Service**  
February 23 - Fell. Hall C.E. class

### REMINDERS

#### Nursery

**Today:** Jackie Cart. & Harold Y.  
**Next Sunday:** Michael & Brittney Y.

#### Visitor This Week:

Lela Reynolds

#### 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 Borntrager

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

# OUTREACH

## MCC's Great Winter Warmup At Sunnyside Mennonite Church

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is celebrating their 100th anniversary by attempting to collect 6,500 comforters to deliver to people in need all around the world. You can help and get involved with this locally by attending the two events held at Sunnyside Mennonite Church on Wednesday, January 15th from 9 am to 4 pm and Friday, January 17 from 1:00 to 9:00 pm. Lunch will be provided on Wednesday and supper will be provided on Friday. Sign up on the bulletin board today if you can be a part of this worldwide/local outreach opportunity.



## Donations to Bless Our College Students

It's that time of year when we bless our AMC college students. This year we have 8 students. 4 are living away from home and will receive food/snack care packages. 4 are living close by and will be given gas cards for going back and forth to class. Please place your food/snack donations in the tub in the foyer. Please place your monetary donations in Vera Yoder's box with the designation for college students. Thank you for helping with this blessing.

## Keeping Up



- Michelle Schrock recently had her wisdom teeth removed. Pray for healing for Michelle.
- Ashley Litwiller, Lynn Marner, and nine AMC Junior Highers are at Menno Haven for Winter Retreat this weekend. Pray for a good weekend & safe travels home today.
- Dee Kuhns took a fall last week and broke her wrist and knee cap. She had to have surgery on her wrist this past Friday. Pray for Dee and Willis as she heals from this accident.

## Just For Fun



I used to mix metaphors,  
but that ship has flown.

I sent my hearing aids away  
for repair about 4 weeks ago.  
I've heard nothing since.



"I looked, and the Ten  
Commandments don't say *anything*  
about running with scissors!"

# YOUTH GROUP

## JRYOUTH

**Jan 10-12**

Menno Haven  
Winter Retreat  
We'll return around  
3-4pm Sun.



## HS YOUTH

**Jan 22**

Service Work  
TBD

## Super Bowl Subs Fundraiser Time!

A favorite fundraiser of our youth—it's time for those super bowl subs in 2020! Super Bowl Sunday is February 2nd this year so we've got less than a month to go before you can pick these goodies up in the Fellowship Hall after worship on that day. HSYouth & JrYouth will be selling these subs to raise funds for our summer programming. Talk to a youth to **place your order by Jan 24th!**

## Have any Service Project Ideas?

Our HSYouth have a few open nights the next few months for a couple hours on a Wednesday Night to serve our church and/or community. Talk to Ashley if you have an idea!

# WORSHIP

## 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.

## Christian Unity Week/Sunday: January 19

The Arthur Ministerial Association will once again be encouraging local congregations to participate in the week of prayer for Christian Unity from January 13-19 around the world. As a part of this local pastors will be visiting and preaching in other congregations on Sunday, January 19. Next Sunday Glen Rhodes will be preaching at Arthur First Baptist Church and Bob Silvanik (Vine St. Christian Church) will be preaching here at AMC. Let's celebrate the many things we have in common in our Christian faith.



# TODAY IN WORSHIP

Today's Message: "True Light for Dark Times" Glen Rhodes

Main Text: 1 John 2

Worship Leader: Glen Rhodes

Intercessory Prayer: Jeff Marnar

## Order of Service

- Gathering Song
- Welcome & Announcements
- Call to Worship & Candle Lighting
- Opening Prayer
- Children's Time
- Tithes & Offerings
- Video
- Worship Songs
- Intercessory Prayer
- Message
- Scripture Reading
- 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 darkest or most difficult moment in our larger world during your lifetime? (war, 9-11, hatred, etc.)
- ◆ What has been the darkest or most difficult time in your own personal life? (a sin, relationship, addiction, health, etc.)
- ◆ How has the light of Christ been evident to you during any of these difficult times?
- ◆ **Take It Further:** Do a word study this week on the use of "light" in the Bible. It is used 232 times (NIV) so there should be no shortage of references to look up.

## Worship Notes

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## Snapshot of the Week



Happy Birthday, Esther Yoder!  
She celebrated her 90th this past Tuesday. These are flowers from AMC.