



# Greater Things

ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | JUNE 2024

## “Standing Firm In Faith”

by Glen Rhodes, Minister of Discipling & Worship

In Exodus 14 we read about the Israelites dramatic crossing of the Red Sea. Imagine all of the feelings and emotions that must have been present as the Israelites became trapped between the Sea and the approaching army of Pharaoh. What was Moses thinking? How were the Israelites responding in their conversations with each other? What did the Egyptian army think as the Red Sea parted and the Israelites began to walk through to the other side? In that situation the Israelites were stuck between a rock and a hard place. That’s an expression that we often use for situations we find ourselves in, but it also describes the dilemma that the Israelites were faced with as well. With the Red Sea ahead and the Egyptian army behind, did they have faith that the Lord would deliver them?

With inflation, economic challenges, and cultural challenges recently, many people these days are finding themselves between a rock and a hard place. Undoubtedly, difficult times like these are when our faith is often tested. Maybe it’s a mortgage that is hard to pay. Maybe it’s a job that has been lost. Maybe it’s the cultural shift in our country.

Maybe it’s stress within your family. Each of us has a different challenge we must face. But the Lord knows what that challenge is for you.

I love the encouragement of Moses in verse 13 of Exodus 14. He says to the Israelites, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today.” The next day Moses went out and stretched his hand over the sea and it says, “All night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.”

I don’t know what you’re facing right now, but I hope that your faith in God will stand strong in both your times of blessing and your times of trial. If God can part the Red Sea to deliver his people, then there is a way for you to be delivered from your situation or circumstance as well. God wants us to do our part in putting forth the effort, but as Moses would say; don’t be afraid, take it to the Lord in prayer, stand firm in your faith, and watch and wait for the Lord’s deliverance. When we place our trust in God, there is hope!

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## FIRST FRUITS ~ Giving God Our Best

Stewardship

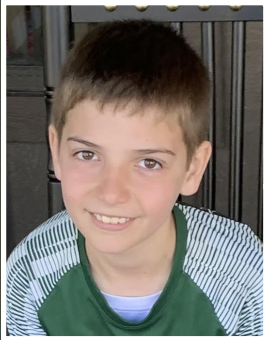
May 5 - \$5,430 | May 12 - \$8,311 | May 19 - \$4,878

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.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 - Matt & Jacque Lane            | 15 - Bill & Donna Moreland |
| 5 - Cory Kauffman                 | 16 - Galen & LeAnne Tully  |
| 5 - Michael Yoder                 | 17 - Sawyer Miller         |
| 7 - Garrett Yoder                 | 18 - Marlon & Sandy Miller |
| 8 - Glen & Rhonda Rhodes          | 18 - Skie James            |
| 9 - Matt Lane                     | 22 - Natalie Borntreger    |
| 12 - Virgil & Sondra<br>Gingerich | 22 - Tim Mast              |
| 14 - Josephine Marner             | 27 - Jennifer Plank        |
| 14 - Ryan & Kat Burdick           | 28 - Alexis Helmuth        |
| 14 - Savahna Pearsall             | 29 - Amanda Chupp          |
|                                   | 29 - Amber Gingerich       |

### AMC Personal Profile **MAKAI MARNER**



1. How old are you and what school do you attend?  
**I am 10 and attend Arthur Grade School.**

2. What is your favorite story in the Bible?  
**Noah's Ark**
3. Is there a time in your life when you have felt God's presence stronger than at any other time?  
**Yes, when I'm at Menno Haven.**
4. What is your favorite subject in school? **Math**
5. What do you regard as your most treasured possession? **My baseball ring from my undefeated season.**
6. What would you say is your favorite meal?  
**Probably chicken nuggets**
7. What is your favorite song we sing at church?  
**Cornerstone**
8. If you could have dinner with anyone (dead or alive), which 3 people would you choose?  
**Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and William Clark**
9. What hobbies do you enjoy? **Video gaming and reading**
10. What do you want to be when you grow up?  
**I want to be a soccer player or a math teacher.**

DON'T MISS THESE  
EXCITING EVENTS THIS MONTH!

## TACO BAR - GAMES - ENTERTAINMENT

Tickets are \$15 each and are open to anyone - invite friends & family. See Vera Yoder to get your tickets today!  
Thank you to Community Life for planning this fun event!

# AMC'S GOT TALENT

JUNE 1 AT PENN STATION  
DOORS OPEN AT 5PM

## WORSHIP IN THE PARK

join us on June 9 at 10:30AM  
at Brad-O-Clen (north of Arthur)

During this time, we'll sing many praise songs together and hear special testimony. Following the service, we will have our carry-in fellowship meal. Bring lawn chairs and a dish to share as we experience God's creation together.



ARTHUR COMMUNITY VBS: JUNE 10-14  
9-11:30AM DAILY AT AMC  
All PreK-8th graders are invited!



To find out all the details, and to register your child(ren), visit:  
[arthurvbs.org](http://arthurvbs.org)

## GREAT LAKES WEST DISTRICT LMC CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 • 11AM - 4PM EST

All ages are invited to join for ➤ PRAISE

➤ PRAYER

➤ LUNCH

➤ RECREATIONAL  
ACTIVITIES

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