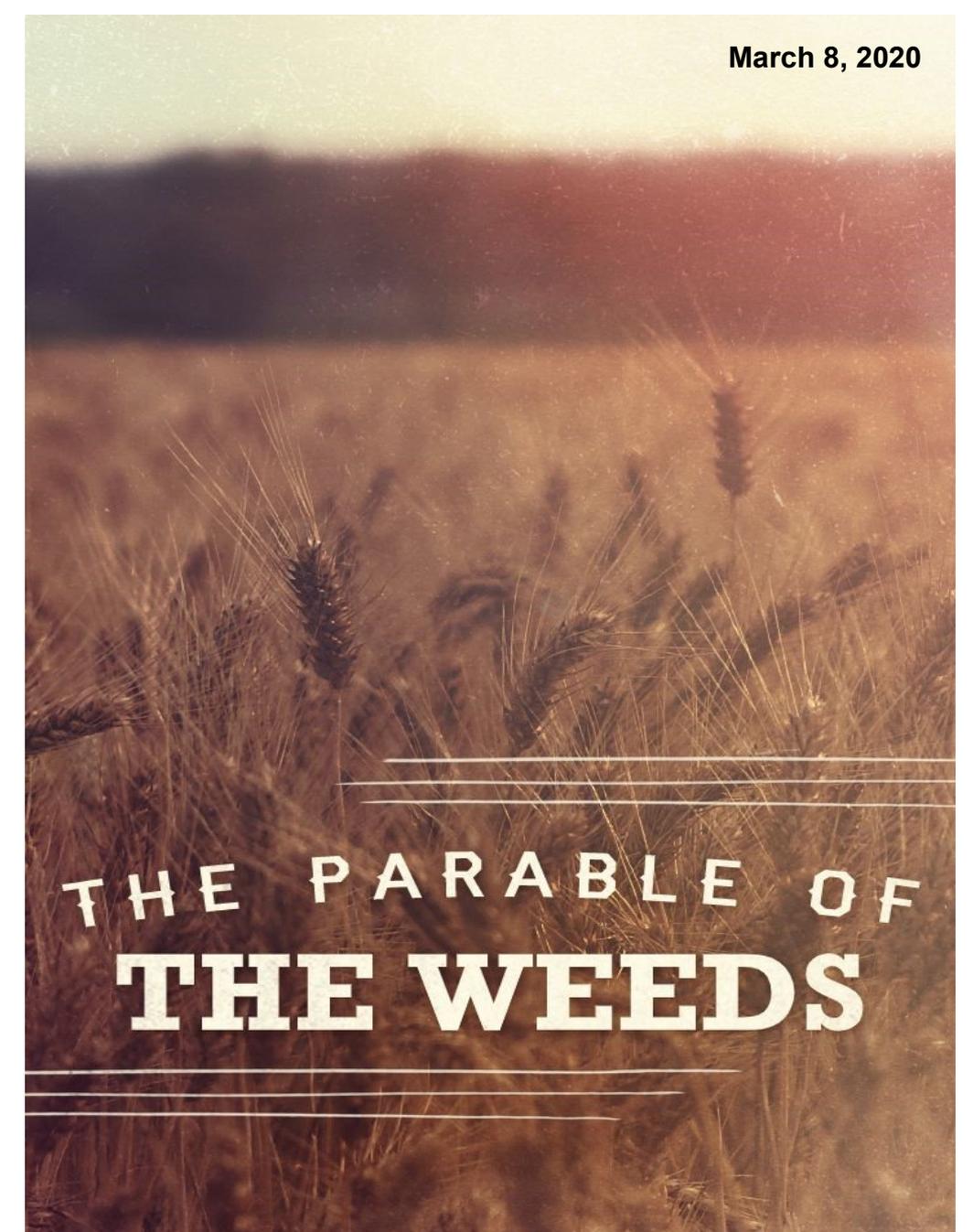


March 8, 2020



THE PARABLE OF
THE WEEDS

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

Congregational Meeting Tonight/Fingerfood Fellowship

This evening 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 & Administrative Assistant beginning in April.

March Message Series

Today is the second Sunday of Lent. Last Sunday we started a message series titled "Your Kingdom Come." During the month of March 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.



