

Greater Things

ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER 2023

Spiritual Gift Discernment

by John Nissley, Bishop Great Lakes West District. LMC

The apostle Paul addressed the issue of spiritual gifts by explaining that the body of Christ (the church) is comprised of many members. Each member of the body has unique spiritual gifts for different types of service in God's kingdom as they impact the body (1 Corinthians 12:4-6). Spiritual gifts are distributed to each member of the body according to the determination of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:11).

Discernment is required to determine the difference between the skills (abilities that are learned, such as typing, playing piano, and flying an airplane), talents (natural capacities such as artistic and athletic abilities, and IQ), and spiritual gifts (manifestation of the Spirit in believers for the common good (1 Corinthians 12:7). The work of discerning spiritual gifts in the local body of Christ is vital to utilize all the members of the body because they were created and gifted for God's purpose and glory. The body is incomplete if some members' spiritual gifts are not utilized for the benefit of the body. Discernment in the local body of Christ is a vital dimension of governance/administration for "everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way" (1 Corinthians 14:40).

On November 4 & 5, I will be facilitating a time of discovery and discernment of each member's spiritual gifts for service in the local body of Christ. My analogy for this weekend will explore the "Bee Hive". Remember Barry in the Bee Movie, each bee had a purpose and "gift from the Creator" to use for the benefit of the whole hive. Like Barry, our Creator has designed and gifted us for special purpose!

Join us at AMC on November 4 & 5 to learn more from John on Spiritual Gift Discernment.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, November 4

5:00-6:00pm: Session 1 (Introduction)

6:00-6:45pm: Provided Meal & Fellowship

7:00-9:00pm: Session 2

(Assessment & Confirmation)

Sunday, November 5

9:00-10:15am: Session 3 (Processing Gifts)

**donuts, coffee, & juice*

10:30am: Sunday morning message:

"Discovering My Place In Kingdom Service"

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Noon: Carry-in Fellowship Meal

Praise the Lord for these baptisms and the celebration of new lives in Christ!



Kevin Everhart, Courtney Gingerich, Drew Gingerich, and Michelle Schrock



AMC Fall Festival 2023 was a beautiful day full of celebrations, fun games and activities, great fellowship, and delicious food. We are a blessed church family!



FIRST FRUITS - Giving God Our Best

Stewardship

Sept. 10 - \$11,005 | Sept. 17 - \$4,946 | Sept. 24 - \$1,775

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.



For I know
THE PLANS
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Says The Lord
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And Not To Harm You
PLANS
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AND A FUTURE
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John 1:9
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Get your 2023 AMC Shirt!

Order forms have been placed in each church mailbox.

Check out all of the options and turn in your order with your payment by October 29.

Ivan Yoder	1st	LeAnne Tully	26th
Floyd Borntrager	2nd	Jamin Caskey	27th
Lamar (K) Miller	3rd	Eden Guierrez2	28th
Jamison Miller	7th	Lanora Gingerich	30th
Olivia Gingerich	7th	Lyndora Gingerich	30th
Jeff & Jenni Marner	8th	Michelle Snyder	30th
Ervin Kuhns	11th	Phyllis Kauffman	30th
Jory & Natalie Borntrager	13th	Clara Wood	31st
John Yoder	15th	Debby Kauffman	31st
Gloria Yoder	17th	Maranna Chupp	31st
Larry Herschberger	17th		
Bertha Yoder	24th		
Ed & Edna Gingerich	24th		

OCTOBER
Birthdays and
Anniversaries