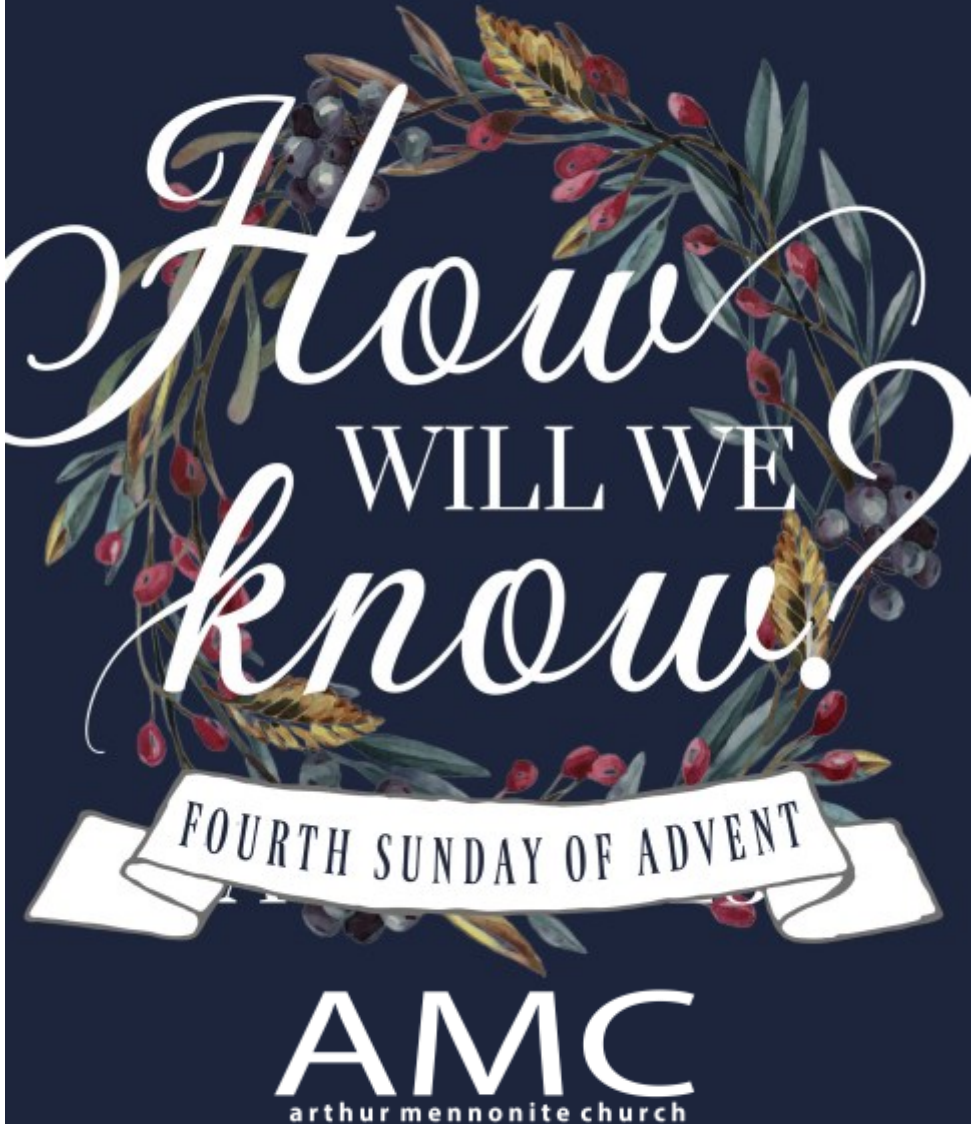


DECEMBER 17, 2023



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

*Faith That Pleases God*

#### 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: Sunday, Jan. 7

### **Winter Retreats at Menno Haven!**

High School (G. 9-12): Jan. 12-14

Junior High (G. 6-8): Jan. 19-21

All expenses are covered by the church. Speak with Glen R. or Erica S. soon if you'd like to attend. Find more info about these weekends online at: [www.mennohaven.com/winter-retreats](http://www.mennohaven.com/winter-retreats)

