

June 7, 2020

HE GIVES
WISDOM
TO THE
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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

Marriage Night: Coming to AMC In September

AMC and the AMC Marriage Life Group are sponsoring a Marriage Night simulcast being put on by Right Now Media on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at our church. The evening will begin with a dinner at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall followed by the live simulcast with Les & Leslie Parrot, Matt & Lauren Chandler, Conway & Jada Edwards, and comedian Michael Jr. This will be a fun-filled evening of laughter, learning, and growing your marriage. Registration is \$15 per person (\$30 couple) and includes the meal. You can sign up now and get more information about this event at marriagenight.org. Sign up, come, & invite your friends to join us!



AMC Primary Sunday School Is Online this Sunday

Children and Parents join us on Zoom at 9:30 am this Sunday.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Church Activities 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. However, as mentioned in the recent letter and in the bulletin we are planning to start meeting again for worship on Sunday, June 14. Christian Ed., fellowship meals, and other things will be added in the future. Stay tuned!



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.

COMMUNITY LIFE

MLK Prayer from 1953

In light of the current racial tensions in our country, this prayer prayed by Martin Luther King Jr. in 1953 is meaningful for us....
"Our loving Father, from Thy hand have come all the days of the past, to Thee we look for whatever good the future holds. We are not satisfied with the world as we have found it...We are looking for a new Earth in which dwells righteousness. It is our prayer that we may be children of light, the kind of people for whose coming and ministry the world is waiting. As we wait for a new Earth, may we strive to make the one we live in now better. "

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." - MLK

Birthday This Week

Matt Lane Tuesday, June 9

Anniversaries This Week

Glen & Rhonda Rhodes Monday, June 8

Virgil & Sondra Gingerich Friday, June 12



PRAYER LIST

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

Praying for our Church and Community

- Marla Kauffman - Broke her ankle. Pray for healing.
- Myra Beachy - Was in hospital but back home now. Health concerns.
- Sammie Armstrong family - Lynn Marner's mother passed away.
- Jana DeLong - Janice Thomas' daughter has health issues.
- Esther Yoder fell and broke her other hip. (now in Arthur Home).
- Extended family members of AMCers battling cancer/health

Praying for our Nation and World

- Coronavirus outbreak around the world. Pray for a cure and calm.
- Pray for our country as decisions are made about opening up again.
- Lift up the ongoing racial/justice issues and tensions in our country.
- Those affected by recent natural disasters and economic concerns.
- AMC Supported missionaries around the world

ADMINISTRATION

LMC Prayer Request

The Bishop Discernment Team for Great Lakes West district of LMC has been working diligently on the preliminary work related to our need for a new bishop to replace Jim Sutton, our current bishop. Please pray with us that God will call and bring forth the person of His choosing in His perfect time. Also, as you pray, should the Holy Spirit bring a person to mind whom you sense would be a good candidate, please pass their name along to your pastors who will in turn pass it along to one of the Discernment team members.

Thank you, LMC Great Lakes West Bishop Discernment Team



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. 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 31 \$1,180

See Administration Section above
for ways to give during this time.

2020 Weekly Goal \$4,559

Budget Goal YTD -8.2%

Fellowship Meals - Cancelled

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 June)

Pathfinders: Vernon & Irlene C.

Legacy: Matt & Jacque L.

Homebuilders: Debby K & Vera Y.

Care 'n Share: May – July

Ervin & Bernadine Y., Carol Y.,

John & Alta Y., Delilah E.

Next Tues. Arthur Home Service

All Cancelled at this time

OUTREACH

Meals on Wheels Ministry Continues

The Meals on Wheels ministry has continued to provide lunch for people in our community through this time of Covid-19. In fact, the meals have increased during this time. Junior & Judy Beachy, Vera Yoder, Carol Yoder, and Glen Rhodes are the AMCer's who currently help with these deliveries. If you are interested in helping call the church office to get more information.

MCC Projects in Syria: A Future Without Fear

After nine years of war, feelings of fear, anxiety, and anger still remain for many children in Syria. Child-Friendly Spaces, a program supported by Mennonite Central Committee, allows children the opportunity to build trust as they play in a safe space supported by trauma-informed teachers. The program gives children a platform to express their emotions and process the trauma they've experienced through drama, art and music. **Read more about how MCC projects in Syria are helping children raised in war move toward recovery on the mcc.org website.**



Keeping Up



- Meredith Schrock and Shelby Fredrick are going to be helping Ashley Litwiller with things at Camp Menno Haven this Summer.

Thanks for the flowers, cards, visits, food and prayers during my mothers illness and death. Our church family means so much and we love every one of you.

Please continue to pray for us as we adjust - mother left a huge void in our hearts.

In Christ, Lynn, Andy, and the family of Sammie Armstrong

Just For Fun



I would give up chocolate, but I'm not a quitter!

I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.



Have we tried unplugging 2020, waiting 30 seconds, and plugging it back in?

YOUTH GROUP

HS YOUTH **Upcoming**

Bible Study
Youth House
June 10 @ 7:00



JRYOUTH **Upcoming**

Jonah
Youth House
June 14 @ 3:00

Jr. and Sr. High meetings are going live!

The next meetings for both groups will be in-person at the youth house. We will focus more of our activities toward the outside, come with bag chairs in hand. While drinks will be available, youth are encouraged to bring their own snacks for the time being.

WORSHIP

Sunday Worship Services To Start Again Next Sunday

The Worship service will be online only this week for the final time. Join us at 10:25 for singing and Glen will be sharing a message from 1 Kings 3 titled "Lord, Give Us Your Wisdom."

For the past several weeks the AMC Ministry Team, Administration Commission, and Worship Commission have been praying about, discussing, and trying to discern when and how we might be able to meet together again for Sunday worship. While the situation in our country and state concerning the COVID-19 virus continues to change on a weekly basis, we realize the importance of being together for worship, receiving encouragement from God's Word as well as each other, and being the body of Christ together. We also realize the importance of continuing to look out for the safety and concern of each individual and family. With all of these things considered, the current plan is to start meeting again for worship next Sunday, June 14th, although streaming online will also continue. We will begin with only the worship service for now and add Christian Ed. and other things as time goes on. A letter from these groups was sent out last week with further guidelines and protocols that we will be following during this time. We are looking forward to being together again and worshipping the Lord in Spirit and Truth. Be safe, look out for each other, and let's move FORWARD TOGETHER!

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Today's Message: "Lord, Give Us Your Wisdom"

1 Kings 3:5-15 Message: Glen Rhodes

Scripture Readings: Proverbs 4:5-10; Romans 8:26-30

Order of Online Service

- Songs of Praise and Worship
- Opening Words
- Call To Worship
- Children's Time
- Scripture Readings
- Intercessory Prayer
- Message
- Prayer & Closing Song

Tune in on Facebook Live and Instagram Live at 10:25 am on Sunday to join us online for the Service and Message. If you would like prayer, contact a ministry team member or contact the church.

Sermon Questions

For Thought & Discussion

- If the Lord told you that you could ask for anything, what would you ask for?
 - What has the Lord seen you through that might be helpful to someone else going through that similar situation?
 - Would you truly choose Godly Wisdom over worldly gain like Solomon did if given that choice?
- ◆ **Take it Further:** Study the life of Solomon in your devotional time this week. He made some good choices, but did not always follow them through.

Worship Notes

Snapshots of the Week



NOW

THEN

Now and Then pictures of Kat Burdick and her sister, Jen.