

March 15, 2020



FAITH OF A

Mustard Seed

MATTHEW 13:31

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

Relief Sale Kick-off Banquet

The annual Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale Kick-off Banquet will be held on Sat, April 4th at 6pm at Yoder's Kitchen. During the banquet, there will be an offering taken to defray the start-up expenses for the sale. Reservations are required by Mon, March 30th. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you'd like to sponsor a table, please contact DuWayne & Karen Miller.

March Message Series

Today is the third Sunday of Lent. During March we are having a message series titled "Your Kingdom Come." We are looking at the various parables of Jesus that give reference to the Kingdom of Heaven. Join us as we walk through the Lenten season.



Coronavirus Concerns

The AMC Ministry Team will continue to monitor the ongoing situation with the Coronavirus. For now we will put a hold on our greeting time during worship, the Ministry Team greeters after service, and ask people to give each other greetings without hand shakes. Doorknobs and handrails around the church were cleaned this week. Continue to pray about this situation and share any concerns you might have with a Ministry Team member.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:20 am	Prelude Singing
	10:30 am	Worship
	3:00 pm	JrYouth: Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Legacy Fellowship Group
Monday	6:30 pm	Marriage Life Group
Wednesday	6:30 pm	GDCC Meeting
	7:00 pm	HS Youth: Elevate Trampoline Park
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Arthur Home Service (Youth)
	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:20 am	Prelude Singing
	10:30 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	AMC Night of Worship

COMMUNITY LIFE

First Sunday Fellowship Change

The First Sunday fellowship meal for April 5 is being moved to Sunday, March 29 as we take time to thank Ashley and wish her well on her last Sunday before she leaves us for camp Menno Haven. Please mark your calendars for this change.

Life Group/Fellowship Group Meetings

The Legacy fellowship group will be meeting at Andy & Lynn Marners's today at 5:00 pm for a potato bar and trivia games.

The Marriage Life Group will be meeting tomorrow (Monday) night at 6:30 pm at Lamar & Nadine's home..

Birthdays This Week

Roy Williamson	Sunday, March 15
Andy Marner	Tuesday, March 17
Mary Herschberger	Tuesday, March 17
Willis Kuhns	Thursday, March 19
Kevin Miller	Saturday, March 21



Anniversary This Week

Larry & Myra Beachey	Friday, March 20
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PRAYER LIST

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

Praying for our Church and Community

- Extended family members of AMCers battling cancer/health
- Helen Rutledge - Nadine's mother has pneumonia
- Edna Gingerich - Was in hospital recently in Florida (health)
- Maria and Chad Yoder - Twins Carter & Clark were born sleeping
- Norma Dolan - Nancy Kuhn's mother recently had a stroke.
- Those who recently lost family (Judy B. brother, Sondra G. Uncle)
- Tony Pearsall - Healing from recent stroke
- Relatives of the Hershberger's recently exposed to the Coronavirus

Praying for our Nation and World

- Coronavirus outbreak around the world. Pray for a cure and calm.
- US Elections, Nashville (Tornado), Economic concerns.
- Nigerian Christians. 350 were recently killed because of their faith.
- AMC Supported missionaries around the world

ADMINISTRATION

AMC Interim Transition Plan Announced

At the Congregational Meeting this past Sunday night the AMC Gift Discernment Coordinating Committee announced a 4-month interim plan for the roles that Ashley Litwiller has been serving in here at the church. Ashley will be leaving for Menno Haven on March 30. During the months of April - July the following people will be serving in these roles while GDCC meets and discerns the way forward. Thank you for your continued prayers for all during this time. GDCC welcomes all of your feedback during this time.

Ministry Team: The team will function with 3 members during this interim period. Glen Rhodes will cover the Minister of Worship responsibilities during this time with the help of others on the worship commission.

HS Youth & JH Youth: Jeff Marner (& Jenni) will be providing leadership for both youth groups during this interim period. They will co-lead the Christian Education class and Jeff will plan and lead all youth events during this time with Jenni & sponsors assistance.

