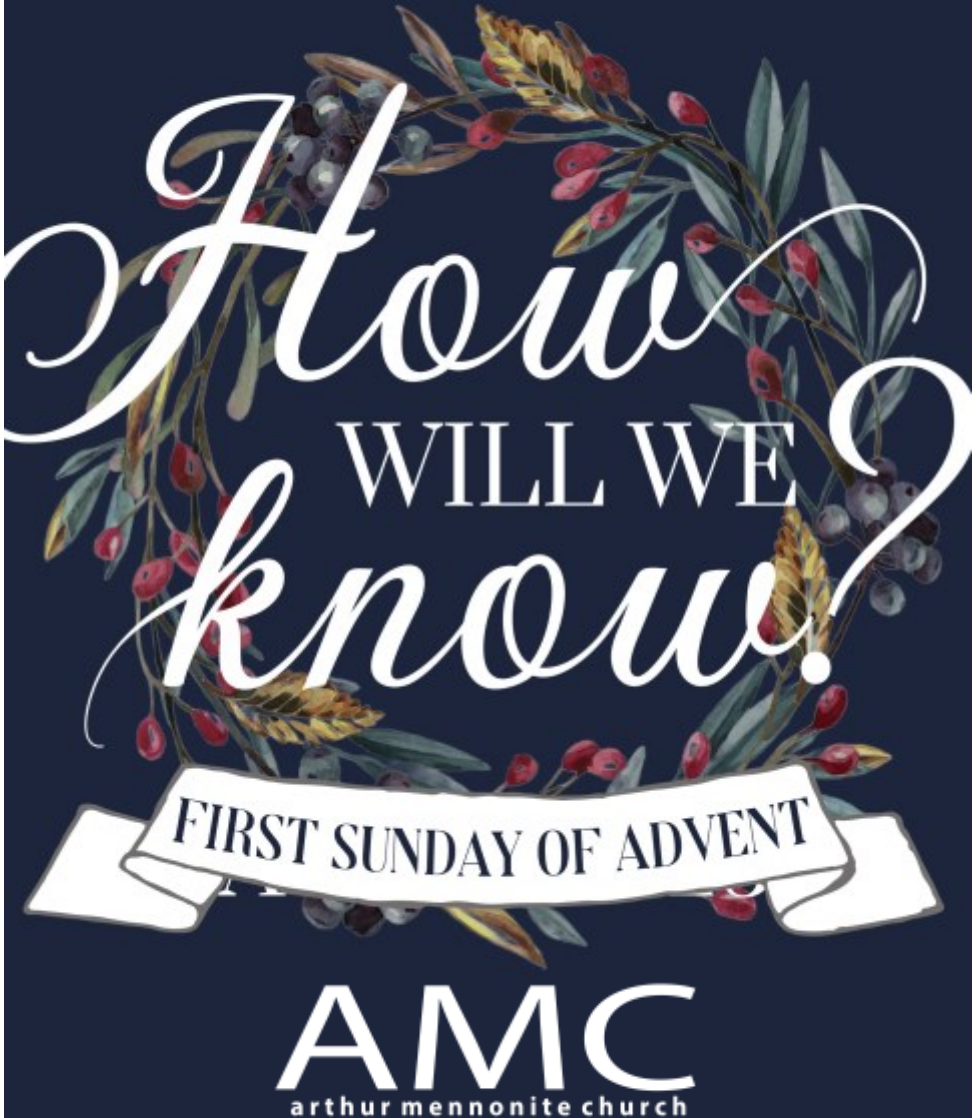


NOVEMBER 26, 2023



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



arthurmennonite.org  
arthurmennonite@gmail.com



## CONTACT US

### MINISTERS

All of Jesus' Followers here at AMC

### MINISTRY TEAM

Glen Rhodes (Team Leader):

*Discipling & Administration*

Nancy Kuhns:

*Community Life and Worship*

Emily Kauffman:

*Outreach*

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Erica Schrock

710 E. Park St, Arthur, IL 61911

217-543-2781



## GET INVOLVED

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

#### ADULTS

#### FELLOWSHIP HALL

*God's Law Is Love*

#### PRIMARY KIDS (AGE 2—GRADE 5)

#### WEST BASEMENT

*Gospel Light*

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

#### AND

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

#### AT YOUTH HOUSE

*Exploring the Book of John*

### **AMC YOUTH GROUP** **JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL**

#### Next Gathering: Today!

Experience the C-U Adventures In Time & Space Escape Room in Champaign followed by dinner. Plan to leave the church at 1:45pm.

Please RSVP to the sponsors listed below ASAP.

#### Sponsors for this event:

Les & Marlene Helmuth  
Ed & Joanna Yoder

### **ASK ABOUT LIFE GROUPS!**

# TODAY'S MESSAGE

**"Keep Watch While You Wait" Mark 13:24-37**

*Leroy Allison, Retired AUMC Pastor*

## Today's Worship Service

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

### Songs of Praise and Worship

*Glorious Day*

*You Are Salt For the Earth (BL226)*

*\*Leaning On the Everlasting Arms  
(BR354)*

*\*Give Thanks*

*\*Through Christ In Me*

### Welcome & Announcements

### \*Call To Worship & Candle Lighting

**Opening Prayer**

**Children's Time**

**Tithes & Offering Prayer**

**Scripture Readings**

*Psalms 80:1-7 | 1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

**\*Intercessory Prayer**

**Message**

**Song Of Response**

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus  
(BL178)*

**Closing Prayer**

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

## LAST SUNDAY

### Attendance

Worship Celebration 100

C.E. Classes 48

### Offering

Total Offering - Nov. 19 \$11,194

*\*General Fund - \$9,934*

*\*Building Fund - \$800*

*\*Youth Fund - \$460*

2023 Weekly Goal \$5,055

Budget Progress YTD +4.0%

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

## AMC SNAPSHOT



The Arthur Christian School recently  
hosted their first annual ACS Gala.

