

November 29, 2020

CELEBRATING

*Advent*



THE COMING OF THE  
MESSIAH



**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* Fellowship 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCIPLING

## Worship Gatherings

We hope to continue to have in person Christian Ed. classes and Worship gatherings at AMC in the weeks ahead. But we would also like to remind everyone to be safe, smart, and comfortable during this time of rising Covid cases in our area.



OR



**Safe:** Use social distance, masks, and other precautions to help.

**Smart:** If you are not feeling well or have recently been around someone who is not feeling well, please stay home & join us online.

**Comfortable:** If you are not comfortable attending right now because of the virus, we understand, and we hope that you will join us on Facebook Live each Sunday for worship.

**Seating during Worship:** To help with our distancing during worship we have put tape on the pews to guide our seating. Please sit in places that are not taped off. This may mean you need to change your location a bit during this time but we hope everyone will help with this and be understanding.

Don't forget to use these helpful apps to stay connected!



# CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am	Christian Education Classes for all ages
	10:30 am	Worship (On-site and Facebook Live) Christ The King Sunday/Communion <i>*Singing begins at 10:25am</i>
	3:00 pm	JH Youth at Youth House
Wednesday	7:00 pm	H.S. Youth at the Youth House
Thursday	11:00 am	Ministry Team meeting
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Congregational Meeting (Primary SS)
	10:30 am	Worship (On-site and Facebook Live) Second Sunday of Advent: On The Road... <i>*Singing begins at 10:25am</i>

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to start signing up for Christmas poinsettias to decorate our church during worship. If you would like to purchase one of these you can sign up in the foyer and put \$12 per plant in the Administrative Assistant's mailbox. Please mark who the money is from. If you would like to dedicate your poinsettia in memory of a loved on you can also write that on the sign up sheet.



## Birthdays This Week

DuWayne Miller	Sunday, Nov. 29
Henry Herschberger	Tuesday, Dec. 1
Jake Chupp	Wednesday, Dec. 2
Sandy Snyder	Thursday, Dec. 3
Austin Kauffman	Saturday, Dec. 5
Kendall Schrock	Saturday, Dec. 5



## Anniversaries This Week

Delmar & Linda Schrock	Sunday, Nov. 29
Ray & Sherrill Shunk	Tuesday, Dec. 1

# PRAYER LIST

## Praying for our Church and Community

- Sam Petersheim - Had pacemaker & 2 stents put in. Healing.
- Bertha Yoder's daughter Janet in Indy - Healing from a recent stroke.
- Henry Herschberger & Family- Wife, Mary, passed away recently.
- Sherrill Shunk and Ray - Sherrill's health is failing.
- Watson Grimsley & Family - Justin & Tiffany's newborn is doing well.
- AMC Gift Discernment Coordinating Committee - 2021 callings.
- Jim Sutton's family - Brother of our LMC District Bishop passed away.

## Praying for our Nation and World

- School children, teachers, and staff during difficult school year.
- Coronavirus in our community, country, and world.
- Election results and future leaders (Local, state, and country)
- Missionaries and persecuted Christians around the world.
- Supported AMC Missionaries: Wigginton Family and Ortiz Family

# ADMINISTRATION

## November Fifth Sunday Offering Today

November has five Sundays and the AMC Administration Commission is designating the offering for today, November 29 to all go to the AMC Camp Fund to send children and youth to Camp Menno Haven. This fund is used for winter retreats as well as assistance to help families cover the expense of sending their kids to summer camps at Menno Haven.

## GDCC Letter and Response Forms Due Today

The AMC Gift Discernment Coordinating Committee has put a letter in your boxes with the proposed Commission callings for 2021 and other explanations. Please read the letter carefully and then prayerfully respond by today, Sunday, November 29. Place response forms in box in the foyer.



## Congregational Meeting Next Sunday

The December AMC Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday during the normal CE time at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. During this meeting we will hear from the AMC Commissions, approve the budget for 2021, affirm the GDCC callings for 2021, and hear a report from the MTCRC about the recent congregational/Ministry Team evaluation. Please try to attend if you can.

