



February 2, 2020

# SPIRIT & TRUTH

1 JOHN 4

**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)

*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

## First Sunday Fellowship Meal Today

We hope you will join us after worship for our monthly First Sunday Fellowship meal. If you forgot to bring something or if you are a visitor or guest with us this morning we hope you will stay. There is always plenty of delicious food and great fellowship.

## Fellowship Group Super Bowl Parties

- The Homebuilders fellowship group will be having a Super Bowl party today at 5:00 pm at Sandy Snyders home.
- The Legacy fellowship group will be having a Super Bowl party today at Glen & Rhonda Rhodes home beginning at 5:00 pm.

## AMC Theme for 2020

We continue to look at the book of 1st John today as we introduce the AMC theme for 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"



# CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:20 am	Prelude Singing
	10:30 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	First Sunday Fellowship Meal
	12-1 pm	Youth Super Bowl Sub pickup
	5:00 pm	Homebuilders/Legacy Super Bowl Party
Mon. - Friday	Evenings	Cruise Night set up/practice in Fell Hall
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Worship Commission Meeting
Saturday	6:00 pm	AMC Cruise Night to Australia
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:20 am	Prelude Singing
	10:30 am	Worship

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## AMC Cruise Night This Saturday!

The AMC Cruise Night is almost here. It will be held this Saturday, February 8 at 6:00 pm. We are “cruising” to Australia this year so come on along, ‘mates for great food, fellowship, and entertainment!



Please try to arrive around 5:30 Saturday at the front of the church. Valets will park your car and put your keys in your mailbox. You can dress however you would like but Kaki, browns, and tropical, might be most reflecting of Australia. Feel free to surprise and dress up as a well-known Australian figure/person as well. This is a night of fun, so let’s have fun TOGETHER!

Boarding passes for the cruise are free and in your boxes today if you signed up. A donation basket will be offered during intermission to help offset some of the costs for the meal, décor, and other expenses.

## Birthdays This Week

Addison Yoder            Sunday, February 2  
Emily Kauffman        Wednesday, February 5



## 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
- Ed Gingerich - Healing from recent bout of pneumonia in Florida
- Extended family members of AMCCers battling cancer/health
- Dee Kuhns - Healing from broken wrist and kneecap
- Vickie Gibson - Delilah’s daughter healing from shoulder surgery
- 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.

# ADMINISTRATION

## Ashley Litwiller called to Camp Menno Haven

Last Sunday during worship, Youth/Worship Pastor Ashley Litwiller shared that she has accepted the position of Program Director at Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center in Tiskilwa, Illinois. The words that Ashley shared and the response of the Ministry Team following are shared in this month's Greater Things newsletter which is in your mailboxes today. Keep Ashley and AMC in your prayers as we both transition into the Lord's next steps for us.

## New Couches/Old Couches

We have updated the couches in Rm. 5 where small groups, counseling, and other meetings are often held. The update was greatly needed and will provide a much nicer and comfortable meeting space in the future. If anyone is interested in the old 1970's era couches that were replaced they will be free to those who ask first. Call the church office.



We have 4 of these → and one single chair. If they are not claimed in several weeks we will find a way to dispose of them.



### LAST SUNDAY

#### Attendance

Worship Celebration	112
Christian Education	46

#### Offering

Sunday, Jan 26	\$2,076
All for General Fund	

2020 Weekly Goal	\$4,559
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#### 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 Yoder  
**Next Sun.:** Nancy P. & Kendall B.

#### Visitor This Week:

Bertha Yoder

#### Fellowship Groups

*(organizers for February)*

**Pathfinders:** Kenny & Melissa S.

**Legacy:** Andy & Lynn M.

**Homebuilders:** Sandy S./Karen L.

#### Care 'n Share

Bertha Y., Phyllis K., Willis & Dee K.,  
Lela R., Faye O.

