

August 9, 2020

Bless
the Lord



- all that is within me -

PSALM 103:1

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 10:25 a.m.

CHRISTIAN EDU 9:30 A.M.

ADULTS

Variety of Materials Fell. Hall

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

Jeff Marner: *Discipling & Youth*

Lamar Miller: *Outreach*

Nancy Kuhns: *Community Life*



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

Explore Life Group to Restart

The Explore Life Group will be starting to meet again on Thursday, August 27 at 7:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. This group would be open to new members. If you are interested talk to Glen Rhodes. For the restart this group will be telling life stories and beginning a Bible Study on 1st Peter from Right Now Media.



"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you...." 1 Peter 1:3-4

Christian Ed. / Fellowship Groups / Life Groups

Christian Education classes for all ages started meeting again recently. All adult classes will be joining together and meeting in the fellowship hall during this time. All other classes will meet as normal but there will not be coffee at this time. AMC Fellowship Groups and Life Groups can begin meeting when they feel comfortable to do so. In all cases, please be safe and follow recommended guidelines for safety.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am	Christian Education classes for all ages
	10:25 am	Prelude Singing
	10:30 am	Worship (On-site and Facebook Live)
Monday	6:00 pm	AMC Outside Work Night
Wednesday	8:15 am	Breakfast Club at Yoder's Kitchen
Thursday	6:30 pm	Worship Commission meeting
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Christian Education classes for all ages
	10:25 am	Prelude Singing
	10:30 am	Worship (On-site and Facebook Live)

COMMUNITY LIFE

Caring For Others In The Context Of The Church

Crosswalk.com shares 9 ways that you can care for others in the context of the church. Here is the list and a short description of each.

1. Pray for Them - This is the most important aspect of our care.
2. Understand them - Try to put yourself in their shoes.
3. Write to them - This is easy and means a lot to people.
4. Call them - Takes very little time and is welcomed by most.
5. Eat with them - One of the most intimate things we do together.
6. Listen to them - Incredibly important when connecting.
7. Help them - If you know of a need, volunteer to help.
8. Invite them - Even if you think they will not come.
9. Plan to care - caring takes planning and effort. Carry it out.

Birthdays This Week

Irene Freeman, Jenni Marnier, Michelle Schrock Tuesday, August 11
Alexus Dodge Saturday, August 15

Anniversaries This Week

Floyd & Anna Mary Borntreger Monday, August 10
Kyle & Jackie Crabtree Monday, August 10
Lamar & Karen Miller Tuesday, August 11
Larry & Dory Kauffman Friday, August 14



PRAYER LIST

Praying for our Church and Community

- Floyd Wood - Sister, Marjorie Miller, passed away this week
- Sherrill Shunk - Fell and is now in rehab at Mattoon Medical Center
- Nadine Miller - Healing from double bypass heart surgery at home
- Sarah Storm - Broke Femur in right leg. At Arthur Home for rehab
- Pray for those who have recently given birth or will be in the future
- Extended family members of AMCers battling cancer/health
- Jana DeLong - Janice Thomas' daughter's ongoing health issues

Praying for our Nation and World

- Coronavirus outbreak around the world. Pray for a cure and calm.
- Lift up the ongoing racial/justice issues and tensions in our country.
- Pray for the leaders of our country and other world leaders as well.
- Pray for Beirut, Lebanon and those affected by the deadly explosion.

ADMINISTRATION

AMC Outdoor Work Night

The AMC Trustees have planned an all church outside work night for tomorrow night, August 10th beginning at 6:00 pm. Bring your rakes, trimmers, leaf blowers, trailers, and anything else that might help us trim and clean up the church grounds.



August 30 Fifth Sunday Offering to Relief Sale

The Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale was cancelled this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to this cancellation of the local Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale, the Committee is trying to raise as much as possible to send to Mennonite Central Committee this year. MCC is struggling with lower donations this year due to Thrift Shop's being closed and Relief Sales being cancelled. Therefore, on Sunday, August 30 we plan to have an MCC /Outreach focus during our AMC worship service with all tithes and offerings that day going to the local Arthur MCC Relief Sale to be passed on. If you were going to spend or give money at this year's sale, this is an opportunity to still do that and support the work of MCC in this community and around the world.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: Sunday, August 2nd

Worship: 68
Christian Ed. 19

Offering

Sunday, August 2	\$4,580
2020 Weekly Goal	\$4,559
Budget Goal YTD	- 4.7%

**No Fellowship Meals
at this time**

Sunday Arthur Home Service
All Cancelled at this time

REMINDERS

Nursery

Open for parents to use, but no nursery attendants will be watching children at this time.

