

January 3, 2020

• NEW YEAR •  
**PURPOSE**

*GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE*

**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

[arthurmennonite.org](http://arthurmennonite.org)

[arthurmennonite@gmail.com](mailto:arthurmennonite@gmail.com)



## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Erica Schrock

## 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 as 2021 begins. However, we would also like to remind everyone to be safe, smart, and comfortable during this time of ongoing Covid cases in our area.



**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 10:30 am	Christian Education Classes for all ages Worship (On-site and Facebook Live) <i>Singing begins at 10:25 am</i>
Wednesday	7:00 pm	HS Youth at Youth House
Thursday	1-6 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive at Methodist
Next Sunday	9:30 am 10:30 am 3-5pm	Christian Education Classes for all ages Worship (On-site and Facebook Live) <i>Singing begins at 10:25 am</i> JH Youth at Youth House

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## Church Directory Updates: Last Chance!

In 2021 we are going back to our printed church directories without pictures. It has been several years since we last printed one of these so there may be quite a few updates that need to happen. We have tried to cover some of those and update it as much as possible but we need your help. Please stop by the table in the foyer to correct or add to your information, or mark "OK" if it is all up to date. If we don't see an "OK" next to your info, we will be sending you an email soon to verify your information. Thank you!

## AMC Fellowship Groups

2020 was a tough year for fellowship and meeting as groups. The AMC Fellowship Groups are making new lists of organizers for 2021. Each group can decide on their own if and how they want to meet in the months ahead. Please take all people into consideration when making those decisions and be as safe as possible. Please let the church office know your plans so we can include them in the bulletin.

## Birthdays This Week

Kathy Yoder	Tuesday, January 5
Esther Yoder	Thursday, January 7



## No Anniversaries This Week

# PRAYER LIST

## Praying for our Church and Community

- Bernadine Yoder and family - Ervin passed away recently.
- Junior Beachey - Health and healing after recent visit to hospital.
- Peter Kauffman - Healing knee replacement surgery.
- Alexis Dodge - Broke her arm and now is wearing a cast. Healing.
- Ed Kauffman - Phyllis' husband is back home and still healing.
- Ray Shunk and family - Sherrill passed away recently.
- Arthur Home & Eberhardt Village - Residents/Staff and Covid cases.
- AMC family who have been sick and/or tested positive for Covid.

## Praying for our Nation and World

- Coronavirus in our community, country, and world.
- World leaders and U.S. leaders during these trying times.
- Missionaries and persecuted Christians around the world.
- Supported AMC Missionaries: Wigginton Family and Ortiz Family

# ADMINISTRATION

## In the News....

A United Vans survey found that New Jersey, Maine, and Connecticut are the top three states that people are moving away from due to retirement. The three most popular destinations for retirees are New Mexico, Florida, and Arizona. The cost of living is a key factor, as retirees try to stretch their savings and retirement income. New Jersey has the highest effective property tax rate in the nation, according to the Tax Foundation, and the highest individual income tax rate.

A man who threw a birthday party to celebrate a pothole turning 3 months old got results. Frank Sereno of Kansas City was fed up with how long it took the city to fix potholes so he placed a piece of cake with a numeral 3 candle on it in a hole near his home. He then posted it on social media and the city filled the hole within days.



## Great Time For Right Now Media

Just another reminder that our church is subscribed to Right Now Media which gives our AMC family access to over 20,000 videos for adults, youth, and children. An email was sent out with your link to signup, login, & begin using all of this great "grow your faith" content. Call the church for information.

### LAST SUNDAY

#### Attendance: Sunday, Dec. 27th

Worship: 44  
Christian Ed. 22

#### Offering

Sunday, December 27 \$7,490

#### Designations

**Building Fund - \$500**

2020 Weekly Goal \$4,559

Budget Goal YTD 4.4%

**No Fellowship Meals  
at this time**

### REMINDERS

#### Nursery: Starting up again

Today: Natalie & Jory B.  
Next Sunday: Kendra & Zeb H.

