



Greater Things

ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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"The Ultimate Sacrifice"

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As we approach the Passover season, it's a good time to reflect on the significance of this festival and its connection to our faith. Passover is undoubtedly one of the most important events in Jewish history, commemorating the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. However, for us as Christians, Passover takes on an added significance, while we believe that Jesus is the Passover lamb.

In Exodus, we read that God instructed the Israelites to sacrifice a lamb and mark their doorposts with its blood. This act would protect them from the final and most devastating plague that God would inflict on the Egyptians. The Israelites were to eat the roasted lamb with unleavened bread and bitter herbs, a meal that would become the Passover feast.

As Christians, we believe that Jesus is the ultimate Passover lamb. This belief is rooted in scripture, particularly in the gospel of John, where Jesus is referred to as "the Lamb of God." Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was not just a tragic event, but rather an intentional act of love and sacrifice to atone for the sins of humanity. In other words, Jesus willingly gave his life to save us from eternal death.

The connection between Jesus and the Passover lamb is further reinforced in 1 Corinthians 5:7, where it says, "For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed." This verse makes it clear that Jesus is not just a symbol but rather the actual Passover lamb. In the gospel of Matthew, we read about the Last Supper, where Jesus takes bread and wine and declares them to be his body and blood. This act foreshadows Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and highlights the connection between Passover and Jesus.

As we approach the Passover season, let us reflect on the incredible love and sacrifice that Jesus made for us. Through his death and resurrection, we have been redeemed and saved from eternal death. Let us also remember the importance of Passover in Jewish history while honoring its significance.

The Passover and Jesus as the Passover lamb are powerful symbols of love, sacrifice, and salvation. As Christians, however, we should embrace and celebrate these symbols, while also honoring the Jewish tradition and history behind the Passover festival. Let us continue to reflect on the significance of Passover and its connection to our faith as we celebrate this season.

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Join us to celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem where he was greeted by the people waving palm branches. As Christians, this is a reminder for us of the welcoming of Jesus into our hearts and our willingness to follow Him.

On this day, we remember the sacrifice Jesus Christ made on the cross to save us from our sins. We call it "Good Friday" because it led to the Resurrection of Jesus and his victory over death and sin just three days later.



Easter represents Jesus Christ's defeat of death and the hope of salvation for all of humankind. Bring family and friends to enjoy donuts in the fellowship hall on Easter morning at 8:45am, as well as our 10:30am Worship Service as we celebrate this joyous day! Hallelujah!! He is Risen!!

The Arthur Ministerial Association invites everyone to gather for these community events during the Easter weekend:

Good Friday Service

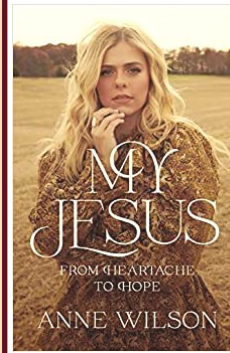
April 7th from Noon-1pm at Vine Street Christian Church

Easter Sunrise Service

April 9th at 6:30am at Arthur United Methodist Church



Breakfast is provided! Join us on Sunday, April 16 at 8:45am in the fellowship hall for our next gathering!



BOOK OF THE MONTH *My Jesus: From Heartache to Hope* by Anne Wilson

Anne Wilson grew up in the security and love of their family - and Jesus. But when her brother died in a car accident, Anne was thrust into a painful journey of grief and soul-wresting that led to God calling her to create songs that glorified Him. You can find this book in our foyer book rack. Check it out today!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Chad Yoder	3rd
Taylor Miller	3rd
Isai & Becky Gutierrez	5th
Liz Diener	7th
Joe & Lanora Gingerich	8th
Jory Bornreger	11th
Cliff & Kathy Yoder	17th
Elizabeth Miller	17th
Paisley Yoder	18th
Lynn Marner	19th
Colby Herschberger	25th
Galen Tully	26th

FIRST FRUITS - Giving God Our Best

Stewardship

2.26.23 - no offering taken due to Menno Haven Retreat

3.05.23 - \$7,982 | 3.12.23 - \$5,300 | 3.19.23 - \$6,310

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.

1. What is your job and what does it consist of? **I am a child development specialist, also known as a Stay at Home Momma.**
2. What is your favorite verse of the Bible? **Colossians 3:12-17**
3. Is there a time in your life when you've felt God's presence stronger than at any other time? **Two absolutely random times...I just felt this sense of peace throughout me. Like an "all is calm, all is well" feeling! It was the best feeling!**
4. What hobbies do you enjoy? **Puzzles! Reading when I get time, cooking new meals, and crafts with the kiddos.**
5. What would you say is your favorite meal? **Oh this is tough...give me ALL the sushi or ALL the pasta.**
6. What was your first job? **I worked at IGA in Tuscola**
7. If you could host a dinner party with any three people in the world, living or dead, whom would you invite? **My mother, my grandmother, and Paisley.**
8. What do you regard as your most treasured possession? **My family**



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