

March 22, 2020

THE PARABLES OF THE

HIDDEN TREASURE

& the Pearl



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 is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you would like to sponsor a table, please contact DuWayne & Karen Miller or Cliff & Kathy Yoder.



March Message Series

Today is the fourth 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.

The Arthur MCC Thrift Shop is now closed until further notice!

CHURCH CALENDAR

Cancellations and Other information

The AMC Ministry Team and others will continue to monitor the ongoing situation with the Covid 19 virus on a weekly basis. All church gatherings are cancelled for this weekend and through this next week. We will make a decision on following weeks and communicate that to everyone by Wednesday of each week. If you have any questions please call the church office.

For those who have access to the internet and social media we will be streaming a service on Facebook Live and Instagram at 10:30 am Sunday morning. While it may be a bit different from our normal worship gatherings, it will at least provide us a way to worship and direct our prayers and attention to God during this time.

During this unprecedented time let's stay in touch with each other via phone calls, emails, live video meetings, etc. Do not give in to worry and panic but instead find ways to connect with the Lord and each other. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble. God Bless you all!

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 but stay tuned if further changes or cancellations on this need to take place.

Great Time For Right Now Media

Just another reminder that our church is subscribed to Right Now Media which gives our AMC family access to over 20,000 videos for adults, youth, and children. An email was sent out with your link to signup, login, & begin using all of this great “grow your faith” content.

Birthdays This Week

Jordan Herschberger	Monday, March 23
Junior Beachey	Monday, March 23
Katie Miller	Thursday, March 26
Delmar Schrock	Friday, March 27

Anniversary This Week

Kevin & Lyndora Miller	Wednesday, March 25
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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 AMCs battling cancer/health
- Helen Rutledge - Nadine's mother healing from 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 a Congregational Meeting recently the AMC Gift Discernment Coordinating Committee (GDCC) 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	93
Christian Education	40

Offering

Sunday, March 15	\$3,655
Building Fund	\$100

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:

No visitor

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

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. ***If church is cancelled on March 29 we will move this offering to a later date.***



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 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, small pieces of furniture, etc. Check the list on the board for more details. Place these items in the tub marked in the foyer.

Reach Out/Send a Card

During these times of staying home how about we reach out to our senior citizens and those who live alone. Give them a call, send them a card, and let them know you are thinking of them.

Keeping Up



- During this time of cancelled meetings and staying in our homes we do want to keep up with each other. A call team has been set up here at church so that all AMC people are contacted in the weeks ahead. If you ever need anything picked up at the store, pharmacy, or wherever and don't want to get out, please let that person know or call the church office. Let's help each other out during this unprecedented time.

Just For Fun



A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat minor.

A lot of money is tainted. It taint yours and it taint mine.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.

YOUTH GROUP

HSYouth Snapchat Group Chat Video

The HSYouth will be meeting virtually on Wednesday, March 25th at 7pm for a Snapchat Group Chat Video.

Youth Lock-In Cancelled

The high school and junior high youth lock-in is cancelled due to these unforeseen events.

We ask that all parents of JrYouth & HSYouth please check your emails regularly for up-to-date information.

WORSHIP

Night of Worship - Postponed

Worship Commission is going to postpone the Night of Worship that was planned for this Sunday night, March 22nd. Anyone who had a *testimony, reading, or song to share* is encouraged to hang on to those for a future time of sharing which will be planned for the future.

No Easter Tulips This Year

Due to the timing of Easter and the cancellation of many things we are going to go without tulips this year. The flower shop needed to know numbers so they could order and at this time we are not even sure about services for Easter Sunday. Because of that we have decided to not have Easter tulips or flowers this year. Any money already given towards these will be returned in your mailbox.



Worship on Facebook Live and Instagram Live

For those who have access to the internet and social media we will be streaming a service on Facebook Live and Instagram at 10:30 am Sunday morning. This Sunday, we will have a simplified version of our usual service. The format of the service may change some in future weeks if we must continue to worship together online. Thank you for your patience and grace with each other as we explore new waters in the next few weeks.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Today's Message: "The Pearl & The Kingdom"

Message: Glen Rhodes

Scripture: Matthew 13:44-46

Scripture Readings: Matthew 6:19-24; Mark 10:17-23

Worship Leader: Ministry Team

Intercessory Prayer: Lamar Miller

Order of Service

Opening Info & Prayer

Call To Worship

Children's Time

Intercessory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Prayer

Tune in on Facebook Live and Instagram Live to join us for our service.

If you would like prayer, contact a ministry team member or contact the church.

Sermon Questions

For Thought & Discussion

- ◆ What is your greatest earthly treasure?
- ◆ Where does your treasure in Heaven rank with that?
- ◆ How can these parables speak into your life about your discovery, response, and commitment to Jesus?
- ◆ **Take It Further:** As you watch the news of the stock market crashing and virus' spreading, be sure to seek the peace, calm, hope, and assurance of God's Word. The Lord will be with us, near us, and sustain us in these days.

Worship Notes

Snapshots of the Week



Ryan Burdick got to play in a hockey match at Chicago's United Center recently for a fund raising event. He even had his own locker with his name.