



Greater Things

ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH
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“Jump In and Swim”

by Emily Kauffman, Minister of Outreach

“You can’t cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water”. These words have been tumbling in my mind for a few days. I often think about the possible number of people that turn this life metaphor into their reality. How many times do we have an idea, a good idea, and simply think about it. My intention is not to be overly analytical of how we do life, but how often do I construct a fantastic idea in my mind to only meditate on it for a moment and conclude that the idea is too vast, too intimidating to even consider “jumping in”? What separates humans into these categories? People who ‘do’ and people who ‘think’? Now, I am not implying that the thinkers are lazy or unmotivated, but why do we not swim with these ideas? Here are the questions I came up with that we may need to consider: Is this idea from God? What interests and gifts has God given me? Are my hesitations stemming from fear or disobedience? Proverbs 16:9 says, “In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.” What if our steps lead us through the water; what if our steps require something that is outside of our comfort zone? Learning to let God be in control and establish our steps can sometimes be more difficult than we imagined. God is always there for us and he has a wonderful plan for our lives. Why not listen to what God has planted in our mind and in our heart? We need to be reminded that we are a part of the “body of Christ”. (Romans 12:5) A body without a foot can move forward, but slower. A body without an eye can see, but not peripherally. What if our calling is on the other side of this metaphorical sea that we keep staring at? We need to do our part as the body of Christ.

Now that we have decided to jump in the water and swim, we cannot be fearful of the undercurrent. A tough question to face is...What about all of my past failures? God can use our failures to shape us and use us to witness and support others. I do not want to be fearful of sinking. If this is God's calling for my life, I need to trust that my journey and destination are all a part of the steps that God has established in my life. He is the potter and I am the clay (Romans 9:20-21). “As water reflects the face, so one’s life reflects the heart.” (Proverbs 2:19) Now is the time to jump in the water and stop staring at the sea on the banks.

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SUMMER IS HERE

Saturday, June 4th

Family Fun Night at Penn Station

Bring the whole family to enjoy appetizers at 5pm, dinner at 6pm, and special entertainment by Ryan & Friends.

Make sure to get your tickets today!

Sunday, June 12th

Worship In The Park at Bradoclen at 10:30am

Bring your lawn chairs and plan to bring a dish to share for our carry-in fellowship meal following the service.

June 13th - June 17th | 9:00-11:30am daily

Arthur Community VBS hosted at AMC

All PreK-8th graders are encouraged to join us for a "Food Truck Party" VBS which focuses on Matthew 6:11, which says "Give us this day our daily bread."

Saturday, June 18th

Men's Picnic at Bryan Yoder's pond

Bring your sons, dads, and all the guys in your family.

Food will be provided. Sign up on the bulletin board.

Glen & Rhonda's Sabbatical information can be found on the bulletin board. Please continue to keep them in your prayers! If you have any needs during this time, please call one of the other Ministry Team members.

FIRST FRUITS Giving God Our Best

Stewardship

5.01.22 - \$5,696 | 5.15.22 - \$5,915

5.08.22 - \$4,515 | 5.22.22 - \$3,322

If you would like to give tithes & offerings, please place them 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.

How old are you and what school do you attend?
I am 15 years old and attend Urbana High School.

What is your favorite verse of the Bible?

1 Samuel 28:7

Is there a time when you've felt God's presence stronger than at any other time?

I feel it has always had a strong presence.

If you could have dinner with anyone, which 3 people would you choose?

Jhon Mulaney, Neil Ciegera, & Ashnikko

What do you regard as your most treasured possession?

My tire swing

What is the happiest memory of your life?

Watching 2012 TMNT with my dad & laughing at it

My favorite inspirational quote

*When you've
woken up you
need to not fear
the day,
the day needs to
fear YOU.*

*You get out of bed
and you get
straight to work.
You take every
second, and you
feast on it.*

*If you haven't
drained the day
of everything it
can give you,
then that's not
your fault,
that's the day's
fault.*

*and you need to
attack it for it.*

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AMC Personal Profile

MADISON SNYDER



JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Matt & Jacque Lane 2nd
Fisher Hill 4th
Morgan Rhodes 4th
Cory Kauffman 5th
Michael Yoder 5th
Garrett Yoder 7th
Glen & Rhonda Rhodes 8th

Matt Lane 9th
Virgil & Sondra Gingerich 12th
Josephine Marner 14th
Ryan & Kat Burdick 14th
Savahna Pearsall 14th
Tom Glenn 14th

Bill & Donna Moreland 15th
Camden Grimsley 15th
Galen & LeAnne Tully 16th
Derek & Morgan Rhodes 18th
Marlon & Sandy Miller 18th
Skie James 18th
Natalie Bornreger 22nd
Tim Mast 22nd
Jayden Garza 23rd
Eric Chupp 25th
Jennifer Plank 27th
Alexis Helmuth 28th
Amanda Chupp 29th
Amber Gingerich 29th