

Greater Things

ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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WHO AM I

from Lamar Miller, Minister of Outreach

Have you asked yourself lately who or what is mankind? Maybe we should begin with "Who am I?" and see what we can come up with. David asked the same question in Psalm 8, verses 3 and 4. *When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?*

Often when people are asked who they are, they reference it to their work or family status. We might even include where we are from or what denomination we are affiliated with. What happens to identity if we change jobs or lose it? What about when we retire? Does who we are change when we change the different areas of our lives such as work, church, where we live or our social status? The friends we have, where we live, and even our lifestyle may change, but it doesn't change who we are.

We are all individual human beings that are a part of mankind that God has created. We are God's workmanship created in Jesus Christ to be like Him. Verse 5 in Psalm 8 goes on to say that we were *made a little lower than the angels and are crowned with glory and honor*. We currently

sing a song about this in church which repeats the line "I am a child of God, Yes I am." I wonder sometimes if we fully grasp that. Now there are times for all of us when we don't act like children of God or reflect the image of Jesus, but that doesn't change who we are. We are still God's creation but reminded that we are sinners saved by grace.

I hope as we think about the fact that we are God's creation we remember that all of mankind is created in His image. That includes our church family, our neighbors, our leaders, and all other tribes and nations around the world. The wonderful thing about this passage is that it says God is mindful and cares for all of mankind. Not just you and me, but every single person on this earth. This passage does not say that he is mindful of you if you are a certain color, nationality, denomination. It doesn't matter where you work or if you are rich or poor, young or old. We are God's creation in Jesus Christ and that is why he is mindful and cares about us.

My prayer especially during these recent times is that we are mindful and care about each other and see each other as the work of God's hands.

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How old are you? **10 years old**

What school do you attend? **Arthur Grade School**

What is your favorite subject in school? **Math**

What would you say is your favorite meal?

Pizza with banana peppers on it

What hobbies do you enjoy?

Soccer, reading, running, and biking

What do you regard as your most treasured possession?

My soccer ball

Do you have a favorite book or author?

My favorite book is one I read about Maya Lin.

She designed the Vietnam Memorial

What is the happiest memory of your life?

Getting our first cat, Runner

If you could have dinner with anyone (dead or alive), which 3 people would you choose?

Christiano Ronaldo, Neymar Jr, & Grandpa Andy

Do you have a favorite historical figure? Why?

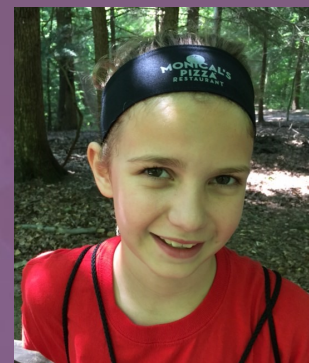
Pele, the famous soccer player, because I like soccer. He played soccer even though he didn't have the resources, but he kept on trying.

What is your favorite song or hymn that we sing at church?

10,000 Reasons

What are some interesting facts about you?

I'm fast and I like playing soccer



AMC Personal Profile: Jillian Marner

SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2020 MARRIAGE NIGHT VIDEO TEACHING

Join us at the church for dinner at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall followed by the video teaching with Les & Leslie Parrot, Matt & Lauren Chandler, Conway & Jada Edwards, and comedian Michael Jr.

Invite your friends to join us, too!

This evening will be filled with laughter, learning, and growing your marriage. Registration is \$15 per person (\$30 per couple) which includes the meal

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First Fruit Giving

Giving God Our Best

Stewardship

5/31/2020	\$1,180
6/7/2020	\$1,985
6/14/2020	\$11,349
6/21/2020	\$5,614

If you would like to give tithes & offerings during this time, please place it in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary, or mail your envelope/check to the church address:

710 E. Park, Arthur, IL, 61911.

Please include your envelope so numbers can be recorded.

JULY 5TH: WORSHIP IN THE PARK - *Special Speakers*

FULLY KNOWN

JESUS

A Message Series from the Gospel of John

JULY 12TH: **THE GREAT I AM** John 4:4-26
John 6:30-35; John 8:12-18

JULY 19TH: **THE GRACE GIVER** John 8:1-11
Romans 2:1-4; Titus 2:11-15

JULY 26TH: **THE GOOD SHEPHERD** John 10:1-10
Psalm 23; Luke 15:1-7