

December 20, 2020



Fear Not

GOOD TIDINGS & GREAT JOY



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 _____

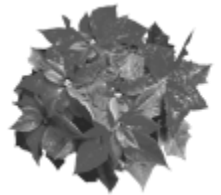
Prayer Request/Answered Prayer _____

DISCIPLING

Christmas Poinsettias In Memory

1 - Junior & Judy Beachey	Parents & Siblings
1 - Lela Reynolds	Husband
1 - Cliff & Kathy Yoder	Parents
2 - Jackie Crabtree	Grandpa & Mother in Law
1 - Lester Schrock	Parents
1 - Sandy Snyder	Husband DeWayne
1 - Debby Kauffman	Husband Cliff
1 - Faye Oye	Duane
1 - Vera Yoder	Parents
1 - Karen Litteral	Dad & Grandparents
2 - Erica Schrock	Dad & Grandparents
1 - Larry & Dory Kauffman	Parents & Cliff

Thank you to those who bought poinsettia's to decorate our church during this Christmas season. You can take them home following the Christmas service this Sunday, December 20.



CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am 10:30 am	Christian Education Classes for all ages Worship (On-site and Facebook Live) Christmas Celebration Service
Wednesday	8:15 am 6:30 pm	Breakfast Club at Yoder's Kitchen Christmas Basket deliveries to Seniors
Friday	All Day	Merry Christmas!
Next Sunday	9:30 am 10:30 am	Christian Education Classes for all ages Worship (On-site and Facebook Live)

COMMUNITY LIFE

Church Directory Updates

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 good as possible but we need your help. Please stop by the table in the foyer and either correct your information or add it if it is missing. Thank you!

Christmas Basket Deliveries

It has been a difficult year for all of us, but it has been especially difficult for our Seniors who have had to be extra careful. Many of them have not attended church for most of this year. AMC is going to reach out and bless those 75 and over with a special basket of Arthur goodies and a note to remind them of our love and Christ's love for them during this difficult Christmas season. Keep them in prayer!

Birthdays This Week

Mel Yoder

Tuesday, Dec. 22

Levi Yoder

Friday, Dec. 25

Anniversary This Week

Larry & Pat Yoder

Monday, Dec. 21



PRAYER LIST

Praying for our Church and Community

- Peter Kauffman - Healing knee replacement surgery.
- Alexis Dodge - Broke her arm and now is wearing a cast. Healing.
- Ed Kauffman - Phyllis' husband was in hospital with pneumonia.
- Ervin Yoder - in hospital with pneumonia and covid.
- Ray Shunk and family - Sherrill passed away this past Wednesday.
- 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

Christmas Program and Congregational Meeting Recorded

The AMC December congregational meeting was held recently during the Christian Ed. time. Due to Covid we have been holding these meetings in the sanctuary so that they can be recorded on CD for those who are not able to attend. The Christmas Program from last Sunday morning was also recorded in case you were not able to watch it on Facebook Live. You can find the recording of both of these in the foyer if you would like to check them out.

New International Version Still Most Popular

The NIV translation of the Bible is still the top-selling Bible in 2020. According to Evangelical Christian Publishers Association... The NIV ranks #1 as it did in 2011. The King James version is 2nd with the New Living Translation moving up to 3rd from 4th in The English Standard version moved from 5th to 4th, while the New King James version fell from 3rd to 5th. The rest of the top 10 in 2020 are the Christian Standard Bible, Reina Valera, New International Readers Version, The Message, and the New American Standard Bible.



"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." Timothy 3:16-17

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: Sunday, Dec. 13th

Worship: 69
Christian Ed. 36

Offering

Sunday, December 13 \$5,163

Designations

Funeral Dinners - \$150

Decorating (wreaths) - \$23

2020 Weekly Goal \$4,559

Budget Goal YTD 3.8%

**No Fellowship Meals
at this time**

REMINDERS

Nursery: Starting up again

Today: Brittney & Michael Y.

Next Sunday: Jacki C. & Harold Y.

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 Arthur Home services
at this time**

OUTREACH

Arthur Community Blood Drive

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held in the Arthur community on 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 or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Thank you for giving blood!



On The Level

The latest newsletter "On The Level" from Mennonite Disaster Service is available on their website. Read about how they are handling projects during the current pandemic.



**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**

Keeping Up



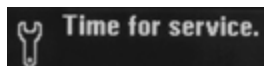
- Sherrill Shunk passed away this past Wednesday in Mattoon. The family is planning a private (family only) funeral. Keep Ray and the family in your prayers.
- Congratulations to Paul Mast who became a great grandpa again last week. His great grandson Devyn Lee Wells was born to his granddaughter Allison Mast.
- Jake and Maranna Chupp recently returned from a three week vacation near Phoenix, Arizona with their family.

Just For Fun



Let us do for a second time what we refused to do at first; this will avoid setting a precedent.

One Sunday a couple was on their way to church when the digital display in their car started to read...
"Time For Service."



YOUTH GROUP

HS YOUTH **Upcoming**

Wednesday, Dec 23
No Meeting



JRYOUTH **Upcoming**

Sunday, Dec 26
No Meeting

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

Christmas Service Today

Christmas is on Friday this year so we will be having our Christmas service celebration this morning. We will continue our "On The Road..." theme as we look at the Revelations and callings in Luke 1 & 2. We will sing favorite Christmas songs and hear testimony of our Savior, The Light of the World, who was sent to earth for all people. The angels message was "Do not be afraid!"

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:13-14



TODAY IN WORSHIP

Today's Message: "Revelation & A Willing Spirit" Luke 1 & 2
Message by Glen Rhodes

Worship Service

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

Songs of Praise and Worship

To Us a Child Of Hope (Blue 189)

O Holy Night (Brown 148, v.1&3)

Silent Night (Brown 147)

*Gathering Song:

Hark the Herald Angels Sing (Brown 133)

Opening/Announcements/Prayer

Words of Christmas

Special: *A Monologue from Mary*

Tithes & Offering Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalms 89:1-8

*Intercessory Prayer

Video: *The Newborn King*

Message: "Revelation & A Willing Spirit"

Song of Response

"Joy To The World" (Brown 125)

Sending Prayer

Worship Notes

Sermon Questions

For Thought & Discussion

- How do you respond when something new is presented to you? What kind of emotions might you feel?
- What callings has God placed on your life in the past? What callings is God speaking to you about now?

Take it Further

Pray that you might have a willing spirit like Mary when God calls!

Snapshot of the Week



Congratulations to Top Knight, Skie James, who was recognized recently for her "attitude of gratitude" at the Arthur Grade School.