

February 23, 2020



**GOD**

**ME YOU THEM**  
**RELATIONSHIPS**  
**FRIENDS FAMILY**  
**MINISTRY TEAM COMMISSIONS**  
**BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST**  
**TEACHING PREACHING**  
**FAITH BIBLE**  
**SALVATION SANCTIFICATION**  
**PRAISE ADORATION THANKSGIVING**  
**LOVE JOY PEACE**  
**WORSHIP**



**AMC**  
arthur mennonite church

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# >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

## Lent Message Series

Next Sunday, March 1, is the first Sunday of Lent. Glen will be starting a message series titled "Your Kingdom Come." We will be looking at the various parables of Jesus that give reference to the Kingdom of Heaven. We will answer questions referring to what kind of king, what kind of kingdom, and what kind of people Jesus is referring to in the 13th chapter of Matthew. What does the Kingdom of Heaven look like and what are the earthly ramifications of that kingdom? What is your part? What is our part? Join us as we walk through the Lenton season TOGETHER to prepare for Good Friday & Easter.



## Quarterly Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 8 at 6:00 pm. We will be having our next quarterly congregational meeting that evening with a fingerfood fellowship to follow. All of the AMC Commissions will be sharing about past, present, and future ministries and activity happening at AMC. We will also be sharing the latest update on the transitions of Ministry Team/Youth & Secretary.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am	Arthur Home Service (Fell. Hall C.E.)
	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:20 am	Prelude Singing
	10:30 am	Worship
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Ministry Team Meeting
Wednesday	8:15 am	Breakfast Club at Yoder's Kitchen
	7:00 pm	HS Youth: Bible Study
Next Sunday	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
	5:00 pm	JRYouth: Fellowship

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## First Sunday Fellowship Next Week

Next Sunday is March 1. That means it's time for another first Sunday fellowship meal. Bring a dish to share and join us next week after worship for great food and fellowship.

## New Church Directories Are In

The new picture church directories came in this week and are in your mailboxes today. If you would like an extra copy contact the church office. We have some extra copies available but those supplies are limited so it will be on a first come basis.

## Birthdays This Week

Grant Helmuth	Sunday, February 23
Karen (DuWayne) Miller	Sunday, February 23
Nancy Plank	Sunday, February 23
Glen Rhodes	Monday, February 24



## No Anniversaries This Week

# PRAYER LIST

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

## Praying for our Church and Community

- Maria and Chad Yoder - Twins Carter & Clark were born sleeping
- Extended family members of AMCs battling cancer/health
- Dee Kuhns - Health and Healing
- Andy Marner - Healing from carpal tunnel surgery
- Carol Yoder - Health and good results in upcoming procedures
- Ariana Wigginton - Missionaries young daughter in Ecuador, health
- Delilah England - Health and tests

## Praying for our Nation and World

- Current U.S. escalated tensions with Iran. Pray for peace and calm
- Coronavirus outbreak in China and around the world.
- US Elections, Homelessness in our country, and violence
- Middle East wars, protests/riots in several places
- Churches in Burkina Faso, Africa. Another church attacked recently
- AMC Supported missionaries around the world

# ADMINISTRATION

## AMC Transitions

On Sunday, January 26 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. Her last Sunday will be March 29. The AMC Gift Discernment Coordinating Committee, Administration Commission, and Ministry Team continue to work on discerning future callings for Ministry Team positions, Youth Ministry, and Secretary. If you have any suggestions or comments about these transitions please direct those emails or calls to the AMC Gift Discernment Committee. Please continue to keep Ashley and AMC in your prayers during this time.

## LMC Celebration of Church Life: “Welcoming Rain”

LMC: A Fellowship Of Anabaptist Churches, our new denominational affiliation will be holding their annual church life celebration on April 3-4 in New Holland, Pennsylvania. The events theme this year is “Welcoming Rain.” It is free to attend and all are welcome. At this years assembly they will be welcoming AMC as a new church member and they will also be introducing Glen Rhodes and Ashley Litwiller as newly ordained ministers in the conference. If you would like more information please visit [lmchurches.org](http://lmchurches.org)

