

DECEMBER 18, 2022  
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# Fear Not

GOOD TIDINGS & GREAT JOY



**AMC**  
arthur mennonite church

By 2027, Arthur Mennonite Church will become a community of children and adults who build deeper relationships with each other.

**AMC'S VISION**  
**NURTURE THE**  
**FUTURE CHURCH**

We will guide our children to learn God's Word and know Jesus personally. Opportunities for the spiritual growth of all ages will be provided as we boldly share God's love to the world.

# Welcome to AMC!

Are you a first time guest? We're glad you're here!

Nursery is available for children ages 5 and under. Buddy bags for older children are available in the foyer at the back of the sanctuary.

GET  
CONNECTED



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CONTACT US

## MINISTERS

All of Jesus' Followers here at AMC

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Erica Schrock

## MINISTRY TEAM

Glen Rhodes (Team Leader):

*Discipling & Worship*

Jeff Marner: *Administration & Youth*

Nancy Kuhns: *Community Life*

Emily Kauffman: *Outreach*

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GET  
INVOLVED

## CHRISTIAN ED. CLASSES 9:30 A.M. EACH SUNDAY

### ADULTS

#### FELLOWSHIP HALL

*Chosen, Not Choice*

### PRIMARY KIDS (AGE 2—GRADE 5)

#### WEST BASEMENT

*Gospel Light*

### JR HIGH YOUTH (GRADES 6-8)

#### YOUTH HOUSE

*Knowing Jesus, Trusting God*

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (GRADES 9-12)

#### YOUTH HOUSE

*Explore: Micah*

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## YOUTH GATHERINGS

### JUNIOR HIGH

*Today at 3:00pm*

*at Youth House*

### HIGH SCHOOL

*Today at 7:00pm*

*at Youth House*

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**ASK ABOUT LIFE GROUPS!**

# TODAY'S MESSAGE

“Do Not Be Afraid” Matthew 1:18-23

Glen Rhodes, Minister of Discipling & Worship

## Today's Worship Service

Join us on-site or on Facebook Live  
starting at 10:25am

### Songs of Praise and Worship

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
(BR124)

O Little Town of Bethlehem (BR141)

### Call To Worship

\*Silent Night (BR147)

\*Away In a Manger (BR157)

\*The First Noel (BR136, v.1,2,6)

### Welcome & Announcements

#### Opening Prayer

### Candle Lighting & Response

4th Sunday of Advent

### Special Moment

Luke 2 - The Christmas Story

### Tithes & Offering Prayer

### Scripture Readings

Isaiah 7:10-16 | John 6:16-21

### \*Intercessory Prayer

### Video

Advent Prayer of Hope

### Message

### Closing Prayer

A Ministry Team member will be at the front of  
the church for prayer following the service!

## LAST SUNDAY

### Attendance

Worship Celebration	98
Christian Education	29

### Offering

Total Offering Dec 11 \$12,096

\*General Fund - \$10,076

\*Building Fund - \$200

\*Funeral Meals - \$200

\*AFD Food/Toy Drive - \$1,620

2022 Weekly Goal \$4,719

\*Budget Progress YTD +9.4%

Tithes & Offerings can be placed in the  
boxes at the back of the Sanctuary or  
online through the church app/website.

## AMC SNAPSHOT



Lynn Marner recently visited her  
grandson, Rory, in Carlinville.  
These two make a cute pair!

## CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Sherryl Herschberger (healing/surgeries)
- Ella Bontrager Family (passed away recently)
- Jillian Marner (ACL surgery Dec. 20)
- Marie Schrock (healing and strength)
- Phyllis Hafer (cancer treatments)
- Jory & Natalie B. (newborn son, Archer)
- Floyd Bontrager (surgery, healing)
- Kenny Bontrager (brain tumor)
- Esther Yoder (Arthur Home)
- Dee Kuhns (Carriage Crossing in Arcola)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NATION & WORLD

- Inflation & Economic situation
- World Cup soccer in Qatar (safety)
- violence in our communities & country
- families of students killed in VA & ID
- natural disasters/weather in the U.S.
- peace between Ukraine & Russia
- AMC supported Missionaries

# CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**THIS  
WEEK**

## TODAY

9:30am: CE Classes  
10:30am: Worship  
*\*4th Sunday of Advent*

6:00pm:  
AMC Christmas Program  
*\*carry-in finger food  
following the program*

## TUESDAY

6:00pm:  
Explore Life Group

## THURSDAY

6:00pm:  
AMC Christmas  
Caroling

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Christmas Sunday**  
Worship Service will  
begin at 10:00am  
*\*no CE classes*

## 2022 AMC Christmas Program

Join us tonight at 6:00pm for our Christmas program titled "Christmas Road Trip". Invite family and friends to join us. Please bring a finger food to share and enjoy following the program. We look forward to this special evening!

## Christmas Sunday Service

Next Sunday is Christmas Sunday which falls on December 25th. *We will begin the worship celebration at 10:00am with our worship songs. There will be no CE classes prior to the service.* We anticipate a wonderful morning of worshipping Jesus, the newborn King. Invite your family and friends to join us for this special day!

## Poinsettia's In Memory

Andy & Lynn Marnar - Our Parents  
Sandy Snyder - Husband (DeWayne)  
Karen Litteral - Dad  
Lela Reynolds - Husband  
Cliff & Kathy Yoder- Clark/Carter/Dad  
Delmar, Linda, & Michelle Schrock -  
Cameron (Son and Brother)  
Henry & Amanda Chupp -  
Brother (Butch Mast)  
Faye Oye - Duane  
Larry & Dory Kauffman -  
Parents/Glenn Miller/Lucas Otto  
Debby Kauffman - Husband (Cliff)  
Edna Gingerich - Family  
Lester Schrock - Parents  
Kenny & Erica Schrock  
Father/Aunt/Nephew/Grandparents  
Luke & Katie Miller -  
Parents/Grandparents  
Vera Yoder - Parents

*\*Poinsettias will be displayed this Sunday and next. Please take them home after the Christmas Worship Service on December 25. Please put your money with your name in the treasurers box if you've not already done so.*

## AMC Christmas Caroling

Worship Commission is hosting an evening of Christmas Caroling this Thursday at 6:00pm. Everyone is invited to come along to spread God's love through song together. We will meet at the church at 5:45pm. We hope to see many families join us!

## Thank You for Helping AFD!

Outreach Commission would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the Arthur Fire Dept. Food and Toy Drive. This will be a blessing to many in our community!

## Menno Haven Youth Winter Retreat

Menno Haven has opened registration for 2023 Winter Retreats! High School will be Jan 13-15. Junior High will be Jan 20-22. These are always great weekends full of activities and learning more about God's Word. Talk to Jeff Marnar for more information.

## February AMC Church Retreat

An AMC church retreat is being planned for Feb. 24-26 at Menno Haven Camp & Retreat Center. This retreat, focused on rest, renewal, and relaxation, will be covered by funds left in the sabbatical grant from this past summer. There will be no cost for lodging or food. We hope you and your family will plan to join us! We need to know numbers so please sign up soon on the bulletin board. More details coming soon.

## RE M I N D E R S

### Nursery:

**Today:** Olivia G & Alexis H.

**Next Sunday:** Michelle & Madison S.