#### Next Tues. Arthur Home Service

April 14 - Glen R.. (Homebuilders)

# OUTREACH

## Great Winter WarmUp Thank You From MCC

Thank you to the countless volunteers who made the Great Winter Warm-up a success! Groups of all sizes gathered in more than 100 events in churches and homes across the United States, Canada and Europe resulting in a preliminary estimate of over 5,700 comforters received. And that number is only expected to grow as the official counting continues through the end of the month. Every one of the comforters completed during the event is important. When families are uprooted from home and lack basic necessities, comforters are a versatile tool, functioning as bed covers, room dividers, carpets, curtains, wraps, mattresses and more. Mennonite Central Committee thanks you for your part in providing warmth and hope to people around the world!

## C-U at Home One Winter Night

Kim Kauffman is going to participate in One Winter Night. This is an annual event in Champaign to learn about homelessness and raise awareness of those who sleep outside during the winter months. Kim will be sleeping in a box on Feb. 7 and is trying to raise \$1000 as a part of this. Talk to Kim if you would like to support her.



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## Keeping Up



- Ryan Miller flew to Ecuador yesterday for a two week visit with a friend there. They will be spending 4 days on Galapagos Island as a part of their travels. Pray for safe travels and a great trip for Ryan.
- Ed Gingerich returned to his home in Florida this past Friday after a stay in the hospital and a rehab facility with a bout of pneumonia. Keep Ed in your prayers as he heals at home.

## Just For Fun



### Farmers/Ranchers Advice

- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging.
- Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- Good judgement comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement.
- If you get to thinking you are a person of influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around.

# YOUTH GROUP

## JRYOUTH

**Feb 16**

Bible Study:  
Loves Us Best  
1 John 4:7-21  
YH @ 3pm



## HS YOUTH

**Feb 12**

Bible Study:  
Experience Invincible  
YH @ 7pm

## WiFi Coming to the Youth House!

Plans are being finalized to finally get the Youth House set up with a WIFI connection streamed from the church building. This solution was chosen as a one-time cost, rather than a monthly cost.

## Super Bowl Subs Fundraiser

Thank you to all who ordered subs, donated time and energy to making our beloved fundraiser a success! We assembled 550 subs this morning and will be in the foyer after the worship service for all to pick up their subs. Thank you!

# WORSHIP

## Last Sunday To Bless Our College Students

This is the last Sunday to bless our AMC college students. This year we have 7 students. Please place your food/snack donations in the tub in the foyer by this evening as well as any monetary donations for the gas cards and postage. Monetary donations can go in Vera Yoder's box but please designate that it is for college students. Thank you for your generosity. Next Sunday we will list those students who have been blessed by your donations.

## Night of Worship - March 22nd at 5pm

Worship Commission is looking to host a Night of Worship in the sanctuary on March 22nd starting at 5pm. Anyone who has a testimony, reading, or song to share with those in attendance is welcome to reach out to a member of the commission (Nadine Miller, Andy Marner, Rhonda Rhodes, or Ashley Litwiller) to get signed up. Plan to come out for a night of worshipping our Lord Jesus!

# TODAY IN WORSHIP

**Today's Message: "You've Got The Spirit, Yes You Do!"**

Main Text: 1 John 4 ~ Pastor Glen Rhodes

Texts to be Read: 1 John 4: 1-6, 7-12

Worship Leader & Intercessory Prayer: Lamar Miller

## Order of Service

- Gathering Song
- Welcome & Announcements
- Call to Worship & Candle Lighting
- Opening Prayer
- Children's Time
- Tithes & Offerings
- Video
- 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*

- ◆ Do you rely on the Spirit of Christ like you should?
- ◆ In what area of life right now are you struggling? Have you tapped into God's Spirit within?
- ◆ How can you acknowledge Jesus with your life this week?
- ◆ **Take It Further:** What daily change can you make in your life to more fully rely on God's Spirit to direct you. Start right away, don't wait!

## Worship Notes

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## Snapshot of the Week



HSYouth served after hours at the Thrift Shop a few weeks ago and got all the Barbies in place, among other things.