



Greater *things*

ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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The New Normal

Jeff Marner, Minister of Discipling & Youth

As we look back over this last year we can certainly see that it didn't turn out in ways we might have expected. Surely no one foresaw this. I'm not sure even at the end of this year if we can say we see the events of this year with a clear perspective. But you know what they say about hindsight... If there's nothing else we can look back and be thankful for at the end of this year, we may take solace in the fact that the abnormality really put a damper on what looked to be an endless barrage of eyesight puns.

One thing is for certain - there has been a lot of talk about a new normal. There's probably some validity to that notion but apparently there was a lot of similar safety precautions taken in 1918 that didn't establish a new normative behavior either.

There was, however, a new normal established nearly 2000 years ago that has had implications that will change the way mankind lives from here on out. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus brought an

end to the original covenant God had with Israel and the start of a new covenant that now extends to every person. Though Jesus didn't invalidate the old laws of the old covenant, he did fulfill them in a way that any other could not.

Maybe this new way of living didn't spread across the globe in quite the same way as the response to Covid-19. But the continual advancement of Jesus' kingdom has been a steady burn across the globe making longer term impacts on those who experience it. Maybe this virus lingers till Christ comes again but it will not last forever. The change brought into the world by Jesus is one that will never end.

Every year advent and Christmas remind us of the Messiah's first coming and teach us the anticipation we should have for his second coming. While there may be some lingering effects from all that occurred this last year, it pales in comparison to a new normal in Jesus.

Minister of Administration and Worship:
Glen Rhodes

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First Fruits

Giving God Our Best

Stewardship

11.29.2020 \$3,110

*5th Sunday - Camp Fund

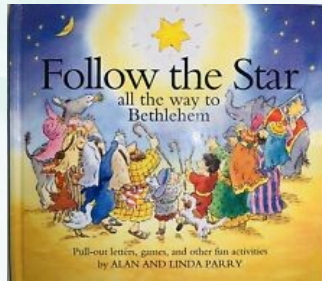
12.06.2020 \$9,405

12.13.2020 \$4,990

12.20.2020 \$4,559

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 at: 710 E Park, Arthur, IL 61911.

Please include your envelope so your number can be recorded.



Book of the Month: Follow the Star

This book is full of fun activities so you can help your kids follow the star and find baby Jesus.

Find this book in the foyer and enjoy the Christmas story together!

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Evonda Yoder	1st
Kathy Yoder	5th
Esther Yoder	7th
Brendon Lane	15th
Jackie Crabtree	15th
Ed Yoder	17th
Nancy Kuhns	17th
Madison Snyder	18th
Alta Yoder	19th
Rhonda Rhodes	19th
Luke Miller	20th
Meredith Schrock	23rd
Simon Kauffman	24th
Ashley Guenther	28th
Harold Yoder	31st

We plan to distribute a printed, non-picture directory in 2021!

Take a second on Sunday, or stop by the church during the week, to look over our VERY rough draft that is on the table in the church foyer. Please make changes to your information, or mark "OK" if we got it all correct.

This is a great time to pick up the items in your church mailbox as well!

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2021 CHURCH
DIRECTORY

Happy
New
Year

AMC Personal Profile - Jamison Miller

What is your job? Farmer

What is your favorite verse of the Bible? Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

Is there a time in your life when you have felt God's presence stronger than at any other time? When my mom was diagnosed and then the answered prayers when she had successful treatment to remove the thyroid cancer.

What is your best piece of advice? Work hard and treat everyone with respect.

What would you say is your favorite meal? Anything BBQ

What hobbies do you enjoy? I enjoy spending time with my fiancé, Cheyanne and our dog, Lola. I also enjoy going to baseball (Cardinals) games and traveling to new places.

If you could host a dinner party with any three people in the world, living or dead, whom would you invite? Both of my grandpas - Fred & Lyle - and Ozzie Smith

What was your very first job? I worked at Okaw Truss for two summers during high school.