These AMC couples enjoyed the  
event and definitely look great!

Pictured left to right:

Cheyenne & Jamison M, Michael &  
Brittnay Y, and Kendra & Zeb H.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Delilah England (healing, gall blad. surgery)
- Jennifer Colbe (Healing, Ectopic pregnancy)
- Alta Miller (DuWayne Miller's mother)
- Valerie Carter (Jackie Carters's mother, surg.)
- Family of Faye Oye (passed away recently)
- Liz Johnson (Karen's daughter, car accident)
- Dick Rhodes (Glen's dad, pancreatic cancer)
- Jeff Marner (continued healing from surg.)
- Peter Kauffman (broken leg, surgery, healing)
- Bill Moreland (healing from recent fall)
- Mary Yoder (Lela R. sister, broken leg)
- Rex Plank (Healing from open heart surgery)

- Esther Yoder (Arthur Home)
- Dee Kuhns (Carriage Crossing)

### NATION & WORLD

- Advent & Christmas Season
- Wars in Israel & Ukraine (Peace)
- Revival & people turning back to God
- Families/Marriages/Children/Seniors
- AMC supported Missionaries
  - Prknovi's in Czech Republic
  - Wigginton/Bravo's in Ecuador
  - Birkey's in Arizona
  - Shelby Fredrick (NC State Mission)

# CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**THIS  
WEEK**

## **TODAY**

### ***First Sunday of Advent***

9:30am: CE Classes

10:30am: Worship

1:45pm: AMCYouth  
to Escape Room and  
dinner in Champaign

5:30pm: Care 'N Share  
in fellowship hall

## **TUESDAY**

3-5pm: Coffee & Convo

## **WEDNESDAY**

7pm: Explore Life Group

## **FRIDAY**

7pm: Grounded  
Life Group

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

### ***Second Sunday of Advent***

9:30am: CE Classes

10:30am: Worship

11:30am: First Sunday  
Fellowship Meal

12:30pm: Cong. Meeting

## **Advent 2023 Begins Today**

Today is our First Sunday of Advent when we begin our journey through the advent season to the glorious birth of our Savior at Christmas. This year's Advent season theme is *How Will We Know?* We welcome Leroy Allison, retired pastor, as he brings our message. We'll also have a special time to light the Advent candles during the worship service each Sunday of Advent.

## **Poinsettia Sign Ups**

A sign up sheet for poinsettias is posted on the foyer bulletin board. They will be white blooms wrapped in silver foil and a purple bow. These can be in memory of a loved one, or just to help beautify the church for Christmas. You will be able to take these home after the Christmas service on December 24. They are \$15 each. Please put your money with name in the treasurer's box.

## **Care 'n Share Upcoming Gatherings**

Today the Care 'n Share Fellowship Group will be meeting in the fellowship hall at 5:30pm for food, fellowship, and games. The Aug-Nov committee will provide the meal, and the May-July committee will furnish desserts. This group will also be having their Christmas Dinner on December 5 at 6pm at the home of Barbara (Allen) Hochstetler (178N CR 525E, Arcola). Cost of the meal will be \$20 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board soon. Contact Judy, Edna, or Bernadine with any questions.

## **Have You Turned In Your Surveys?**

Please be sure to turn in the Worship Commission & Community Life surveys that were distributed recently. If you need a new form, contact Erica S. (Worship) or Vera Y. (Comm. Life)

## **GDCC Letter and Response Forms**

AMC GDCC has put a letter along with the church commission slate for 2024 and response forms in your boxes. Please return the response forms to the box in the foyer by today after worship.

## **Fellowship Meal and Congregational Meeting Next Sunday**

The last fellowship meal of the year will be next Sunday. Bring a dish to share and join us! We will also have our final Cong. Meeting for 2023 following the meal. Plan to join us at 12:30pm in the church sanctuary to hear updates from all commissions, as well as review the 2024 Budget Proposal and affirm the proposed 2024 commission callings.

## **Baptism Celebrations Next Sunday**

We are excited to celebrate the baptisms of Olivia and Amber Gingerich during our worship service next Sunday!

## **AMC Christmas Program**

Invite family and friends to join us for our annual AMC Christmas Program on December 17th at 6pm. The evening will be filled with a special skit, music, and the reading of the Christmas story featuring our primary department. There will also be carry-in finger foods after!

## **R E M I N D E R S**

### **Fellowship Meal Helpers Next Sunday:**

Les & Marlene H, Henry & Amanda C, Drew & Courtney G.

### **\*No Third Sunday Breakfast in Dec.**

**Pathfinders:** Parent's Night Out

**Legacy:** Winnie C.

**Homebuilders:** TBD

**Care 'n Share:** Junior & Judy B, Ed & Edna G, Bernadine Y.

### **Nursery:**

**Today:** Michael & Brittnay Y.

**Next Sunday:** Harold Y & Jackie C