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

# TODAY'S MESSAGE

**"From Ordinary to Extraordinary" 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16**

*Glen Rhodes, Minister of Discipling & Administration*

## Today's Worship Service

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

### Songs of Praise and Worship

*O Little Town of Bethlehem (BR141)*

*What Child Is This? (BR137 v.1,3)*

*\*O Come All Ye Faithful (BR145)*

*\*Silent Night (BR147)*

*\*Emmanuel (BR134)*

### Welcome & Announcements

### \*Call To Worship & Candle Lighting

#### Opening Prayer

#### Song of Worship

*God Made A Way*

#### Tithes & Offering Prayer

#### Scripture Readings

*Psalms 89:1-4; Luke 1:26-38*

#### \*Intercessory Prayer

#### Video

*I Am The Root Of David*

#### 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 110

C.E. Classes 42

### Offering

Total Offering - Dec. 10 \$4,185

*\*General Fund - \$4,085*

*\*Funeral Meals - \$100*

2023 Weekly Goal \$5,055

Budget Progress YTD +1.4%

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

### AMC SNAPSHOT



Last week, the Care N' Share Fellowship Group enjoyed their annual Christmas Party together.

Q: What do you call a wreath made of \$100 bills?

A: Aretha Franklins

**LOL**

## CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Judy Beachey (healing from recent stroke)
- DuWayne Miller (had knee replace. surgery)
- Olivia & Amber Gingerich (Baptisms!)
- 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)
- Dick Rhodes (Glen's dad, pancreatic cancer)
- Mary Yoder (Lela R. sister, broken leg)
- Gift Discernment Comm. (Ministry Team call)
- Esther Yoder (Arthur Home)
- Dee Kuhns (Carriage Crossing)

## NATION & WORLD

- Advent & Christmas Season
- Wars in Israel, Gaza & 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)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

# CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**THIS  
WEEK**

## **TODAY** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:30am: CE Classes

10:30am: Worship

6pm: AMC  
Christmas Program

## **TUESDAY**

6:00pm: AMC  
Christmas Caroling  
beginning at  
Eberhardt  
Village Service

## **NEXT SUNDAY** **CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

\*No CE Classes

10:00am: Worship

## **AMC Christmas Program**

Invite family and friends to join us for the AMC Christmas Program "Signs Of Christmas" tonight at 6:00pm. We will experience a special skit, music, and the reading of the Christmas story featuring our primary department. There will also be carry-in finger foods after! Please bring extra food for our guests.

## **Christmas Sunday at AMC**

Our Sunday Christmas Service will be celebrated next Sunday. It will begin with singing at 10:00am and we will not be having Christian Ed. classes that day. Join us as we celebrate Jesus' birth!

## **2023 Christmas Caroling**

We will be Christmas Caroling this Tuesday evening. We will meet at Eberhardt Village in the dining room at 6pm for the AMC service. We will then visit other households to sing the good news of Jesus' birth. We'd love to see many people join us!

## **5th Sunday Offering on Dec. 31**

The AMC Administration Commission is designating the final 5th Sunday offering of 2023 to the AMC budget goal. Due to a community service, we missed a Sunday offering in September. This offering will replace that and hopefully help us to meet our budget goal for this year which we are very close to reaching. Thank you for your generosity this year and for sowing seeds in God's kingdom in this church, community, and around the world.

## **New Tables for Fellowship Hall**

The Admin. Comm. has replaced 10 of the most worn rectangle tables in the fellowship hall with new ones. The 10 older ones will be kept in the Youth House garage. You can borrow the old ones for garage sales or family events at your homes by calling the church office.

## **~ Poinsettias ~ In Memory ~**

Ervin & Nancy Kuhns - *Parents*

Drew & Courtney Gingerich -  
*Holiday Spirit*

Andy & Lynn Marner - *Parents*

Ronnie & Alex Olivero - *Grandparents*

Sandy Snyder -  
*DeWayne (Husband) & Parents*

Debby Kauffman -  
*Cliff (Husband) & Parents*

Vera Yoder - *Parents*

Kenny & Erica Schrock -  
*Many loved ones that are missed*

Cliff & Kathy Yoder -  
*Clark, Carter, & Parents*

Larry & Pat Yoder - *Parents*

Lela Reynolds

Lamar & Nadine Miller -  
*Ryan (Son), Parents, Brother, & Sister*

Ed & Edna Gingerich -  
*Parents & Sister*

Joe Patton - *Ryan Miller*

Michelle Schrock - *Brother*

Delmar & Linda Schrock -  
*Cameron (Son)*

Karen Litteral - *Mom & Dad*

Henry & Amanda Chupp - *Holiday Spirit*

Bernadine Yoder - *Ervin (Husband)*

*Poinsettias will be displayed this Sunday and next. Please take them home after the next week's Christmas Worship Service on December 24. Please put your money with your name in the treasurer's box if you have not already done so.*

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

### **Nursery:**

**Today:** Alexis H. & Evonda Y.

**Next Sunday:** Jory & Natalie B.