

May 10, 2020

HAVE A VERY HAPPY
Mother's Day

We Love Our Moms!



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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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

Kasie Otto Graduation Celebration

A graduation announcement/invitation arrived at the church this past week for Kasie Otto in Missouri. Their family used to attend AMC before moving to Missouri. Her party is being held on Saturday, May 23 from 5-8 pm at their home (457 SW HWY WW, Trenton, Missouri, 64683). All AMCsers are invited. If you plan to attend please RSVP to Kasie's mother Martha Otto at 216-246-7139.



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

Lonnie Plank

Monday, May 11

Karen Litteral

Wednesday, May 13



No Anniversaries This Week

PRAYER LIST

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

Praying for our Church and Community

- Edna Gingerich's family - Her sister Kathryn Nisley passed away. A very small family only funeral will be held at AMC this week.
- Myra Beachy - Back in the hospital with liver and heart issues.
- Lela Reynolds - Fell and fractured her wrist. Now has a cast to heal.
- Esther Yoder fell and broke her other hip. (now in Arthur Home).
- Extended family members of AMCsers battling cancer/health
- Janice Thomas' daughter Jana DeLong (health issues)
- 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

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.



Thank You for Generous Tithes & Offerings During This Time

The AMC Administration Commission is thankful for all of the generous giving during this time of not being able to meet for church. Here are several ways to give tithes and offerings during this time.

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, May 3	\$5,005
See Administration Section above for ways to give during this time.	
2020 Weekly Goal	\$4,559
Budget Goal YTD	-11.2%

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:

Fellowship Meals - Cancelled

Sunday Arthur Home Service
All Cancelled at this time

Next Tues. Arthur Home Service
All Cancelled at this time

OUTREACH

AMC Aid Checks Being Sent Out

The AMC aid checks will be going out this week to those who need help and aid during this time. Thank you to all those who answered back and even donated more to this cause. Please continue to pray for those who are out of work or have lost income during this global pandemic.

Mennonite Disaster Service Directors Letter

As I read the scriptures this week in my devotions I pause every time I read about the crowds. All of the gospel writers describe crowds of people thronging to see Jesus as he enters Jerusalem. What an irony while we are “social distancing”, a phrase earlier this year was unknown to us. But it is true we are social creatures and God made us to be together. Yet the need to keep distance from each other has reminded us powerfully of how vitally interconnected we are. Pastor David Lose, who I often quote, says “For this reason, we keep apart for a time that we may gather again sooner. And it’s why I believe it’s not enough to affirm that “we will get through this,” but also and always add, “and we will get through it *together*.”

Amen. Kevin King, MDS Executive Director

Keeping Up



Just For Fun



- Various AMC kids and youth have been participating in an ice bucket water challenge that is going around Facebook during this quarantine time. They have a bucket of ice water poured over them. Brrrr cold!!!
- Our sympathy goes out to Jory and Natalie Borntreger who lost their dog Maya this week due to cancer. It is difficult to lose a beloved pet.



YOUTH GROUP

HS Youth Upcoming

Zoom Group Chat
The Good Gospel
May 13 @ 7:00



JR YOUTH Upcoming

Zoom Group Chat
Jonah
May 17 @ 3:00

ReGen 2020 Convention Cancelled

Unfortunately ReGen 2020 has become Regen 2021. This past weekend Evana's convention organizers made the decision to postpone ReGen until July 1-5 of next year.

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

WORSHIP

This Sunday's Online Worship: Mother's Day

This Sunday we will have live praise and worship music in our online service at 10:30 am on Facebook and Instagram Live. Join us and sing along. Three AMC women are sharing about "A Godly Influence" this Sunday as we celebrate women, mothers, and families.

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.



"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: "A Godly Influence"

Sharing: Sandy Miller, Nadine Miller, and Kendra Hughes

Scripture Readings: Various Scripture Texts

Order of Online Service

Worship Notes

Songs of Praise and Worship

Opening Words

Call To Worship

Children's Time

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.*

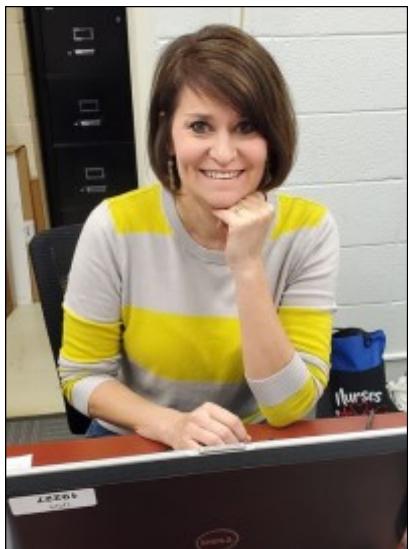
Sermon Questions

For Thought & Discussion

- ◆ Who has been an important Godly influence in your life?
- ◆ How can you be a better Godly influence in your family, workplace, or community?
- ◆ What negative influences are we battling against in todays culture/world?
- ◆ **Take It Further:** Pay attention to opportunities for influence this week. If we are looking for these opportunities we will better prepared for them.



Snapshot of the Week



This past Wednesday was School Nurse Day. Jacque Lane is the school nurse at Central A & M