

May 3, 2020

FAITH & HOPE

THE CONVICTION OF THINGS NOT SEEN

HEBREWS 11:1

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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MINISTERS

All of Jesus' Followers here at AMC

MINISTRY TEAM

Glen Rhodes (Team Leader)
Administration, Worship & Community Life

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 _____

DISCIPLING

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. Call the church for information.



AMC Primary Sunday School Online again this Sunday at 9:30 am

The Primary Department Sunday School is having a Zoom meeting with all the children and teachers again this Sunday. The meeting this Sunday will be held 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, and learning in Jesus.

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

Mother's Day Salad Supper Cancelled

The AMC Community Life Commission has decided to cancel this years Mother's Day Salad Supper due to the current restrictions on large gatherings. While this is very unfortunate Community Life encourages you to make Mother's Day very special this year even in this situation.

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

Kathleen Burdick	Wednesday, May 6
Chris Mast	Thursday, May 7
Lester Schrock	Saturday, May 9



No Anniversaries This Week

PRAYER LIST

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

Praying for our Church and Community

- Lela Reynolds - Fell and fractured her wrist. Now has a cast to heal.
- Praise! Gloria Yoder has finished all treatments and is cancer free!
- Esther Yoder fell and broke her other hip. (now in Arthur Home).
- Extended family members of AMCs battling cancer/health
- Janice Thomas' daughter Jana DeLong (health issues)
- Delilah England - Currently has Bell's Palsy
- Katherine Nisley - Edna Gingerich's sister in Arizona / pneumonia.
- 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 plaque of locusts that are destroying crops and farms.
- Those affected by recent tornadoes and economic concerns.
- AMC Supported missionaries around the world

ADMINISTRATION

GDCC Continues to Meet

The AMC Gift Discernment Coordinating Committee continues to meet on Zoom these days. They are currently discerning Relief Sale Committee members and Ministry Team members for the days ahead. Please continue to pray for the GDCC members during this time of change and transition.



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.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship No Onsite Service
Facebook Live at 10:30 am

Offering

Sunday, April 26 \$11,290
*See Administration Section above
for ways to give during this time.*
2020 Weekly Goal \$4,559
Budget Goal YTD -13.3%

Fellowship Meal - May 3 Cancelled

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 *(Cancelled for May)*

Pathfinders:

Legacy:

Homebuilders:

Care 'n Share:

Next Tues. Arthur Home Service
All Cancelled at this time

OUTREACH

Community Red Cross Blood Drive

An American Red Cross blood drive (sponsored by the Arthur Ministerial Association and the Arthur Lions Club) will be held in the community on Thursday, May 7, from 1-6 pm at the Arthur United Methodist Church fellowship hall. This drive has been approved by the Douglas County Health Department. The Red Cross is still in need of blood during this time and the following safety precautions will be followed during this drive. Everyone will be required to wear a mask, temperatures will be taken before donors enter the room, no additional guests or children will be able to enter, and the Red Cross is asking all donors to call and/or register this time instead of just walking in. Please do not come if you are not feeling well or have other symptoms. Walk-ins will not be turned away but a limited number of people will be allowed at each time. One car accident victim can use as many as 100 units of blood. Be the lifeline patients need. Give blood and give life. You can make an appointment online at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Thank you for giving blood!



"Salvation is free, but discipleship costs everything we have."

- Billy Graham

Keeping Up



- Thank you to the AMC decorating committee who have been overseeing the painting of the sanctuary while we are not meeting. It will look fresh, brighter, and updated when we return to worship together.
- Support our local restaurants during this difficult time with take out if you can. We will get through this **TOGETHER!**

Just For Fun



Introverts please check in with your extrovert friends.

They have no idea how all of this works.

I was going to quit all of my bad habits this year, but then I remembered that nobody likes a quitter.

I managed to befriend a dolphin. We just clicked.

YOUTH GROUP

HS YOUTH **Upcoming**

Zoom Group Chat
The Good Gospel
May 6 @ 7:00



JRYOUTH **Upcoming**

Zoom Group Chat
Jonah
May 3 @ 3:00

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 at 217-273-5089.

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

WORSHIP

This Sunday's Online Worship

This Sunday we will add live praise and worship music to our online services at 10:30 am on Facebook and Instagram Live. Join us and sing along. Glen will be sharing a message from Acts 12:5-17 titled "Just What I Expected!" When you pray what are your expectations?

Community VBS new date: Thursday, July 23rd

Due to the current situation in our country and community, the Arthur Community VBS committee has decided to postpone 2020 VBS to Thursday, July 23rd. This one day format will include many of the same rotations, as well as a lunch for all attendees and volunteers. More details and online registration to come soon.

"This is uncharted territory for us and VBS in general. We hope to have your prayers, support, and grace as we prepare for a new format. We will continue with our current theme, Knights of the North Castle, to help the children of this community learn more about putting on the full Armor of God." - 2020 VBS Committee



TODAY IN WORSHIP

Today's Message: "Just What I Expected!"

Message: Glen Rhodes Scripture: Acts 12:5-17

Scripture Readings: Hebrews 11:1-3; Mark 11:19-25

Order of Online Service

Songs of Praise and Worship

Opening Words

Call To Worship

Scripture Readings

Intercessory Prayer

Message

Closing Song and Prayer

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

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

Sermon Questions

For Thought & Discussion

- ◆ What is your level of expectation when you lift prayers to God?
- ◆ How much faith and hope are evident in your life? What would your friends say?
- ◆ How are you praying and what are you praying for during this pandemic?
- ◆ **Take It Further:**

What are some other stories in scripture where great expectation or lack of expectations are displayed? Open your Bible this week and try to find some.

Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1

Worship Notes

Snapshot of the Week



Les and Marlene Helmuth were outside getting some fresh air recently at Charleston Lake.