



ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2022

“We Did It”

by Nancy Kuhns, Minister of Community Life

Time seems to be moving faster and faster doesn't it? It doesn't seem that long ago that I wrote the Greater Things article about Glen and Rhonda's sabbatical starting and now the 3 months have passed and they are back!! It was good to hear about their sabbatical last Sunday and I look forward to hearing more in the future. I am thankful they were able to have time away to rest and rejuvenate, spend time with family and friends, and attend different types of churches with different types of services. Thankfully they were able to do most of what they had planned and had safe travels during their 3 months away.

In July, I challenged us to “be the Church together” this summer and we did that! Thank you to all in our congregation who helped out during the time Glen and Rhonda were gone. Together we were able to continue the day to day operation of the church, hold services each Sunday, put in a new kitchen, revamp the bulletin, and minister to members during their times of loss and health challenges. We were the Church!!

The challenge for us now is to continue to work together to be the Church. Glen and Rhonda are back, but that doesn't mean our efforts stop. We all need to continue to work together to make AMC the best church it can possibly be. The scripture I shared on Glen's last Sunday away spoke to this. Romans 12:4-8 says, *“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.*

If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.” Going forward, we all need to be using our gifts to do the work of the church.

GDCC has started the process of contacting commission members to see who is willing to serve again for the coming year. There are likely to be some changes and some of you will be asked to serve for the coming year. I hope you prayerfully consider what gifts you have been blessed with and agree to share your gifts with the church in whatever way you can. You may not be asked to serve on a commission, but you may be asked to teach a Christian Ed class or help with an event or project. If we all do our part, the burden is lightened and the blessings will be shared.

Please continue to pray for our church in the days ahead. Pray for the Ministry Team and others in positions of leadership. Pray for discernment for the people elected to GDCC. Pray for those in our church who need a special touch. Reach out to others with a card, a phone call, or a visit. Lend a hand to projects around the church. There are so many ways we can minister to each other!!! One of the goals stated in our mission statement is to “become a community of children and adults who build deeper relationships with each other.” You can't build relationships if you are not involved in the church! We did a good job during the sabbatical, but our work isn't done. Let's continue to be the Church together!!

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We will be assembling school kits, enjoying a carry-in fellowship meal, and even a possible hay ride! Bring your lawn chairs, table games, and a dish to share!

A Harvest Prayer

As our farmers rise with the dawn, let them taste the goodness of your creation and smell the crispness of new beginnings. Watch over them as they care for the farm.

Give them strength and health when they feel tired and weary.

Let them release all anxious thoughts to you, knowing that You hear our prayers.

Bless the farms, the homes, and the families who will be sowing, feeding, and reaping during this season.

Fill them with your Spirit, Lord.

Bless the work of their hands and may we be thankful for it.

AMEN

How old are you and what school do you attend? I am 7 years old and I go to Arthur Grade School.

What is your favorite verse or story in the Bible? John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only son, and whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

Is there a time in your life when you have felt God's presence stronger than at any other time? When my friend sprained his ankle and God was there to protect him.

What is your favorite subject in school? Math

What would you say is your favorite meal? Homemade pizza and Daddy's peanut butter chocolate cake

If you could have dinner with anyone (dead or alive), which 3 people would you choose? Yadier Molina, Patrick Mahomes, and Albert Pujols

What is the happiest memory of your life? Going to Florida with friends over spring break. We went to the beach and rode bikes.

What hobbies do you enjoy? Playing sports and legos

What are some interesting facts about you? I like to snow ski with my dad. I learned how to ski when I was 5. I could also ride my bike without training wheels when I was 3.



AMC Personal Profile:
Austin Kauffman

FIRST FRUITS - Giving God Our Best

Stewardship

September 4, 2022 - \$7,560 | September 11, 2022 - \$3,900

September 18, 2022 - \$6,530

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.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ivan Yoder	1st	Jory & Natalie		Jamin Caskey	27th
Floyd Borntrager	2nd	Borntrager	13th	Lanora Gingerich	30th
Lamar (K) Miller	3rd	John Yoder	15th	Lyndora Miller	30th
Jamison Miller	7th	Gloria Yoder	17th	Michelle Snyder	30th
Olivia Gingerich	7th	Larry Herschberger	17th	Phyllis Kauffman	30th
Jeff & Jenni Marner	8th	Bertha Yoder	24th	Clara Wood	31st
Ashley Stone	9th	Morgan Cotton	24th	Debby Kauffman	31st
Ervin Kuhns	11th	Ed & Edna Gingerich	24th	Maranna Chupp	31st
		LeAnne Tully	26th		