

April 19, 2020

TRUSTING GOD

WHEN IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE

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

<i>Justice & The Prophets</i>	Fell. Hall
<i>Bible Book Study: Romans</i>	Room 1
<i>Stories of the Bible</i>	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, Worship &
Community Life*

Lamar Miller: *Outreach*

Jeff Marner: *Discipling & Youth*



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

AMC Primary Sunday School Online again this Sunday

The Primary Department Sunday School is having a Zoom meeting with all the children and teachers again this Sunday at 9:30 am. Call or text Rhonda Rhodes if you do not get an invite and would like to be included in this weekly time of connecting, learning, and growing together in Jesus.

Purpose Magazine Will Cease Production

MennoMedia recently announced that due to the effects of COVID-19 and falling sales they will be stopping production of the Purpose magazine after the August issue. They also announced that their bulletin series for churches is going to be discontinued after August as well. They will continue to publish the Adult Bible Study and Shine curriculum. They still plan to release the new "Voices Together" hymnal this fall as originally planned.



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. These videos will also be posted to our website following the livestream. 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 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

Everence Aims To Help

Everence has announced that they are offering financial assistance to help members and customers affected by these challenges our world is currently going through. They are offering an increase in grant money and loan forbearance. If you have questions about this please call Everence or your Everence financial advisor.



Everence

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.

Birthdays This Week

Lynn Marner

Sunday, April 19

Colby Herschberger

Saturday, April 25



No Anniversaries This Week

PRAYER LIST

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

Praying for our Church and Community

- Praise Report! Roger Schrock (Delmar & Kenny’s dad) has now recovered from Covid-19 and has been released.
- Les Helmuth - Healing from surgery on finger last week (accident)
- Esther Yoder fell and broke her other hip. (now in Arthur Home).
- Extended family members of AMCers battling cancer/health
- Janice Thomas’ daughter Jana DeLong (health issues, major surgery)
- Delilah England - Currently has Bell’s Palsy
- Pray for us to learn how to handle this new situation we are in.

Praying for our Nation and World

- Coronavirus outbreak around the world. Pray for a cure and calm.
- African plague of locusts that are destroying crops and farms.
- Those affected by recent tornadoes and economic concerns.
- AMC Supported missionaries around the world

ADMINISTRATION

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.

1. You can mail them to the church mailbox at 710 E. Park St., Arthur, IL 61911
2. You can stop by and put your offering envelope/check in the treasurer's box here at church if you get out to get groceries.
3. You can 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.

New Anabaptist/Mennonite Publication

The Mennonite World Review newspaper and The Mennonite magazine are joining together this fall to start a new publication called "Anabaptist World: Mennonite News, Inspiring Stories." They are currently looking for a new executive director for this publication.



LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship No Onsite Service
Facebook Live at 10:30 am

Offering

Sunday, April 12 \$4,040

See Worship Section for ways to give during this time.

2020 Weekly Goal \$4,559

Budget Goal YTD -25%

Fellowship Meal - May 3

DuWayne & Karen M./Lonnie P.
Lynn M./ Jamison M./
Andy & Nancy P.

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 - Cancelled

OUTREACH

Help & Assistance

We want to be of help and assistance during this difficult time. If you are struggling due to job/income loss, let us know how we might be able to help as a church. Call the church office or let someone know your situation. The local Arthur Ministerial Association also has some aid funds available. Let's look out for each other as well during this challenging moment.

Action Bibles for 3-5 Graders

On the kids first Sunday back at church, we will have some fun related to the content of those Action Bibles. Parents, you are welcome to come pick their Bibles up for them down in the 3-5 grade classroom.



School Backpack Program

During this time of no school the backpack program is being suspended. Other food is being provided to families through the school lunch system and volunteers are not allowed into the school to put together the backpack items. This is a program that sends various food items home with some students for during the weekends. The Arthur Ministerial Association helps to support it.

Keeping Up



- Gloria Yoder has been busy making face masks for nurses, family, and friends during this time.
- Delilah England had to go to the hospital this past week. She did not have to stay overnight, but was diagnosed with Bell's Palsy. Pray for Delilah as she heals and recovers.
- What activities have you been doing during this time of "Stay at Home?" Share those with us via the church email or on the church group Facebook page.

Just For Fun



- Another Saturday night in the house and I just realized, even the trash goes out more than I do.
- Mosquitos are waking up from winter and saying... "where ya'll at?"



MOSES AND NOAH HAVING AN ARGUMENT

YOUTH GROUP

HS YOUTH

April 15

Snapchat Group
Chat Video
Starts at 7pm



JRYOUTH

April 19

Zoom
Bible Study
Starts at 3pm

JrYouth T-Shirts

The t-shirts are in for the youth and sponsors. The shirts have been placed in your box for pick-up at your convenience.

ReGen 2020 Convention

Registration for Evana's 2020 summer convention ReGen is in full swing right now. The forms are in your mailboxes and need to be completed and returned to Jeff's mailbox so that he may fill out the online forms by April 30. For more specific info you may check your email or reach out to Jeff directly.

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

WORSHIP

This Sunday's Online Message

Pastor Glen will be sharing a message on Facebook and Instagram Live this Sunday from Ephesians 2:1-10 titled "... But GOD..." Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ. When the world says one thing, God usually has his own response. Join us this week as we look at those promises together.

Share Your Favorite Worship Songs/Videos

During this time of not being able to meet together and sing together we encourage you to share your favorite YouTube worship songs/videos with the rest of the church family. The best place to share those are on the Facebook Church Group page. If you are not a part of that group let us know and we can make sure you are included. This page is separate from our AMC Church Facebook page and just includes AMC people. Continue to worship the Lord in song!

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Today's Message: "... But GOD ..."

Message: Glen Rhodes Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10
Scripture Readings: Psalm 73:23-26; Acts 2:22-24

Order of Online Service

- Opening Info & Prayer
- Call To Worship
- Scripture Reading
- Message
- Closing Prayer

Tune in on Facebook Live and Instagram Live at 10:30am to join us online for the Easter Message.

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

Sermon Questions

For Thought & Discussion

- ◆ What kind of "But" statements can you think of?
- ◆ How often do you listen to the lies of Satan and the world instead of focusing on God's responses?
- ◆ What in your life right now needs reminded about the "But GOD" promises in scripture?
- ◆ **Take It Further:** Do a word study this week and find all of the "But God" statements in scripture. What do you notice? Is there a pattern? Is there something that God points out to you that is specific for you and/or your situation?

Worship Notes

Snapshot of the Week



The Schrock children & their mom, Erica, blessed many people on Easter as they drove their van around to different homes playing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today."