



ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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Steadfast

from Lamar Miller, Minister of Outreach

I want to start by sharing a couple of verses I read recently. They are in Isaiah, chapter twenty-six, verses three and four. “You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal”.

There are numerous verses in the Bible that are being quoted during these days of a pandemic and this is one that seems to have spoken to me. It speaks of that perfect peace that everyone is in need of. This peace is not just a regular peace we have when we are at rest, or when life seems to be going smooth. It is not the kind of false peace we have when we say “everything will be okay” and in the back of our minds expect something bad to happen. No, this is a perfect peace that we can rest in no matter what the situation is that we are facing. It is a peace that despite difficulties, floods your heart and soul with the loving embrace of Jesus. All of us can enjoy this perfect peace when we trust in the Lord, our eternal Rock, the one who never leaves us or forsakes us.

I would also like to encourage all of us to be aware of and take advantage of ways to reach out to others during this time. I know it may seem a little difficult when we are to be keeping our distance from each other and not gathering in groups. We can still use our phones and this might be a good time to encourage and talk to family and friends that we haven’t spoken to for a while. Delivering food or other needed items to those who are homebound. Maybe helping a family financially who is unemployed currently. There are so many ways we can spread the light of Christ. We as the body of Christ should and can be a beacon of encouragement and hope for the world around us. As the song says; This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine.

Here is a benediction from Hebrews thirteen. Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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AMC Farewell Profile: Ashley Litwiller “My Favorite Memories”



December 2013: I met with Kim Litwiller while I was home on break, as was my usual routine. She asked me if I had summer plans or plans after grad yet. I said no, but I want to be a youth pastor. She said she had an idea. She was on a team helping a church find a youth and worship pastor and wondered if I would start praying for them, whether I was the answer or not.

January 2014: I was at Menno Haven to lead Worship for HS Winter Retreat. I was told Lamar would be there with AMC Youth. While at the activity center, I sat down on the volleyball sidelines and chatted with Lamar about AMC. I remember a group of youth taking turns looking over at us trying to be discreet and I already loved them.

May-August 2014: I came for a summer internship. I loved working going to New York with Lamar, Nadine, & the youth. I got to meet all you and have many “first dates”/interviews, thanks to Nancy Kuhns who put together dinners for us. I loved it all.

December 2014: I found out that I get to come back to Arthur after I graduated. I was the only one in my graduating ministry class who had a job for after graduation and I think I took that relief for granted, mostly because of senioritis and excitement to be to Arthur already.

March 2015: I was in Sarasota on Spring Break with friends. I got the call than my Grandma Bernice had passed away. I believe it was Edna Gingerich? who invited me to breakfast with some ladies at Der Dutchman. Pat Yoder was there and offered to pick me up and drive me to the airport to fly home for the funeral at like 3am. It was a sign to me that these people do whatever it takes to make sure their church family is cared for. And I wasn't even officially apart of them yet.

April 2015: I came to help lead the Easter Morning Breakfast Fundraiser and Dorothy Kauffman showed me where I'd live for the next 4 years.

December 2015: AMC HSYouth got me a Christmas present. I still have the card and the emoji pillows.

June 2016: Went to Denver, CO with HSYouth and it is hands down my favorite pile of memories.

Too many memories to count in between



March 2020: Lots of lasts and lots of tears, but I wouldn't trade my time with you all for anything.

Thank you. I Love You.



Article 22- Confession of Faith In a Mennonite Perspective

Peace, Justice, & Nonresistance

We believe that peace is the will of God. God created the world in peace, and God's peace is most fully revealed in Jesus Christ, who is our peace and the peace of the whole world. Led by the Holy Spirit, we follow Christ in the way of peace, doing justice, bringing reconciliation, and practicing nonresistance even in the face of violence and warfare.

Although God created a peaceable world, humanity chose the way of unrighteousness and violence. The spirit of revenge increased, and violence multiplied, yet the original vision of peace and justice did not die. Prophets and other messengers of God continued to point the people of Israel toward trust in God rather than in weapons and military force.

We give our ultimate loyalty to the God of grace and peace, who guides the church daily in overcoming evil with good, who empowers us to do justice, and who sustains us in the glorious hope of the peaceable reign of God.

First Fruit Giving *Giving God Our Best*

	Stewardship	Attendance
3/1/2020	\$2,360	110
3/8/2020	\$4,249	110
3/15/2020	\$3,755	93

If you would like to give tithes & offerings during this time of no services, the AMC Administration Commission suggests mailing your envelope/check to the church address: 710 E. Park, Arthur, IL, 61911. Please include your envelope so numbers can be recorded.