Administrative Assistant: Erica Schrock will be serving in this church office role during this interim period with a flexible schedule.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship Celebration	110
Christian Education	30

Offering

Sunday, March 1	\$4,249
All for General Fund	

2020 Weekly Goal	\$4,559
Budget Goal YTD	-21.9%

Fellowship Meal - March 29

Larry/Sherryl H. / Luke/Katie M
Kenny/Erica S. / Debby K.

Sunday Arthur Home Service

March 22 - CANCELLED
*No visitors allowed at this time

REMINDERS

Nursery

Today: Nancy P. & Olivia G.
Next Sun.: Cory & Emily K.

Visitor This Week:

Alta 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

March 5th Sunday Offering Going to MCC Meat Canning

Please make note that 100% of the offering on Sunday, March 29 will be going to the local Mennonite Central Committee meat canning ministry. This ministry blesses many people around the world with canned meat each year.

Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale Cancelled

The Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale that was going to be held at the Interstate Center in Bloomington, Illinois this coming weekend has now been cancelled due to the Coronavirus concerns.



Menno Haven Wish List

A wish list for Camp Menno Haven has been posted on the bulletin board for some time now. How about we purchase some of the smaller items on that list and send them off with Ashley at the end of this month. Ashley said she would have room for smaller items such as basketballs, soccer balls, 4 square balls, white copy paper, forever stamps, socket sets, wrench sets, bar towels, white queen sheets (deep pocket style), liquid Arm & Hammer laundry detergent, etc. Check the list on the board for more details. Place these items in the tub marked in the foyer.

Keeping Up



- Erica Schrock's email has changed. Please use the following email: eschrock8707@gmail.com
- Peter Kauffman recently made contact with his biological sister for the first time. Peter was adopted at a very young age and had not spoken to her until recently finding her on Facebook.
- Ryan Burdick got to play hockey on the United Center ice in Chicago last weekend during a fund raising event.

Just For Fun



When you dream in color,
it's a pigment of your
imagination.

A bicycle can't stand on it's
own because it is two-tired.



YOUTH GROUP

JRYOUTH

TODAY

Bible Study:
Own It: Crowned
Youth House @ 3pm



HS YOUTH

March 18

Fellowship: Elevate
Trampoline Park
Meet Gertie @ 6:30pm

Last Youth Lock-In with Ashley

The Youth asked if we could have one more lock-in with Ashley so that will happen on Friday, March 27th starting at 7pm. Fun, Food and Games will be our activities. Youth can be picked up at 8am the next morning. All high school and junior high youth are invited.

Winter Jam Trip Cancelled

The trip to Chicago for HSYouth to Winter Jam was cancelled. The city of Chicago announced no gatherings of 1,000+ will be allowed which caused the concert to be cancelled.

WORSHIP

Night of Worship - Next Sunday 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. Afterwards, there will be pizza in the fellowship hall for all who attend. Plan to come out for a night of worshipping our Lord Jesus!

Easter Tulips

Easter is just around the corner. If you would like to purchase a tulip to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and take home after the service sign up today on the bulletin board. You can dedicate it in memory of a loved one or just sign up without a dedication. They are \$14 each and will come in a variety of colors. Please place your money or check in the secretary's mailbox marked "Easter Tulips."



TODAY IN WORSHIP

Today's Message: "The Mustard Seed & The Kingdom"

Message: Glen Rhodes

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-35

Scripture Readings: Mark 8:1-10; Matthew 17:14-21

Worship Leader: Ashley Litwiller

Intercessory Prayer: Glen Rhodes

Order of Service

- Gathering Song
- Welcome & Announcements
- Call To Worship & Candle Lighting
- Opening Prayer
- Children's Time
- Tithes & Offerings
- Worship Songs
- Intercessory Prayer
- Special Song
- 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 is the size of your faith and trust in Jesus?
- ◆ What other examples of small to big can you think of?
- ◆ How can these parables speak into your life today about your fears, concerns, and questions in life?
- ◆ **Take It Further:** As you plant your fields, gardens, and flower beds this spring think about this parable of the mustard seed and how amazing God's created world truly is.

Worship Notes

Snapshots of the Week



Ryan Miller recently visited Ecuador and the Galapagos islands.