

December 27, 2020



*Light*  
of the  
World



**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
Friday	All Day	Happy New Year!
Next Sunday	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>

# 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!

## Birthdays This Week

Larry Yoder	Monday, Dec. 28
Lela Reynolds	Monday, Dec. 28
Bob Plank	Tuesday, Dec. 29
Ron Thomas	Tuesday, Dec. 29
Vernon Chupp	Thursday, Dec. 31
Evonda Yoder	Saturday, Jan. 2

## Anniversaries This Week

Cory & Emily Kauffman	Sunday, Dec. 27
Ervin & Nancy Kuhns	Sunday, Dec. 27
Jake & Maranna Chupp	Sunday, Dec. 27
Vernon & Irlene Chupp	Monday, Dec. 28



# PRAYER LIST

## Praying for our Church and Community

- Bernadine Yoder and family - Ervin passed away this past Tuesday.
- 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

## 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.



## 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. 20<sup>th</sup>

Worship: 50  
Christian Ed. 26

#### Offering

Sunday, December 20 \$3,181

#### Designations

Primary - \$64

2020 Weekly Goal \$4,559

Budget Goal YTD 3.1%

**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](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Thank you for giving blood!



## Let's be Givers in 2021!

*"We make a living by what we get,  
but we make a life by what we give."*

- Winston Churchill

## Keeping Up



- Ervin Yoder passed away this past Tuesday at Decatur Memorial Hospital. The family had a private (family only) funeral here at the church yesterday. They are planning to have a celebration of life service for the church and community sometime in 2021. Keep Bernadine and the family in your prayers.
- Glen and Rhonda R. are in California this week visiting their daughter Rebecca and son-in-law Steven.

## Just For Fun



# YOUTH GROUP

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

Wednesday, Dec 30  
7:00-8:30  
@ Youth House



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

Sunday, Dec 27  
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.



AMC had two more Top Knights recognized this past week at the Arthur Grade School for having an "attitude of gratitude."  
Congratulations to Jennifer Plank and Austin Kauffman!



# 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.

# TODAY IN WORSHIP

Today's Message: "His Light" Matthew 2:1-12

Message by Lamar Miller

## Worship Service

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

Songs of Praise and Worship

*Silent Night (Brown 147)*

*Infant Holy (Brown 143)*

*O Little Town Of Bethlehem (Brown 141)*

*Away In A Manger (Brown 157)*

\*Gathering Song:

*O Come All Ye Faithful (Brown 145)*

Opening/Announcements/Prayer

Words of Worship

Children's Time

Tithes & Offering Prayer

Scripture Reading

*Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7*

\*Intercessory Prayer

Message: "His Light"

Sending Prayer

Sending Song: "I Saw The Light" Video

## Worship Notes

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## Sermon Questions

*For Thought & Discussion*

- How did you first experience the light of Christ?
- Are you allowing the light of the world to lead you daily in your journey?
- How are you sharing the warm, radiant light of Jesus with others?

At 12.01 am on  
January 1, for the first  
time ever, Hind Sight  
will actually be 2020.



## Snapshot of the Week



The Grimsley family sent their family Christmas picture to the church recently. Pictured are Justin & Tiffany with their children Shelby, Camden, and baby Watson