

DECEMBER 25, 2023

A THRILL OF HOPE

A white silhouette of a nativity scene is centered in the lower half of the poster. It depicts Mary and Joseph kneeling in prayer over the infant Jesus in a manger. To the left, a sheep is visible, and to the right, a donkey. The entire scene is set under a starry night sky with a large, glowing yellow star at the top center. The background transitions from a dark blue at the top to a light grey at the bottom.

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

MINISTRY TEAM

Glen Rhodes (Team Leader):

Discipling & Administration

Nancy Kuhns:

Community Life and Worship

Emily Kauffman:

Outreach

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Erica Schrock

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GET INVOLVED

***NO C.E. CLASSES TODAY**

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

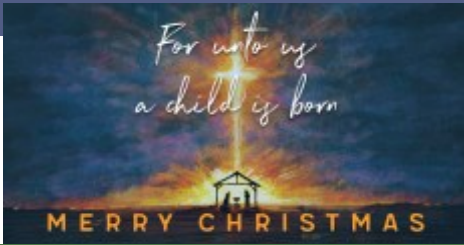
All expenses are covered by the church. Speak with Glen R. or Erica S. soon if you'd like to attend. Find more info about these weekends online at: www.mennohaven.com/winter-retreats

ASK ABOUT LIFE GROUPS!

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"A Reason To Celebrate" Galatians 4:4-7

Glen Rhodes, Minister of Discipling & Administration



Today's Worship Service

Join us on-site or on Facebook Live
starting at 10:00am

Welcome Video

Today We Celebrate!

Songs of Praise and Worship

- *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (BR133)
- *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (BR143)
- *Angels We Have Heard On High (BR132, v.1,3,4)
- *The First Noel (BR136, v.1,3,5,6)
- *Away In A Manger (BR157)

Welcome & Announcements

Call To Worship & Candle Lighting

Opening Prayer

Children's Time & Special Song

Light Of The World

Tithes & Offering Prayer

Scripture Readings

Psalm 148:1-6 | Luke 2:8-20

*Intercessory Prayer

Video

Glory To God In the Highest!

Message

Closing Prayer

Sending Song

Joy To The World (BR125)

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

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship Celebration 114

C.E. Classes 35

Offering

Total Offering - Dec. 17 \$4,566

*General Fund - \$3,516

*Camp Fund - \$1,000

*Funeral Meals - \$50

2023 Weekly Goal \$5,055

Budget Progress YTD +0.8%

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Judy Beachey (Praise! Came home this week, continued healing)
- Chris Mast (skin cancer, healing)
- DuWayne Miller (recent knee replac. surgery, healing)
- Olivia & Amber Gingerich (Baptisms!)
- Cari Plank Family (sister passed away)
- All families who have lost loved ones recently and during the past year
- Dick Rhodes (Glen's dad, pancreatic cancer)
- Mary Yoder (Lela R. sister, broken leg)
- Gift Discernment Coord. Committee (Ministry Team call)
- Esther Yoder (Arthur Home)
- Dee Kuhns (Carriage Crossing)

NATION & WORLD

- The true meaning of Christmas, the Hope of Jesus, to spread to all people
- 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)

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**THIS
WEEK**

TODAY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

*No CE Classes

10:00am: Worship

MONDAY

Merry Christmas! God Is With Us!

WEDNESDAY

8:30am: Ladies' Breakfast

FRIDAY

6pm: Legacy Christmas Gathering

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am:
CE Classes

10:30am:
Worship

Christmas Sunday at AMC Today

We are excited to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, today with you! Join in singing at 10:00am and enjoy a special Christmas service filled with songs, scripture, and videos that remind us of the true meaning of Christmas!

5th Sunday Offering / Budget Goal

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 will be very close. Thank you for your generosity this year and for sowing seeds in God's kingdom in this church, community, country, and world.

Thanks For Saying "Yes"

Community Life would like to thank everyone who has said yes to helping with First Sunday Fellowship Meals in 2024. These special times of fellowship would not be possible without the many helpers that are willing to give time and effort throughout the year.

Legacy Christmas Gathering

The Legacy Fellowship Group will be getting together at Glen & Rhonda's home this Friday at 6pm for their Christmas gathering.

Coffee & Conversations Update

Due to Christmas, there will be no Coffee & Conversations this Tuesday. The schedule will change slightly in 2024 for this as well. Glen will wait to begin until the weather warms up around April. Watch for updates closer to spring!

~ 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)*

*Please remember to take these home after
today's Christmas Worship Service.*

*Please put your money with your name
in the treasurer's box if you have not
already done so.*

Delilah England's phone number
has changed to 217-294-9036.
Please update your church directories.

R E M I N D E R S

Nursery:

Today: Jory & Natalie B.

Next Sunday: Michael & Brittnay Y.