Visitor This Week:

No visitors during this time

Fellowship Groups (Organizers for August)

Pathfinders: Lynn & Marla K.

Legacy: Matt & Jacque L.

Homebuilders: Gary & Dorothy K.

Care 'n Share: Aug. - Oct.

Jr. & Judy B., Jake & Maranna C.,
Ed & Edna G.

Next Tues. Arthur Home Service
All Cancelled at this time

OUTREACH

MCC School Kits

It's that time of year again. Back to school shopping is about to start. That means its time to fill up the tub in the foyer with MCC school kit supplies again. Please place these items in the tub and the AMC children will put them together this fall to be sent to children around the world through Mennonite Central Committee.

New Items only please....

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch marking optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens

AMC Helping With Community Meals

Our church still has several people who volunteer and help with the community meals at the Arthur United Methodist Church each Wednesday. Our church is also providing desserts for the meal once a month. If you can help to provide desserts for this or if you would like to volunteer your time and help on Wednesdays, talk to Vera Yoder or Sandy Snyder for more information.



Keeping Up



- **Thank you so much for the greeting cards, gift cards, meals, prayers, and plant, as well as your continued support. Lamar and I really appreciate you thinking of us and helping out in this time of need. I am so thankful for our church family! It was a shock and is a long healing process, but God is teaching me patience and to be grateful for each day I have.**

~ Nadine Miller

- **Jackie Carter officially graduated this week from Lake Land College as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Congratulations!**

Just For Fun



The proper response to "Good Morning" is not "Prove it!"

The number of red lights you encounter on your way to your destination will always correspond to how late you started out.



YOUTH GROUP

HS YOUTH **Upcoming**

Aug 12
No Meeting



JRYOUTH **Upcoming**

August 19
3-5pm
@ Youth House

Youth Sponsors

We are currently seeking individuals who would be interested in becoming youth sponsors. This opportunity can be accommodating to most schedules. If you are interested, please talk to Jeff Marner.

Host our Youth

For this coming school year, both Jr and Sr high students would like to visit your home. Hosting the youth is a great opportunity for you to gain a connection with younger members of our church. **Contact Jeff Marner** and together we can figure out a hosting experience that everyone will enjoy!

WORSHIP

Sunday Worship Services

The Worship service will be on-site and online again this Sunday. We are excited to be able to see each other and worship together again in the weeks ahead. For those not ready to return to a larger group we will continue to broadcast the service on Facebook Live only for the time being. The worship services may be a little

different during this time but we are so glad to be together again and worshipping the Lord in Spirit & Truth. FORWARD TOGETHER!



OR



Children's Time and Specials

The Worship Commission is going to try alternating Sunday's for children's time and specials during the month of August. The Commission is trying some new things with the order of worship during this season we are in and we would love to hear your feedback. Share that feedback with Glen Rhodes, Nadine Miller, Andy Marner, or Rhonda Rhodes. May our worship be a time of giving glory to our God.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Today's Message: "The Favorite Son" Genesis 37:1-28

Message by Jeff Marner

Worship Service

Join us on-site for church this Sunday
or tune in on Facebook Live at 10:25am

Songs of Praise and Worship

God So Loved

Lord, I Need You

10,000 Reasons

Glorify Thy Name (Br 29)

*Gathering Song: *Sweet By & By (Br 553)*

Opening Words, Announcements, Prayer

Call To Worship

Children's Time

Tithes & Offerings Prayer

Scripture Readings

Romans 10:5-15; Psalm 85:8-13

*Intercessory Prayer

Message: "The Favorite Son"

Prayer of Response & Sending

If you would like prayer, talk to a ministry team member or call the church at 543-2781

Sermon Questions

For Thought & Discussion

- What's the most challenging adventure you've undertaken?
- How do you handle uncertainty?

Going Deeper: Have you ever had a difficult time that you thought would never end? What was it like on the other side?

Worship Notes

Snapshot of the Week



These two AMC twins (Gloria Yoder & Ann Mary Borntrager) happened to run into each other recently at JCPenney in Mattoon.