

January 19, 2020

# Christian Unity Sunday

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F O L L O W I N G

AS HIS CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**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



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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

## 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.



## Arthur Preschool Screenings

Each year, the Arthur School District and Project H.E.L.P. conduct free preschool screenings for children from birth to 5 years of age. These screenings are to give parents information on how their child is developing in the areas of speech, language, concepts, and motor skills. Vision and hearing screenings are also provided. These screenings will be taking place at the Arthur First Baptist Church, 120 E. Park St., on February 18 and 19. You can call the Arthur Grade School at 543-2109 for an appointment or more info.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:20 am	Prelude Singing
	10:30 am	Worship (Christian Unity Sunday)
Tuesday	11:00 am	Ministry Team meeting
Wednesday	8:15 am	Breakfast Club at Yoder's Kitchen
	8:30 am	Community Life Commission Meeting
	7:00 pm	HS Youth: Service
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:20 am	Prelude Singing
	10:30 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Youth Parent Meeting
	3:00 pm	JrYouth Bible Study

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## AMC Cruise Night Boarding Passes

It's time to sign 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

Alta Yoder	Sunday, January 19
Rhonda Rhodes	Sunday, January 19
Luke Miller	Monday, January 20
Meredith Schrock	Thursday, January 23
Simon Kauffman	Friday, January 24



## 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 - Healing from recent surgery
- Janet Gingerich - Healing for knees
- Larry & Myra Beachy - Recent health struggles
- Pray for our young adults/families/relationships/marriages
- Dee Kuhns - Healing from broken wrist and kneecap
- Ray & Sherrill Shunk - Health
- Caleb Lane - Sudden recurrence of rheumatoid arthritis in hips
- Gloria Yoder - Daily radiation treatments at DMH right now
- 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. Earthquake in Puerto Rico. Violence in U.S.
- U.S. govt. turmoil, Middle East wars, protests/riots in several places.
- Refugee crisis/opportunity around the world.

# ADMINISTRATION

## 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.

## 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. 3 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.



### LAST SUNDAY

#### Attendance

Worship Celebration	102
Christian Education	38

#### Offering

Sunday, Jan 12	\$5,570
Building Fund	\$100

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:** Michael & Brittney Y.

**Next Sunday:** Cory & Emily K.

#### Visitor This Week:

Josephine Marner

#### 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

## Arthur MCC Thrift Store Contributions

Thank you for supporting our local MCC thrift shop with your donations, purchases, and all of the volunteer hours so many of you put in at the store. Your involvement has enabled the store to make these contributions to world & local ministries in the name of Christ.

\$80,000 to Mennonite Central Committee

\$4,000 to Arthur Ministerial Association Aid Fund

\$5,000 to Local Amish Churches

\$4,000 to Arthur Grade School Backpack Food Program

\$5,500 to Local Food Pantries

\$1,500 to Wednesday Night Community Meal (Methodist)

75 Blankets to Red Cross

Numerous boxes of clothing, housewares, blankets, and other items to ministries locally in Central Illinois.

The mission of the Arthur MCC Thrift Shop is: Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) seeks to demonstrate God's love by working among people suffering from poverty, conflict, oppression, and natural disaster. MCC strives for peace, justice, and the dignity of all by people by sharing our experiences, resources, and faith in Jesus.



## Keeping Up



- Kim Kauffman's surgery in Ohio went well this past Monday. She came home on Tuesday. Keep Kim in your prayers as she heals.
- Jordan Gingerich went to the Illini basketball game last weekend with his dad Joe and sat on row 3 center court. He said that center Kofi Cockburn is huge that close up.
- Lynn Marner served in the kitchen at Menno Haven last weekend and they lost electricity for most of the day on Saturday. This made their kitchen work very challenging.

## Just For Fun



Advice from Farmers...

- Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- A bumble bee is faster than a John Deere tractor.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- It doesn't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

Stop trying to make everyone happy. You aren't chocolate.

How do I like my eggs? Umm, in a cake!



# YOUTH GROUP

## JRYOUTH

**Jan 26**

Bible Study:  
Chosen ~ Victory  
Eph. 6:10-18  
Youth House 3-5pm



## HS YOUTH

**Jan 22**

Service Work @  
MCC Thrift Shop  
Meet at Shop at 7pm

## Super Bowl Subs Fundraiser Time!

HSYouth & JrYouth are selling our annual subs to raise funds for our summer programming. Sign up in the foyer today; \$6 per sub! Or talk to a youth to **place your order by Jan 24th!**

## Youth Parent Meeting Next Sunday

If you have a youth in JrYouth or HSYouth, we would love for you to attend our parent meeting next Sunday following the morning worship service. We will go over the schedule, upcoming trips, and answer any questions you may have. Hope to see you there!

# WORSHIP

## Christian Unity Sunday: Today

The Arthur Ministerial Association is once again encouraging local congregations to participate in the Christian Unity Sunday today which is taking place around the world. As a part of this local pastors are visiting and preaching in other congregations today. Please welcome Pastor Bob Silvanik from the Vine St. Christian Church to AMC this morning. He will be bringing the morning message. Pastor Glen is bringing the message at the Arthur First Baptist Church this morning. Let's celebrate the many things we have in common in our Christian faith.



## 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.

# TODAY IN WORSHIP

CHRISTIAN UNITY SUNDAY ~ AMA PULPIT EXCHANGE

Today's Message: "Entertaining Murderers and Gods"

Pastor Bob Silvanik from North Vine Christian Church

Main Text: Acts 28:1-10 Other Texts: Matthew 19:23-26; 25:37-40

Worship Leader: Ed Yoder

Intercessory Prayer: Lamar Miller

## Order of Service

Gathering Song  
Welcome & Announcements  
Cruise Night Skit  
Call to Worship & Candle Lighting  
Opening Prayer  
Children's Time  
Tithes & Offerings  
Worship Songs  
Intercessory Prayer  
Scripture Reading  
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 assumptions do you make about the worthiness of other people before you determine the degree of kindness you will show them?
- ◆ If Jesus was coming to your home tonight, how would you prepare for his visit and what would you serve?
- ◆ What about Moses? Or King David? Or Peter? Would they receive "unusual kindness" from you?
- ◆ **Take It Further:** What difference could it make in your daily walk with Jesus if instead of trying to look like Jesus to everyone else - you saw everyone else as Jesus?

## Worship Notes

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## Snapshot of the Week



Galen & LeAnne Tully and their kids, Erin & Michael (pictured here with LeAnn), spend time together at their winter home in Orange Beach, AL between Christmas and New Years.