



## “A Good Life For a Dead Body”

*by Jeff Marner, Minister of Administration & Youth*

“I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.” John 12: 24-26

While part of the Gospel truth is Jesus dying and reconciling us to God that does not complete the meaning of Jesus’ crucifixion. Jesus shared with us additional in the passage from John. By joining Christ in his death, we multiply for the kingdom of heaven. Love of our earthly body would yield a fruitless life with no harvest. Paul reminds us to die to our flesh and so be joined together in Christ.

This is not a self-built morality that we ascribe to. We may see good people that we hope to be like. Or we may see our old self and know all that was wrong with that life and strive for the opposite and see that as new life. But Jesus calls us to pick up our cross daily. Daily dying to self.

No, unless we die with Christ, we do not rise to the new life worth living. We build for ourselves so many things in this world that we call life but are just a distraction from what Jesus has for us. How often do we emphasize what we are building here? Even logic outside a Christian faith tells us we develop this life for nothing. But we toil and work and strive for new things that may make this life better. We build a good life for a dead body. King Solomon would call that vanity, a chasing after the wind.

We die out of this body putting on Christ. As ones born again, we live a resurrected life capable of true love for all around us. We recognize those idols that are a distraction from this life with Christ. We are not given to our old behaviors but are patient and humble. A new life in Christ is focused on the heavenly.

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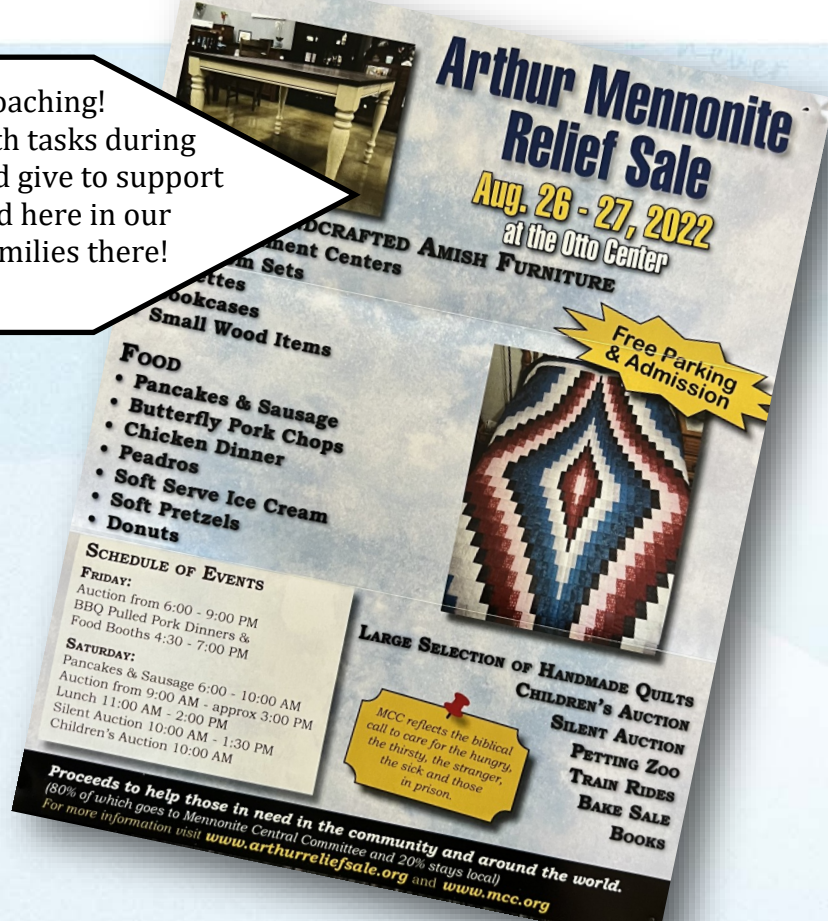
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The Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale is quickly approaching! There are multiple opportunities to volunteer with tasks during the sale, as well as many great ways to donate and give to support their work for those in need around the world and here in our community. We hope to see all of you and your families there!

# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

DEE KUHN	2nd
JANETTE PETERSHEIM	3rd
KENDRA HUGHES	3rd
KENNY (M) SCHROCK	3rd
PAT YODER	6th
DORY KAUFFMAN	7th
IRLENE CHUPP	8th
FLOYD & ANNA MARY BONTRAGER	10th
IRENE FREEMAN	11th
JENNI MARNER	11th
LAMAR & KAREN MILLER	11th
MICHELLE SCHROCK	11th
KOLLIN BORNTREGER	12th
WAYLON YODER	13th
LARRY & DORY KAUFFMAN	14th
ALEXUS DODGE	15th
JEFF SNYDER	17th
WILLIS & DEE KUHN	19th
LYNN & MARLA KAUFFMAN	20th
MELISSA SCHROCK	20th
COURTNEY GINGERICH	21st
LOGAN SCHROCK	21st
SANDY MILLER	27th
MIKE & KATRINA TAYLOR	29th
TAYA FOUSHI	29th



## First Fruits - Giving God Our Best Stewardship

6.26.2022 - \$5,203 (5th Sunday - Building Fund)

7.03.2022 \$2,741 | 7.10.2022 - \$4,187

7.17.2022 - \$3,350 | 7.24.2022 - \$3,160

If you would like to give tithes & offerings, 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.

## AMC PERSONAL PROFILE



Drew Gingerich

What is your job and what does it consist of? I am a manager/owner at Country Salvage Store. I take care of the bookkeeping, marketing, purchasing, and anywhere else help is needed.

What is your favorite verse or book of the Bible? Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct your paths."

Is there a time in your life when you have felt God's presence stronger than at any other time? Three months ago, DCFS called and asked if we could foster 2 children. We didn't know how everything would work out since we both work full time. But we knew the Lord would take care of everything if we just trusted Him. Our friends, family, community, and even some random strangers all chipped in. We recently said goodbye to those two children and while we don't know what the Lord has in store for them, we know that He will be there to take care of them wherever they go.

Do you have a favorite book or author? No, but I read the Wall Street Journal.

What hobbies do you enjoy? I enjoy going to the lake, camping, and grilling out.

If you could host a dinner party with any three people in the world, living or dead, whom would you invite? My wife, Steve Jobs, and Jerome Powell.

What would you consider to be your greatest accomplishment? Getting my MBA.