



Greater *things*

On The Road...

By Glen Rhodes, Minister of Administration & Worship

The theme for this year's Advent season makes me think back to the old country song by Willie Nelson. How do the words go? "On the road again, I just can't wait to get on the road again..." Our advent theme does convey a sense of movement and traveling from one point to another though.

The magi that came from the East to see the baby Jesus set out on a road and headed towards the star. The imagery sets the tone for our Advent season as we will move closer and closer to Jesus as each Sunday of Advent passes. Each week we will set out on a new leg of this journey toward Christ. At the end of December our hope is that we will be closer to the heart of Jesus than when we began.

Here is the roadmap for our journey ahead. On the first Sunday of Advent, we will be on the road to readiness; staying alert for Jesus' second coming (Mark 13:24-37). On the second leg of our journey, we will be on the road to repentance, confessing our sins as John the Baptist taught (Mark 1:1-8). On the third leg of our journey, we will be headed down the road to restoration and recognize that God will

ultimately overturn the injustices of our world (John 1:6-8, 19-28). Then comes Christmas Sunday, when we will be filled with joy as we find ourselves on the road to rejoicing, inspired by the Psalmist to praise God for the birth of Jesus Christ (Psalm 148). As the road winds down at the end of the month, the road to radiance will encourage us to bask in the glow of our God who shines for all people of all nations (Isaiah 61:10-62:3). At the end of our journey we will realize once again that Jesus is the culmination of all the ancient promises of scripture.

Let's head out and move "Forward Together" on this journey through the wonderful Advent and Christmas season. I hope to see you on the road...

Advent Season - "On The Road..."

November 29:	READINESS	Mark 13:24-37
December 6:	REPENTANCE	Mark 1:1-8
December 13:	CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: "The 5G's of Christmas"	
December 20:	REJOICING	Psalm 148
December 27:	RADIANCE	Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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JH Youth Winter Retreat

Cruise Night to Australia



Ashley Litwiller followed God's calling to serve as Program Director at Menno Haven. We wish her the best & appreciate all she has done for AMC through the years!

Pool Party



Primary Dept. Moving Up Party

Youth Lock In and Mission Stay



Fall Festival

Homebuilders Blessing Box Deliveries



First Fruit Giving - Giving God Our Best

Stewardship

10/25/20	\$1,435
11/01/20	\$8,720
11/08/20	\$2,930
11/15/20	\$2,105
11/22/20	\$7,013

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.

AMC Personal Profile: Nadine Miller



What is your favorite verse of the Bible? **Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.**

Is there a time when you felt God's presence stronger than any other time? **When my dad was going through leukemia and my recent heart issues and bypass surgery. I have felt God's presence and peace more than once through all the physical pain and mental anguish on those long lonely days.**

What is your job and what does it consist of? **I am the manager of the Arthur MCC Thrift Shop where I oversee and run daily operations.**

What is something that AMC may be surprised to know about you? **My sister and I sang on the Christian TV station in Decatur several times, including one time live. I also love tractor pulls.**

What is your favorite meal? **Steak, baked potatoes, salad, and some kind of chocolate pie or mousse dessert.**

What are some of your favorite songs we sing at church? **Hymns - It Is Well and Fill My Cup, Lord. Songs on the radio - Alive and Breathing, There Was Jesus, and Faithful God are really touching my heart right now. Music always soothes my soul and lifts my spirits!**

If you could host a dinner party with three people, alive or dead, who would you choose? **My dad, brother, and my brother-in-law, Ben. I wish I could have one more day or even one more conversation with each of them.**

What is your best piece of advice? **Don't get caught up in "stuff" of life, whether it's material items or being a workaholic. Invest and take time for people and family. They are the ones who will be there when you need someone. Enjoy the moments of life!**