CHURCH CALENDAR

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| Today | 9:30 am | Christian Education (classes for all ages) |
| | 10:20 am | Prelude Singing |
| | 10:30 am | Worship |
| | 6:00 pm | Congregational Meeting/Fellowship |
| Wednesday | 8:15 am | Breakfast Club at Yoder's Kitchen |
| | 7:00 pm | HS Youth: Bible Study |
| Thursday | 1-6 pm | Red Cross Blood Drive at Methodist |
| Fri. - Sat. | | HS Youth Winter Jam Trip |
| Next Sunday | 9:30 am | Christian Education (classes for all ages) |
| | 10:20 am | Prelude Singing |
| | 10:30 am | Worship |
| | 3:00 pm | JrYouth: Bible Study |

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.

New Church Directories Are In

The new picture church directories came in recently and were 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. We have had some issues with some directories coming apart. If this is happening to yours please let the church office know soon so we can contact Lifetouch.

Birthdays This Week

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| Olivia Yoder | Sunday, March 8 |
| Erin Schrock | Thursday, March 12 |



Anniversary This Week

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| Kenny & Erica Schrock | Tuesday, March 10 |
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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
- Edna Gingerich - Was in hospital recently in Florida (health)
- Maria and Chad Yoder - Twins Carter & Clark were born sleeping
- Carol Yoder - Health and good results in upcoming procedures
- Those who recently lost family (Judy B. brother, Sondra G. Uncle)
- Tony Pearsall - Healing from recent stroke
- Wendy and Philip Herschberger - Relatives of the Hershberger's in Florida who were recently exposed to the Coronavirus

Praying for our Nation and World

- Coronavirus outbreak in China and around the world.
- US Elections, Homelessness in our country, and Violence
- Churches in Burkina Faso, Africa. Another church attacked recently.
- AMC Supported missionaries around the world

ADMINISTRATION

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.



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.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

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| Worship Celebration | 110 |
| Christian Education | 44 |

Offering

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| Sunday, March 1 | \$2,360 |
| Cruise Night | \$50 |

2020 Weekly Goal \$4,559

Fellowship Meal - March 29

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

Sunday Arthur Home Service

March 22 - Youth (Ashley)

REMINDERS

Nursery

Today: Colby & Jordan H.
Next Sun.: Nancy P. & Olivia G.

Visitor This Week:

Glen Rhodes

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 Today After Worship

Outreach would like to invite everyone to join us for a thirty minute outreach event today after worship. We will gather in the foyer following the service to form the battery brigade. We will go to the doors of our neighbors around the church to introduce ourselves and bless them with new batteries for their smoke alarms on this clock change/battery change Sunday. Join us!



Community Red Cross Blood Drive This Week

A community blood drive will be held this Thursday, March 12, 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!

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

Keeping Up



The front of the church was painted this week and new recessed lighting was installed in all of the foyer areas of the church. Various AMC Commissions and the Trustees are working at doing some new updates around the church this year.

Most likely, there is more to come.

I'm grateful for prayer warriors like you in my corner. My surgery in January was successful and I have seen miraculous healing, Thank you for the cards, flowers, messages and prayers during my recovery, it was much appreciated.

-Kim Kauffman

Just For Fun



My Job History

I wanted to be a barber, but I just couldn't cut it. Next I got a job in a shoe factory, but I just didn't fit in. I tried a workout center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job. My last job was at Starbucks, but I had to quit because it was always the same old grind.

So, then I retired....
And found out I was perfect for the job!

YOUTH GROUP

JRYOUTH

March 15

Bible Study:

Own It: Crowned
Youth House @ 3pm



HS YOUTH

March 11

Bible Study:

Invincible Wrap Up
YH @ 7pm

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.

HS Youth 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. Pray for safety on their trip!

WORSHIP

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!

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 Weeds & The Kingdom"

Message: Glen Rhodes Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Scripture Readings: Psalm 139:1-10; Romans 8:22-27

Worship Leader: Lamar Miller Intercessory Prayer: Jeff Marnier

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 message do you hear in this parable? There could be many!
- ◆ What attitude needs to change within you to see people in the way that Jesus sees them? With hope for change instead of future judgement.
- ◆ Who comes to your mind when you think of working, praying, seeking change in someone's life?
- ◆ **Take It Further:** Do some more reading about this parable this week. Check online commentaries or other sources that might present different ways to think about this parable of Jesus. When we seek, Jesus will speak.

Worship Notes

Snapshot of the Week



Nancy Kuhns played piano while Dee Kuhns and Lamar Miller led singing (in the distance) at a recent Arthur Home worship service. Come out and join us for one of these services sometime.