### LAST SUNDAY

#### Attendance: Sunday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Worship:	87
Christian Ed.	38

#### Offering

Sunday, November 1	\$7,013
2020 Weekly Goal	\$4,559
Budget Goal YTD	%1.3

#### Cong. Meeting Dec. 6, 9:30 am

**The AMC Christmas Program is planned for Dec. 13. Children are practicing during Primary Sunday School each week.**

### REMINDERS

#### Nursery: Starting up again

Today: Emily K. & Alexis H.  
Next Sunday: Kendra & Zeb H.

#### Fellowship Groups

#### (Organizers for December)

**Pathfinders:** Open

**Legacy:** Bob P.

**Homebuilders:** DuWayne Karen M.

**Care 'n Share: Nov. - Jan.**

Levi & Gloria Y., Sarah S.,  
Floyd & Anna Mary B.

**No Fellowship Meals at this time**

# OUTREACH

## Support for Central America

Not one hurricane, but two hurricanes within two weeks have caused extensive flooding in Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua. Hurricanes Eta and Iota have destroyed crops and forced people from their homes. Mennonite Central Committee is working with churches and community organizations to provide emergency food, hygiene supplies and cleanup support. Join us as we help these communities recover. You can donate online at ... [mcc.org/eta-iota-relief](http://mcc.org/eta-iota-relief), by phone at (888)563-4676, or by mail at MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.



## MCC Looking for SWAP Coordinators

Mennonite Central Committee is looking for Job Site Coordinators and Meal Coordinators for their 2021 Summer staff in Harlan, Kentucky and Kimball, West Virginia. This ministry "Sharing With Appalachian People" continues to bless people in these areas with home construction and home repairs. If you would like more information on these positions visit the MCC website ([mcc.org](http://mcc.org)) or call the church office.

## Keeping Up



- Many AMCer's could not wait to get their Christmas décor up this year. Some of them got them up before Thanksgiving. Here is a sample of some their sharing's on Facebook recently.



## Just For Fun



A letter carriers career is a mail-dominated profession.



# YOUTH GROUP

## **HS YOUTH** **Upcoming**

Wednesday, Dec 2  
7-8:30  
@Youth House



## **JRYOUTH** **Upcoming**

Sunday, Nov. 29  
3-5pm  
@Youth House

## **Youth House Decorating**

The youth will decorate the youth house Dec 2. Anyone wishing to support our growing number of Christmas decorations may drop them off at the door of the office in room 4 before that evening.

# WORSHIP

## **Advent Begins Today**

The Advent season begins this Sunday as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. Our theme this year is "On The Road..." We will embark together on a journey to bring us closer to the heart of Jesus. We will be heading down different roads of awareness each week as we make our journey to Christmas and the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today: On The Road To Readiness (Mark 13:24-37)

Dec. 6: On The Road To Repentance & Restoration (Mark 1, John 1)

Dec. 13: AMC Christmas Program "The 5G's Of Christmas"

Dec. 20: On The Road To Revelation & Rejoicing (Psalm 148, Luke 1)

Dec. 27: On The Road To Radiance (Isaiah 61:10-62:3)

## **Christmas Program moved to Morning Worship**

The AMC Worship Commission has decided to move the AMC Christmas program this year to the morning worship service on Sunday, December 13. This will also be shown on Facebook Live so that extended family members can watch. We would like to encourage families to ask those extended family members to watch it online so that our gathering does not become too large for our sanctuary space considerations. The program this year is titled "The 5G's of Christmas" and will replace the normal message time that morning.



# TODAY IN WORSHIP

Advent Theme: On The Road... to Readiness

Today's Message: "Active Preparation"

Mark 13:24-37      Message by Nancy Kuhns

## 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*

*That Where I Am*

*Jesus, Strong & Kind*

*Jesus Paid It All*

\*Gathering Song:

*We Worship & Adore You (Br19)*

Opening Words/Announcements

Prayer

Words of Worship: Psalm 100

Children's Time

Tithes & Offering Prayer

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19

\*Intercessory Prayer

Message: "Active Preparation"

Prayer of Response & Sending

\*Sending Song:

*Living For Jesus (Br372, v. 1,3)*

## Worship Notes

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## Snapshot of the Week



*This is a picture of Bill & Donna Moreland's wedding in 1952 at Perryton Mennonite Church in Perryton, Texas.*

## Sermon Questions

*For Thought & Discussion*

- Are you looking forward to Jesus' return with fear or anticipation?
- Do you have areas of your life that need attention as you prepare for Jesus' return?

### Take it Further

This week, find ways to spend more time with God through prayer and reading your bible