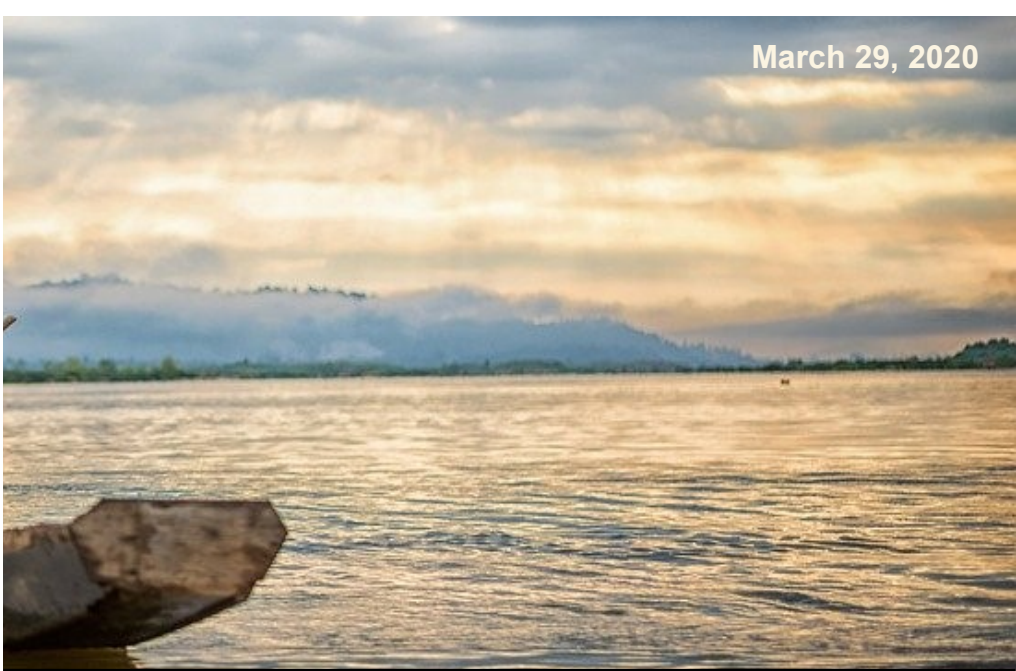


March 29, 2020



The Net & the Kingdom



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 Cancelled

The annual Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale Kick-off Banquet that was going to be held on Sat, April 4th is now cancelled. If you have any further questions about this please contact DuWayne & Karen Miller or Cliff & Kathy Yoder (AMC Committee Representatives)



March Message Series Concludes

Today is the fifth Sunday of Lent. During March we have been hearing a message series titled "Your Kingdom Come." We have been looking at the various parables of Jesus that give reference to the Kingdom of Heaven. This week is the last message of that series and will be shared via Facebook Live and Instagram Live during the worship service at 10:30 am! Join us online!

**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 week to week 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 Cancelled

The First Sunday fellowship meal for April 5 was being moved to Sunday, March 29 as we were planning to take time to thank Ashley and wish her well on her last Sunday before she leaves us for camp Menno Haven. Unfortunately we have to cancel the fellowship meal due to our current situation. Find a way to say goodbye to Ashley this week if you can and wish her well in her future plans!

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

Kendall Burdick	Monday, March 30
Sarah Storm	Tuesday, March 31
Ervin Yoder & Sherrill Shunk	Thursday, April 2
Taylor Miller & Chad Yoder	Friday, April 3
Ryan Miller & Derek Rhodes	Saturday, April 4

No Anniversaries This Week

PRAYER LIST

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

Praying for our Church and Community

- Les Helmuth - Had surgery on his finger this week (accident)
- Esther Yoder fell and broke her other hip. (Sarah Bush hospital).
- Extended family members of AMCs battling cancer/health
- Patsy Lane - Matt Lane's mother (health)
- Edna Gingerich - Was back in hospital in Florida this week (Fall)
- Norma Dolan - Nancy Kuhn's mother recently had a stroke.
- Henry Herschberger family - Step-mother Susanna (98) passed.
- 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.
- 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 No Service
Christian Education

Offering

Sunday, March 22 No Service
See Worship Section for ways to give during this time.

2020 Weekly Goal \$4,559

Budget Goal YTD -21.9%

Fellowship Meal - April 5

Cancelled

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

Sunday Arthur Home Service

All Cancelled at this time

REMINDERS

Nursery

Cancelled for this Time

Visitor This Week:

No visitors during this time

Fellowship Groups *(organizers for April)*

Pathfinders: Kevin & Lyndora M.

Legacy: Matt & Jacque L.

Homebuilders: Larry & Dory K.

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

MCC Meat Canning Offering Moved to May 31

Please make note that the 5th Sunday offering planned for this Sunday will now be moved to the 5th Sunday in May. This 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.



Mennonite Central Committee Thank You

As we begin our centennial year, on behalf of the 453 partners of Mennonite Central Committee in 53 countries around the world, we thank our friends and supporters at Arthur Mennonite for the many ways you assist in the relief, development and peace work of MCC. We recognize the value of your prayer support, your assistance with material resources and volunteering at thrift shops, meat canning, and relief sales – and are grateful for your support.

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



Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.



Social Distancing Tool

YOUTH GROUP

HSYouth Snapchat Group Chat Video

The HSYouth will be meeting virtually again on Wednesday, April 1 at 7pm for a Snapchat Group Chat Video.

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

WORSHIP

Tithes & Offerings During This Time

Since we are not able to worship together during this time the AMC Administration Commission has recommended several ways to give tithes and offerings. You can mail them to the church mailbox or stop by and put your offering envelope/check in the treasures box here at church if you get out to get groceries. You can also give on the church website through Paypal but a small percentage of that will go to Paypal and not to the church. Please use offering envelopes if you have them so that your giving can be recorded. Thank you for supporting the church and AMC ministries through this difficult time.

Night of Worship - Postponed

Worship Commission postponed the Night of Worship that was planned for last 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. 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 10:30am Sunday morning. This Sunday, we will have singing and many of our normal worship service elements. We will also have a time to say thank you and goodbye to Ashley Litwiller and pray for her as she leaves for her new job at Menno Haven. Join us online!



TODAY IN WORSHIP

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

Message: Glen Rhodes

Scripture: Matthew 13:47-52

Scripture Readings: Psalm 96; Matthew 25:31-36

Worship Leader: Glen Rhodes

Intercessory Prayer: Jeff Marnier

Order of Service

Opening Info & Prayer

Call To Worship

Children's Time

Worship Songs

Intercessory Prayer

Special Moment

Scripture Readings

Message

Closing Prayer

Sending Song

Tune in on Facebook Live and Instagram Live at 10:30am 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

- ◆ In what ways would or could you use a fishing net to explain the kingdom of heaven to someone?
- ◆ What promise of heaven do you look forward to most?
- ◆ Which of these parables is your favorite or has spoken to you the most this month?
- ◆ **Take It Further:** As we go through this time of global pandemic, think of ways that Jesus might use this in a parable. How might you use it to grow in your faith?

Worship Notes

Snapshot of the Week



Addi & Lucy Yoder found a fun way to spend time indoors this past week. An indoor fort and books to read.