

December 6, 2020



SEARCHING FOR A  
**SAVIOR**  
NOW IS THE TIME!

**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

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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 10:30 am	Congregational Meeting (Primary SS) Worship (On-site and Facebook Live) Second Sunday of Advent: On The Road... <i>*Singing begins at 10:25am</i>
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Worship Commission meeting
Wednesday	8:15 am 7:00 pm	Breakfast Club at Yoder's Kitchen H.S. Youth at the Youth House
Next Sunday	9:30 am 10:30 am	Christian Education Classes for all ages Worship (On-site and Facebook Live) Christmas Program

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to sign up for Christmas poinsettias to decorate our church during worship. Today is the last Sunday to sign up. 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. You can dedicate your poinsettia in memory of a loved one if you write their name on the sign up sheet.

## Birthdays This Week

Janet Gingerich

Saturday, Dec. 12

Trinity Schrock

Saturday, Dec. 12



## No Anniversaries This Week

## Thank You

*To The Arthur Mennonite Church, Our deepest appreciation and gratitude for each member & the church for the meal at Yoder's after Mary's celebration of life service. Thank you for the lovely floral arrangement and for the wonderful service. Mary loved Arthur Mennonite Church. Memorials for the church are forwarded in her memory.*

- Henry & the Herschberger Family

(Entire Thank you note is on the bulletin board in the foyer)

# PRAYER LIST

## Praying for our Church and Community

- Peter Kauffman - Having knee surgery this Wednesday.
- Sam Petersheim - Had pacemaker & 2 stents put in. Healing.
- Ed Kauffman - Phyllis' husband was in hospital with pneumonia.
- Willis Kauffman and family - Wife Mary passed away on Wednesday.
- Sherrill Shunk and Ray - Sherrill's health is failing.
- AMC Gift Discernment Coordinating Committee - 2021 callings.
- 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

- School children, teachers, and staff during difficult school year.
- Coronavirus in our community, country, and world.
- Missionaries and persecuted Christians around the world.
- Supported AMC Missionaries: Wigginton Family and Ortiz Family

# ADMINISTRATION

## Congregational Meeting Today

The December AMC Congregational Meeting is being held today 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.

## Announcements From Everence

**Apply now for a 2021-22 scholarship.** Our church's faith-based partner, Everence, wants to help people nurture their talents. If you or your parents are or become Everence members and you will be enrolled in a college or trade school next fall, apply for an Everence College Scholarship of up to \$3,000 before March 10. Visit [everence.com/college-scholarships](https://everence.com/college-scholarships) for guidelines and an application.

**Share your heart.** Now is a special time to make your generosity shine even brighter. Everence, a faith-based partner of our church, can help you simplify your year-end giving.

Visit: [everence.com/giveback](https://everence.com/giveback) to learn about two ways to maximize your charitable gifts.



### LAST SUNDAY

**Attendance: Sunday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>**

Worship:	67
Christian Ed.	22

### Offering

Sunday, November 29	\$3,110
<b>*5th Sunday to AMC Camp Fund</b>	
<b>*Building Fund \$100</b>	

2020 Weekly Goal	\$4,559
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Budget Goal YTD	%1.3
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**The AMC Christmas Program is planned for Dec. 13. Children are practicing during Primary Sunday School each week.**

### REMINDERS

**Nursery: Starting up again**

Today: Kendra & Zeb H.

Next Sunday: Nancy P. / Kendall B.

### 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.

## 90 Christmas Boxes Delivered

Thank you to all those who packed Christmas boxes to bless children around the world through Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child. 90 boxes were packed by AMC and sent off last week. Thank you to Cory Kauffman for loading them in the back of his truck and making the delivery to Mattoon. If only we could see the excited smiles like the one on this little boy's face when they receive them.



## Keeping Up



- Congratulations to Ervin & Nancy Kuhns on the birth of their first granddaughter. Grace Eudora Harshman was born to their daughter Carrie and her husband Nathan last Saturday.
- Michelle Schrock was selected for the Intercollegiate Marching Band from McKendree University. Congratulations Michelle!
- The white poinsettia at the front of the church was donated by Henry and the Herschberger family in memory of Mary during this Christmas season.

## Just For Fun



Cleaning is just putting stuff in less obvious places.



# YOUTH GROUP

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

Wednesday, Dec 9  
7-8:30  
@Youth House



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

Sunday, Dec 13  
3-5pm  
@Youth House

## **Youth Christian Education**

The high school and junior high meet every Sunday morning at the youth house. Don't wait to resolve to make a commitment starting next year. Join us at 9:30 every Sunday.

# WORSHIP

## **Child & Parent Dedication This Morning**

This morning during the worship service we will be having a special time of dedication for Kollin Borntreger and his parents Jory and Natalie. Keep Kollin and this family in your prayers.

## **Advent Continues Today**

Our theme this year is "On The Road..."

Dec. 6: On The Road To Repentance & Restoration (Mark 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 Next Sunday**

The AMC Worship Commission has decided to move the AMC Christmas program this year to the morning worship service next 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 Repentance

Today's Message: "Now Is The Time"

Mark 1:1-8 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

*The Only Name*

*Cornerstone*

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*God Is For Us*

\*Gathering Song:

*Emmanuel (Brown 134)*

Opening/Announcements/Prayer

Special Reading: *Behold Him*

Tithes & Offering Prayer

Child/Parent Dedication:

*Kollin Borntreger (Parents Jory & Natalie)*

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 40:1-5; 2 Peter 3:8-14

\*Intercessory Prayer

Message: "Now Is The Time"

Prayer of Response & Sending

## Worship Notes

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## Snapshot of the Week



This is a flashback to 2008  
when Ervin Yoder was driving  
the cheese mobile in the  
Arthur Cheese Festival parade.

## Sermon Questions

*For Thought & Discussion*

- How often do you think about our need for confession and repentance?
- Are you a procrastinator? Today's subject of repentance, forgiveness, and eternal salvation are not things to procrastinate about.

### Take it Further

What in your life needs to be made right with God this week. Now is the time!