



ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | MAY 2021

## Neighborly Love

*by Emily Kauffman, Minister of Outreach*

For several years, I have posted a great quote on the wall in my classroom for my students to see:

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." ~Aristotle

With the intention of using this poster as a wise and meaningful lesson for my students, I find myself reviewing this message as a lesson more for myself. Funny how that works sometimes!

1 Corinthians 13:13 reads, "And now these three things remain: faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love." This is a popular and well known verse. Love is one of those things that often sounds easy, but sometimes humans guard love, or limit love to only certain people. The Corinthians are often used in wedding ceremonies. These passages are used to describe what a marriage, in God's eyes, should look like. Love is patient, kind, protects, trusts, hopes, perseveres. The Bible even says what love is not; it does not envy, does not boast, is not proud, does not dishonor, it is not selfish, not easily angered, and keeps no record of wrong.

These being values that every marriage and friendship should strive to uphold.

With these values of a Godly love in our hearts, let's not only apply them to our marriages and friendships, but also to those people around us. Ask ourselves:

How do I treat people?  
How do I speak to people?  
How do I make people feel?  
Am I patient?

All of these questions, we as Christians should ask ourselves of everyone we encounter. The person who cut in line at the grocery store; God loves them, too. The person who always seems to make the wrong decision; God loves them, too. The person with different political views; God loves them, too. The kid who threw his homework in the trash can; God loves them, too.

While sometimes it may be difficult to extend the hand of love, God calls us to do this. "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39) Educating the heart is the best education of all.

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In the weeks ahead on Sunday mornings, we will be looking into the book of Genesis. This series will be called "In The Beginning ... And Now." We will be looking at the biggest stories in the first book of the Bible and considering their implications and what they mean for us today. Join us each Sunday, in person or online, as we search for truth and understanding in God's Word.

The annual AMC Mother's Day Banquet is Friday, May 7th at 6pm at Yoder's Kitchen. We are excited to celebrate the women of this church family with a provided meal and program. Bring your mom, daughter, sister, or friend with you! Sign up is on the bulletin board.



### Discipleship and Baptism Classes

Glen Rhodes will be leading a discipleship class this summer for those who have recently accepted Jesus as their Lord & Savior, or for anyone who wants to learn more about the Christian faith. Talk to him soon if you are interested in being a part of this class.

Arthur Community VBS announced this year's VBS will be held here at AMC the week of June 14th - 19th from 9am-noon each day. There are many changes to the format of this year's VBS, but we know that the message of God's love will still be shared with many children in this community. To learn more, or to donate to the 2021 VBS Mission Project that will benefit Sunnyside Mennonite Church, please visit [www.arthurvbs.org](http://www.arthurvbs.org)



## AMC Personal Profile: Winnie Caskey



1. What is your job & what does it consist of? **I work at Carriage Crossing in Arcola. I am in charge of transportation for the residents when they need to go to doctors appointments. I also assist the activities department. Getting paid to play games, take walks, & do puzzles with the residents is the best job ever!**
2. What is your favorite verse of the Bible? **Galatians 6:9 "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."**
3. Have you felt God's presence at one specific time in your life more than others? **Every day. I see God's hand in all sorts of little ways. I think we often expect some great miraculous occasions where God shows up with bright light changes our life in an instant. But every day I see his hand in my life - when someone speaks encouraging words to me & I thank the Lord for them; at work when one of the residents tells me that I have been the bright spot in their day just because I helped them; when one of my children leaves a note on my fridge that says they love me. These are God's hand in my life.**
4. Do you have a favorite book or author? **One of my favorite devotionals is "My Utmost for His Highest" by Oswald Chambers.**
5. What hobbies do you enjoy? **Baking, cooking, crafts, gardening, & canning. Hospitality is one of the favorites!**
6. What is something that people at AMC might be surprised to know about you? **It took me 10 years to get a two year degree from Lake Land College! The year I finally graduated was hit with Covid & I did not get to experience my formal graduation!**
7. What do you consider to be your greatest achievement? **I was able to be a stay at home mom for 30 years. Taking care of my family & raising children is what I'm most proud of & humbled by.**
8. What would you say is your favorite meal? **Any meal shared with friends. I am a social craving soul. Any time I can get together with others to eat & talk is a highlight!**
9. What is your favorite song or hymn we sing at church? **It Is Well**
10. What is your best piece of advice? **Do the right thing for yourself. Don't try to make others do the right thing...it's not your job.**
11. Do you have a favorite inspirational quote? **Slow & steady wins the race.**

### FIRST FRUITS - Giving God Our Best

#### Stewardship

**3.28.2021 - \$7,637 | 4.11.2021 - \$13,030**

**4.04.2021 - \$7,008 | 4.18.2021 - \$2,926**

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.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Lamar (N) Miller  
Carol Yoder  
Kathleen Burdick  
Chris Mast  
Lester Schrock  
Lonnie Plank  
Shelbey Grimsley  
Jaxson Plank  
Lamar & Nadine Miller  
Judy Beachey

Regina Miller  
Marla Kauffman  
Bradley Taylor  
Caleb Lane  
Marlon Miller  
Sondra Gingerich  
Zeb & Kendra Hughes  
Joanna Yoder  
Kenny (E) Schrock  
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