### LAST SUNDAY

#### Attendance

Worship Celebration	100
Christian Education	38

#### Offering

Sunday, Feb 16	\$3,686
Building Fund	\$100
Cruise Night	\$60

2020 Weekly Goal      \$4,559

#### Fellowship Meal - March 1

Lamar & Karen M., Tim Mast,  
Kenny & Melissa S., Chris Mast,  
Carol Yoder

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

### REMINDERS

#### Nursery

**Today:** Kendra H. & Alexis H.  
**Next Sun.:** Michael & Brittney Y.

#### Visitor This Week:

Josephine Marnier

#### **Fellowship Groups** *(organizers for March)*

**Pathfinders:** Delmar & Linda S.

**Legacy:** Andy & Lynn M.

**Homebuilders:** Open

#### **Care 'n Share: Feb. - Apr.**

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

**Next Tues. Arthur Home Service**  
April 14 - Glen R.. (Homebuilders)

# OUTREACH

## Mission Mosaic

A new updated copy of Mennonite Mission Networks Mission Mosaic directory is now available for reference in the book rack in the foyer. This directory lists all of the current missionaries sponsored through MMN and shares more details about their location and their work and ministries. Please keep these missionaries in your prayers.

## Community Red Cross Blood Drive

A community blood drive will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 1-6 pm at the Arthur United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

You can make an appointment by calling 1-800-733-2767 or going to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to get signed up. Walk-ins will also be welcomed to give. Give blood and give life!



## Literature Racks in Foyer

Don't forget about the many resources we have available in our literature racks in the foyer. Current and past issues of various publications are available and the Close to Home brochures offer helpful advice and counsel on many different things we sometimes have to deal with in life. Make use of these resources available.

## Keeping Up



- As was announced last Sunday in church, Derek Rhodes & Morgan Mercer got engaged on Valentine's Day last week. Congratulations!

*Thank you so much for donating to help our friends without an address during the One Winter Night Box Dwelling Event. The cold ground was a reminder of the poverty others face everyday. Your support makes a difference, even if it's just for one person.*

Thank You, Kim Kauffman

## Just For Fun



A gossip is someone with a great sense of rumor.

I had my patience tested.  
I'm negative.



steamed vegetables

# YOUTH GROUP

## JRYOUTH

**March 1**

Fellowship:  
Out to Eat  
Meet Gertie  
@ 5pm



## HS YOUTH

**Feb 26**

Bible Study:  
Whole Armor  
YH @ 7pm

## HSYouth Winter Jam Trip

On March 13th, Winter Jam will be at Hoffman Estates and we're getting a group together to go up, stay overnight, roam the city on Saturday before arriving back to Arthur Saturday night. We will leave Arthur on Friday around 2pm. If you'd like to join the group, talk to Ashley Litwiller for more details.

# WORSHIP

## Today's Worship Service

Today we will reflect on scripture and stories that tell of God's relationship with and through His people. We're glad you are here to join us for this simplified, meaning-filled service as we continue *Forward Together*. There are printouts in the pews of songs that will be used alongside the hymnal books today since there is no screen.

## Sanctuary Construction Begins

As you come into worship today you will notice the front wall and stage is fairly bare. That's on purpose; this week the two side walls will be drywalled and painted as the first step of our sanctuary update and renovation. Let this be our reminder that the walls of this church are not what sustain us or encourage our worship of God, it's the relationships and the Lord himself.

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

Worship Commission is going 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 Focus: "Church Relationships Through The Years"  
Beginning, Current and Future Thoughts

Scriptures Read: AMC Twelve and Children Department's Ten Scriptures

Worship Leader: Nadine Miller

## Order of Service

Gathering Song  
Welcome & Prayer  
Hymnal Songs  
Tithes & Offerings  
Scripture Reading  
Birth of Church Relationship Sharing  
Scripture Reading  
Church Relationship Memories  
Scripture Reading  
Hope of Future Church Relationships  
Worship Songs  
Scripture Reading  
Sending Word & Prayer

*A pastor will be at the front of the church  
for prayer after the service.*

## Sermon Questions

*For Thought & Discussion*

- ◆ What can be a stumbling block that keeps you from building lasting relationships?
- ◆ What are your hopes for the future of this church? Share them with others and put faith into action.
- ◆ How can you walk closer in obedience with God this week?
- ◆ **Take It Further:** Think of one relationship within the church that means a lot to you. Connect with that person this week to say thank you or catch up or pray with.

## Worship Notes

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## Snapshot of the Week



Cory Kauffman and his son Austin take a break while hitting the ski slopes last weekend in Wisconsin.