

March 1, 2020

YOUR
Kingdom
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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

Justice & The Prophets Fell. Hall
Bible Book Study: Romans 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 _____	

DISCIPLING

Lent Message Series

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. Glen will be starting a message series titled "Your Kingdom Come" this morning. 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 Lenten season TOGETHER to prepare for Good Friday & Easter.

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday/Fingerfood Fellowship

Next Sunday, March 8 at 6:00 pm, we will be having our first quarterly congregational meeting of 2020. Bring a fingerfood to share for the fellowship time that will follow the meeting. 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 upcoming transitions of Ministry Team/ Youth & Secretary when Ashley leaves for Menno Haven.

Christian Education and Coffee

Be sure to come at 9:30 am each Sunday morning to be a part of Christian Education classes for all ages: Primary classes, Jr High, High School, and 3 Adult classes. Coffee is always on in the kitchen.

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
	5:00 pm	JrYouth: Fellowship
Wednesday	6:00 pm	All Youth & Parent Meeting (Fell. Hall)
	6:30 pm	HS Youth: Service
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:20 am	Prelude Singing
	10:30 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	Congregational Meeting/Fellowship

COMMUNITY LIFE

First Sunday Fellowship Today

Today is March 1. That means it's time for our monthly First Sunday Fellowship meal. If you forgot to bring a dish, please stay and join us anyway after worship for great food and fellowship.

New Church Directories Are In

The new picture church directories came in last week and are in your mailboxes. 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

Marlene Helmuth	Sunday, March 1
Ashley Litwiller	Wednesday, March 4
Conner Crabtree	Wednesday, March 4
Peter Kauffman	Friday, March 6
Gary Kauffman	Saturday, March 7



Anniversaries This Week

Ed & Joanna Yoder	Wednesday, March 4
Junior & Judy Beachey	Friday, March 6

PRAYER LIST

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

Praying for our Church and Community

- Extended family members of AMcCers battling cancer/health
- Edna Gingerich - Was in hospital this week in Florida (health)
- Maria and Chad Yoder - Twins Carter & Clark were born sleeping
- Carol Yoder - Health and good results in upcoming procedures
- Sondra Gingerich's family - Uncle Bob James passed away in IN
- Tony Pearsall - Had stroke and is in hospital at Carle

Praying for our Nation and World

- 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

Everence Scholarships for College Students

Everence Financial (our denominational financial stewardship organization) recently honored 42 students with scholarships for the 2019-2020 academic year. More than 220 students applied for scholarships, a benefit of being an Everence member. The largest scholarship was \$3,000, two students received \$2,000, and 39 students received \$1,000 scholarships. If you would like more information about these scholarships or how to become an Everence member, talk to Levi Yoder who is our AMC rep for Everence.

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.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship Celebration	99
Christian Education	47

Offering

Sunday, Feb 16	\$6,259
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

March 22 - Youth (Ashley)

REMINDERS

Nursery

Today: Jackie C. & Harold Y.
Next Sun.: Colby & Jordan H.

Visitor This Week:

Carol Yoder

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

Battery Brigade Outreach Opportunity

Outreach would like to invite everyone to join us for a thirty minute outreach event next Sunday. We will gather in the foyer following the service to form the battery brigade.

Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale: March 20-21

The Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale is going to be held at the Interstate Center in Bloomington, Illinois on Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21. If you would like to see a list of events and times you can visit their website at ilreliefsale.org



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 to get signed up. Walk-ins will also be welcomed to give. Give blood and give life!



Keeping Up



Thank you to everyone at AMC for the gift box and gift cards. Those were very nice to receive. Thank you for thinking of us!

-Brendon and Caleb Lane -

I am very thankful for the snacks and gift cards that I received from you all. I really appreciate it! I enjoy received these boxes because it helps me get through the year.

-Michelle Schrock -

Thank you so much for the care package full of snacks & gift cards. I really appreciate it. I am thankful for the support from my church family even while I am away at college!

-Meredith Schrock- (card on bulletin board)

Just For Fun



3 Hardest Things To Say...

- I'm Sorry!
- I was wrong!
- Worcestershire sauce!

I used to work in a blanket factory, but it folded.

My wife really likes to make pottery, but to me it's just kiln time.



YOUTH GROUP

JRYOUTH

TODAY

Fellowship:

Out to Eat BWWs

Meet Gertie @ 5pm



HS YOUTH

March 4

Service:

27 Random Acts

of Kindness

Meet Gertie @ 6:30pm

JrYouth, HSYouth & Parents Meeting this Wednesday

The AMC Gift Discernment Coordinating Committee, Ministry Team, and Administration Commission would like to meet with all youth and parents this Wednesday night at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall to discuss the upcoming transition period for both the Junior High and High School youth groups.

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

Sanctuary Construction Continues

As you come into worship today you will notice the front wall and stage is still under construction. This past week the drywall was hung and now this coming week the two side walls will be painted as the next step of our sanctuary update and renovation. Hopefully by next Sunday everything will be back in it's normal place.

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 Message: "The Sower & The Kingdom"

Message: Glen Rhodes Scripture: Matthew 13:1-23

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 6:8-10; Jeremiah 5:20-25

Worship Leader: Jenni Marner Intercessory Prayer: Lamar Miller

Order of Service

Gathering Song
Welcome & Announcements
Call To Worship & Candle Lighting
Opening Prayer
Primary Special
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

- ◆ Which parable of Jesus is your favorite?
- ◆ How is your heart toward Jesus this morning?
- ◆ What kind of soil has your life represented? Does a change need to occur?
- ◆ **Take It Further:** Take some time this week to read the entire chapter of Matthew 13. These parables of Jesus will be our topic of discussion in the weeks ahead. Jesus, help us to grow!

Worship Notes

Snapshot of the Week



Lamar Miller and Jory Bortreger wrestled a "Crocodile" during last months AMC Cruise Night. We are glad that they both survived.