

JANUARY 7, 2024

1 PETER 1:3

# LIVING HOPE IN JESUS CHRIST

A person is walking away from the viewer on a glowing, winding path that leads into a valley. The valley is surrounded by steep, rocky mountains. The scene is bathed in a soft, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is one of hope and journey.

**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**



[arthurmennonite.org](http://arthurmennonite.org)  
[arthurmennonite@gmail.com](mailto: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**

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**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**

**Winter Retreats at Menno Haven!**

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

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

**Next Youth Gathering: Jan. 28**

The next youth event will be a combined gathering with Sunnyside Mennonite's youth. We will join them in their gym at Sunnyside at 5:30 pm for games, food, and fellowship.

**ASK ABOUT LIFE GROUPS!**

# TODAY'S MESSAGE

“Hope Over Despair” 1 Peter 1:3-9

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

*The Lord Is By My Side*

*What A Friend We Have In Jesus*  
(BR435)

### \*Call To Worship

*\*Living Hope*

*\*There Is Power In the Blood (BR191)*

*\*Graves Into Gardens*

### Welcome & Announcements

#### Opening Prayer

#### Tithes & Offering Prayer

#### Scripture Readings

*Deuteronomy 31:6-8*

*2 Corinthians 4:13-18*

#### \*Intercessory Prayer

#### Video

*Hope Defined*

#### 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 107

C.E. Classes 37

### Offering

Total Offering - Jan. 7 \$6,190

\*General Fund - \$5,840

\*Building Fund - \$200

\*Kendall Burdick Mission Trip - \$150

2024 Weekly Goal \$4,911

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  
(cont. healing following stroke)
- Denny Binion family (passed away)
- Cory Kauffman (surgery, torn achilles)
- DuWayne Miller (healing)
- Michelle S. & Kevin E. (Engagement)
- Cari Plank Family (sister passed away)
- Elva Gingerich family  
(Ed's brother passed)
- Lonnie Plank (healing for his foot)
- GDCC Ministry Team Call
- Esther Yoder (Arthur Home)
- Dee Kuhns  
(Carriage Crossing, hospice)

### NATION & WORLD

- The New Year of 2024 ahead of us
- shooting at school in Iowa
- Devastation from earthquake in Japan
- 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)

## AMC SNAPSHOT

The AMC Youth had a great time  
ice skating in Decatur last weekend.  
Looks like Joe & Lanora G. joined in  
to show them how it's done.



# CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**THIS  
WEEK**

## TODAY

9:30am:  
CE Classes

10:30am: Worship

AMC HSYouth  
return from  
Winter Retreat

## MONDAY

6pm: Discipling Comm. Meeting

## FRIDAY

4pm AMC JHYouth depart from  
church for Winter Retreat at  
Camp Menno Haven

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## Budget Goal Reached

We reached our budget goal for 2023! Thank you for your generosity this past year and supporting the ministries here at AMC and beyond. We finished 6.1% over the budget goal which means the Outreach Commission will discern what ministries to bless with \$5,000 in the coming months.

## Youth Super Bowl Sub Orders

Order from any youth or call the church office with your order. The youth will be taking orders in the foyer today. Subs are \$8 this year and will be made for pickup on February 11. The last day for orders will be February 4.

Support our youth and enjoy delicious sub sandwiches again this year!



## 2024 Church Directory

Don't forget to check your info on the rough drafts in the church foyer. Please make necessary changes to your info, or mark "OK" if we got it all correct. We want to keep everyone connected!

## Community Meals Help

The Arthur United Methodist Church is needing some more help on Wednesday's this winter for the community meals they provide each week. Along with meal prep and meal serving help they also need some drivers who would be willing to deliver meals around Arthur from 4:30 to 5:30 on Wednesdays. If you can help with this local ministry please call the

Methodist Church  
Office to let them  
know. The number  
is 217-543-3159.



COMMUNITY MEALS

## Socializing With Seniors

The Community Life Commission has developed a visitation list for those who said they would be interested in visiting and socializing with seniors in our congregation. The list has been put in their boxes. Please be sure to call ahead before visiting. We hope that this revived church ministry can be a blessing to those being visited as well as those who will be doing the visits.

## Right Now Media

We want to remind everyone about the free Right Now Media subscription you have access to through the church subscription. There are thousands of great videos to help you grow in your faith and learn more about the Bible. There are videos for all ages. If you need help logging in call the church office and we can help you with it. You can access it on the website or on an app for your phone.



## Fellowship Food Assistance

During last Sunday's fellowship meal a suggestion was made to have a table in the foyer on fellowship meal Sunday's for seniors to put their food on so that they don't have to carry them up the stairs. We agree; thank you for this great suggestion. The fellowship meal workers will then move the food up to the kitchen as items show up on the table. Hopefully this will help seniors and others who need this assistance.

## REMINDERS

**Visitor this week:** Sandy Snyder

**Nursery:**

**Today:** Zeb & Kendra H.

**Next Sunday:** Alexis H. & Evonda Y.