#### Fellowship Groups (Organizers for January)

**Pathfinders:** Open

**Legacy:** Bob P.

**Homebuilders:** Open

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

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

**No Arthur Home services  
at this time**

# OUTREACH

## Arthur Community Blood Drive This Week

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held this Thursday, January 7, from 1-6 pm at the Arthur United Methodist Church fellowship hall. The Red Cross is still in need of blood during this time and the following safety precautions will be followed during this drive. Everyone will be required to wear a mask, temperatures will be taken before donors enter the room, no additional guests or children will be able to enter, and the Red Cross is asking all donors to call and/or register this time instead of just walking in. Please do not come if you are not feeling well or have other symptoms. Walk-ins will not be turned away but a limited number of people will be allowed at each time. All donors at this time will also be able to be tested for a COVID-19 antibody through the Red Cross. One car accident victim can use as many as 100 units of blood. Be the lifeline patients need. Give blood and give life. You can make an appointment online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Thank you for giving blood!



## Keeping Up



- Many thank you's came in last week when the Christmas baskets were delivered to those AMCer's 75 and older. This post from Gloria Yoder on Facebook is a good summary of the others....

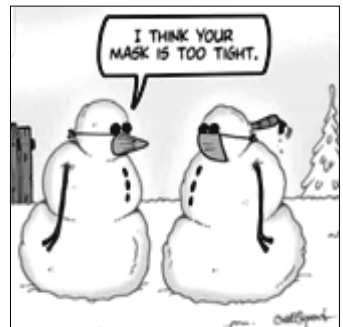
*Thank you to the Outreach Commission and the Ministry Team for the awesome gift of love to the older members of our church family. We were so blessed by the gift basket and the letter of love! There are so many ways to connect in the world of disconnect we are experiencing and these acts of kindness are an example of sharing the love that God first shared by sending Jesus.  
Love to the AMC Family!*

## Just For Fun



Cleaning is just putting stuff in less obvious places.

But wait...there's myrrh



# YOUTH GROUP

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

Wednesday, Jan 6  
7:00-8:30  
@ Youth House



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

Sunday, Jan 10  
3:00-5:00  
@ Youth House

## **High School and Jr High Winter Retreat**

Menno Haven has decided to cancel the Jr/Sr high school winter retreats scheduled for this coming January.

## **Young Adult Winter Retreat**

Menno Haven is continuing with its plans to host its young adult winter retreat from Jan 8 to 10 with Cyneatha Millsap as the speaker. Online registration is currently open.

# WORSHIP

## **New Worship Teams for 2021**

The AMC Worship Commission has completed the 2021 schedule for the worship teams and leaders for this next year. Those who are a part of these team have been notified. If you are on a team and cannot be here on a Sunday please consult with the team leader for that month to find a replacement. Thank you to all those who help to make our times of worship and praise on Sunday mornings meaningful and worshipful to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## **More Improvements for Online Streaming**

We continue to work on making our online services better to watch during this time of Covid-19. We are now working on using the camera in the balcony as the source of video and audio for the feed online. This will allow for zooming in on subjects during the service and also provide very clear sound directly from the sound board. We are also looking into streaming the service on both Facebook Live and YouTube Live in the near future for those who do not have a Facebook account. Stay tuned, all of this is a work in progress & may take a couple weeks to complete.



# TODAY IN WORSHIP

Today's Message: "Gracious Truth" John 1:1-18

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

*Come, Now Is the Time*

*In Christ Alone*

*Grace Greater Than Our Sin (Br 201 v.1,3,4)*

*Amazing Grace (Br 202)*

\*Gathering Song:

*What A Beautiful Name*

Opening/Announcements/Prayer

Words of Worship

Video: *His Year!*

Tithes & Offering Prayer

Scripture Reading

*Ephesians 1:3-14*

*Psalms 147:12-20*

\*Intercessory Prayer

Message: "Gracious Truth"

Sending Prayer

Sending Song

*Wonderful Grace of Jesus (Br 198)*

## Worship Notes

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## Snapshot of the Week



## Sermon Questions

*For Thought & Discussion*

- How important is light to your daily life?
- What is your tendency? Is it to bring truth to light or is it to extend grace?



*This incredible picture of the Cross of Peace and the recent Christmas star of Dec. 21 was taken by Kris Killman at Bald Knob, IL.*