

April 5, 2020

# PALM SUNDAY



**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 &amp; 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, Community Life, & Worship*

Jeff Marner: *Discipling & Youth*

Lamar Miller: *Outreach*



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 \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCIPLING

## **LMC Cancels Celebration of Church Life**

LMC : A Fellowship of Anabaptist Churches has cancelled the Leadership Assembly and Celebration of Church Life, scheduled for April 3-4, at Petra Church because of the CDC guidelines for COVID-19. The addresses by Glenn Kauffman, the State of LMC by Keith Weaver, and the Youth Address by Keith Nyce will be recorded. The recordings will be posted on Youtube, and links supplied on the LMC Website and Facebook page by April 7. Please continue to pray for God's grace and peace in this time of uncertainty! - L. Keith Weaver, LMC Moderator



## **AMC Primary Sunday School Online this Sunday**

Primary Coordinator Rhonda Rhodes is having a Zoom meeting with all the children and teachers of the primary department this Sunday at 9:30 am. Call or text Rhonda if you do not get an invite.

# 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

## AMC Call Team

A group of AMCs are calling on all those in the church directory during this time of not meeting together. If you need anything at any time feel free to call them or anyone else in the church for assistance.

## 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.

## 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

Liz Diener

Tuesday, April 7

Jory Borntreger

Saturday, April 11



## Anniversary This Week

Joe & Lanora Gingerich

Wednesday, April 8

# PRAYER LIST

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

## Praying for our Church and Community

- 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 AMCs battling cancer/health
- Janice Thomas’ daughter Jana (In Carle hospital with health issues)
- Patsy Lane - Matt Lane’s mother (health)
- Norma Dolan - Nancy Kuhn’s mother recently had a stroke.
- 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.
- US Elections, Nashville (Tornado), Economic concerns.
- AMC Supported missionaries around the world

# ADMINISTRATION

## AMC Interim Transition Plan

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. 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 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 No Onsite Service  
Facebook Live at 10:30 am

### Offering

Sunday, March 29 \$2,465  
*See Worship Section for ways to give during this time.*  
2020 Weekly Goal \$4,559  
Budget Goal YTD -23.9%

### 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

## 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.



**Mennonite  
Central  
Committee**

## Mennonite Disaster Service Closes Projects

MDS Executive Director Kevin King sent out a message this week informing everyone that all current MDS projects in the U.S. and Canada have been closed during this time of COVID-19. All scheduled summer projects and youth ventures were also cancelled. He thanked everyone who helped to make these unexpected changes happen in the past couple of weeks. He said, “While this decision was difficult, it did take a lot of stress and anxiety off of volunteers who were wondering if they should plan to serve this summer or not.” Keep MDS in your prayers as they navigate the rest of this years unknowns like everyone else.

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## Keeping Up



- Cory, Emily, & Austin Kauffman moved recently. Their new address is 405 Crestwood, Arthur, IL 61911. Please make this change in your church directory.
- Ed & Edna Gingerich returned home from Florida this past week with their son Darrel and daughter Cindy flying with them. Edna was released from the hospital in Florida last week and is doing well.

## Just For Fun



- When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.



**New Public Benches with 6' spacing**

# YOUTH GROUP

## **HSYouth Snapchat Group Chat Video**

The HSYouth will be meeting virtually again on Wednesday, April 8 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.

## **Easter Message Next Sunday: "Empty But Yet Filled"**

We are planning a live stream of our Easter service next Sunday with lots of singing, scripture, prayer, and a message titled "Empty But Yet Filled." Easter will be celebrated even if it will be different!

## **Worship/Holy Week 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 this Sunday morning for Palm Sunday.

For Holy Week this next week we will also offer Facebook Live connections as noted below. Join us for all of these!

### **Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm**

Glen will have Last Supper sharing and communion time.

### **Friday 7:00 pm**

Lamar will have a Good Friday sharing and prayer.

### **Saturday 7:00 pm**

Jeff will have an Easter Saturday sharing and prayer.

**Easter Sunday - 10:30 am Live streamed service from AMC.**



# TODAY IN WORSHIP

## Today's Message: "The Greatest Inauguration"

Message: Lamar Miller      Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

Scripture Readings: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 & Zechariah 9:9-13

Worship Leader: Glen Rhodes

## Order of Service

Opening Info & Prayer

Call To Worship

A Palm Sunday Story

Scripture Reading

Intercessory Prayer

Message

Closing Prayer

*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*

- ◆ Have you allowed Jesus to triumphantly enter your life as Lord of all?
- ◆ Are there any hopes, dreams, or challenges that you have not fully given to the Lord and trusted that He will provide what is needed?
- ◆ How often, besides Sunday, do you give praise, worship, and honor to the Messiah, the One who brings new life and sets you free?
- ◆ **Take It Further:** Allow Palm Sunday to begin a transforming Holy Week ahead. Find ways to draw closer to Christ and join us online for the times of worship and reflection this week.

## Worship Notes

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## Snapshots of the Week



Families have been gathering to watch the Sunday services online during this time of cancelled on site services.